



13.3.2026

What an amazing Science week!!

There have been experiments galore across the school, as well some great visitors talking about how they use science in their jobs and everyday life.





Encouraging children to be curious and ask questions throughout their time at school is a cornerstone of their education here at Mulberry Silverdale. We hope that the children have had a great week, and have more questions now than they did when it started. (Just be careful if they ask you to add Diet Coke and Mentoes to your shopping list!)



WORLD BOOK DAY

Some absolutely amazing costumes last week, and the children had a great day exploring the crayons text. World Book Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the magic of stories and the lifelong value of reading. When children read regularly, they build imagination, empathy and curiosity about the world around them. By sharing books at home, visiting libraries and talking about stories together, families help create a lasting love of reading that can stay with children for the rest of their lives. The habits we nurture today become part of our children's legacy—helping them grow into confident learners, creative thinkers and thoughtful individuals who carry the joy of books with them wherever they go.

Children who read...

			
Are more likely to overcome disadvantage caused by inequalities	Are more likely to be happier, healthier and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem	Are more likely to do better at school and make more progress across the curriculum	Are more likely to develop empathy and creativity

CHAMPIONS! MULBERRY SILVERDALE TAKE SANDOWN CROSS COUNTRY HONOURS.

On Thursday 12th March we took a team of 40 children to the annual Sandown Cross Country competition. This is a hugely popular local event, with 21 schools from across Hastings & Rother taking