

30.1.2026

Another week closer to becoming Mulberry Silverdale Primary. This week I have taken delivery of the uniform samples, and can confirm that moving forward we will have the same coloured blue sweatshirt, matched with a navy blue polo shirt. This is something we have spoken about previously, and I know a number of you are very pleased with this information. There will no expectation for everyone to change to the navy polo shirts straight away, so don't panic!

With the move to Mulberry on the 1.3.2026 there may be some slight changes to things we do here at Silverdale, but nothing major and we will send out details as and when they are finalised, but again don't worry.

ATTENDANCE.

Group	Present		AEA		Authorised		Unauthorised		Possible		%Attend	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Olive Tree	139	139	0	0	2	5	4	1	145	145	95.9	95.9
Apple Tree	137	135	0	0	5	6	3	4	145	145	94.5	93.1
Cherry Tree	134	136	0	0	7	7	4	2	145	145	92.4	93.8
Maple Tree	134	134	0	0	0	0	1	1	135	135	99.3	99.3
Holly Tree	140	140	0	0	9	10	1	0	150	150	93.3	93.3
Elm Tree	135	136	0	0	14	13	1	1	150	150	90.0	90.7
Aspen Tree	139	137	0	0	3	5	3	3	145	145	95.9	94.5
Pine Tree	133	136	0	0	9	9	3	0	145	145	91.7	93.8
Sycamore Tree	137	138	0	0	5	4	8	8	150	150	91.3	92.0
Whitebeam Tree	140	140	0	0	6	6	4	4	150	150	93.3	93.3
Rowan Tree	142	135	0	0	2	9	1	1	145	145	97.9	93.1
Cedar Tree	149	151	0	0	3	4	3	0	155	155	96.1	97.4
Elderflower Class	138	141	0	0	2	2	5	2	145	145	95.2	97.2
Juniper Tree	128	130	0	0	4	5	8	5	140	140	91.4	92.9
Lime Tree	137	138	0	0	6	6	2	1	145	145	94.5	95.2
Beech Tree	148	150	0	0	3	4	4	1	155	155	95.5	96.8
Hornbeam Tree	134	135	0	0	13	13	3	2	150	150	89.3	90.0
Hazel Tree	136	135	0	0	11	13	3	2	150	150	90.7	90.0
Elder Tree	145	147	0	0	8	7	2	1	155	155	93.5	94.8
Magnolia Tree	140	139	0	0	9	10	1	1	150	150	93.3	92.7
Blackthorn Tree	132	132	0	0	6	6	2	2	140	140	94.3	94.3
Totals	2897	2904	0	0	127	144	66	42	3090	3090	93.8	94.0

We continue to use the direct email for our Attendance Officer. If your child is absent, please report this via attendance@silverdaleprimaryacademy.org.uk rather than phoning the office.

SILVERDALE 4-A-SIDE FOOTBALLERS GO GOAL CRAZY

Last Friday we were invited to take part in a 4-a-side football tournament at SLA. This was a round-robin tournament split into two groups, big and small schools. This meant we were pitted against Robsack Wood, West St Leonards, St Leonards CofE and St Pauls.

4-a-side was a new format for us, but managing the games was a skills the team quickly mastered. With victories against Robsack Wood (6-0), West St Leonards (1-0) and St Paul's (5-0) the team played some exquisite football. Our own loss came against our greatest rivals St Leonards CofE (0-2).



NETBALL TEAM PROVE TO BE FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH

The netball team had an outstanding tournament at Ark Alexandra yesterday (29.1.2026), finishing in an impressive second place overall. The girls played brilliantly throughout the competition, showing great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. They represented the school exceptionally well and demonstrated strong skill across the court. With lots of goals scored and consistent performances in every match, the team should be extremely proud of their efforts and achievement. Medals to follow!

PARENT CONSULTATION

We are currently reviewing and updating our RSE/PSHE policy to make sure it reflects the latest government guidance and best practice. A draft of the updated policy has been shared with this newsletter so that parents and carers can see what is being proposed. An important part of this process is hearing from you, and we really value your thoughts and feedback. We kindly ask that you take a little time to read through the document and then follow the link provided to complete a short, anonymous questionnaire of 10 quick questions. Your responses will help us shape the final policy and ensure it best supports our children and school community.

[Relationships, Sex and Health Education \(RSHE\) Policy \(Inc PSHE\) consultation – Fill in form](#)

WHATSAPP GROUPS

Please remember that all official school information will always be shared through our school website and WEDUC channels. We are aware that messages and rumours are sometimes circulated via WhatsApp groups, and we would like to gently remind parents that information shared in this way is not always accurate or up to date. To avoid confusion and ensure you have the correct details, we encourage families to rely on our official communication channels for the most reliable information.



NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

In 2026, the National Year of Reading is reconnecting reading with the things that already inspire us – from playlists and football matches to films, food and family time. It's reading that fits how we live, not the other way around.

Explore how you can join the movement at home, in your setting, or across your community.

<https://goallin.org.uk/>

One-way Silverdale are celebrating the National Year of Reading is by sharing poetry. Each Monday, we will share a poem which has been selected by the website Poem By Heart. We would love for you to share the poems as a family. We will also send out a couple of questions that may help to explore the poem in more detail.

It would be amazing, if as a family you would like to have a go at writing a poem similar to the one shared. Each term we will put all the poems into a prize draw and one poem will win a book voucher! Please keep an eye on Weduc every Monday as this is when we will be posting the new poems. This weeks poem was Please do not feed the animals by Robert Hull.

OUT OF SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY

"Channel 4's The Dog House is looking for local families to offer a loving home to a rescue dog and share their reasons why on the show! If you're interested, find out more here: <https://c4thedoghousetakepart.co.uk> or email thedoghouse@fivemilefilms.co.uk."



PTA UPDATE

PTA Spring Disco with DJ Dee on Friday 27th February

KS1 (reception, years 1 & 2) 4.30 till 5.30pm

KS2 (years 3, 4, 5 & 6) 5.45 till 6.45pm

Limited number ticket sales info TBC next week

For our event to take place we need a minimum of 15 volunteers per disco thank you if you are able to help please follow [The Spring Disco 2026 - Friday 27th February. – Fill in form](#)

COMMUNITY BUS MEETING

From Helena Dollimore (MP for Hastings, Rye and Villages)

“I’m writing to make you aware that following numerous complaints from residents, I have organised a community bus meeting to be held at **4:30pm in Hastings on Thursday 12th February.**

The main purpose of the meeting is for bus users to have the opportunity to give feedback on what’s working well with the local bus service and to identify areas where improvements are needed.

I intend to include feedback on school buses so would be grateful if you could share the meeting details with parents.

Further details and a ‘register of interest’ form can be found on my website at <https://www.helenadollimore.com/busmeeting>”

Have a great weekend,

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team

Dates for your diary 2025 – 26

- 5.2.2026 – Sycamore Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 6.2.2026 – Blackthorn Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 13.2.2026 – Holly Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 13.2.2026 – Last day of term 3
- 23.2.2026 – First day back for term 4
- 26.2.2026 – Class photos (Whole class)
- 27.2.2026 – PTA disco (Times TBC)
- 2.3.2026 – Mulberry Monday (Details TBC)
- 27.3.2026 – Rocksteady Spring Concert – Times TBC
- 27.3.2026 – Last day of term
- 11.5.2026 – 14.5.2026 – Year 6 SATS Week
- 24-26.6.2026 - EYFS - Visual Screening and National Child Measurement Programme w/c
- 29.6.2026 – Primary to Secondary transition week (Dates for different Academies TBC)
- 2.7.2026 – 3.7.2026 – Robertsbridge Community College Transition Days (Year 6 – TBC)
- 7.7.2026 – Year 6 performance (Dress rehearsal to children only)
- 8.7.2026 – Year 6 performance (Matinee and evening performance to parents) Times TBC
- 10.7.2026 – 13.7.2026 – Year 6 Residential to PGL Osmington Bay
- 17.7.2026 – End of year Family picnic (Details to follow closer to the date)
- 17.7.2026 – Last day of the academic year for the children
- 20.7.2026 – INSET DAY
- 21.7.2026 – INSET DAY
- 22.7.2026 – INSET DAY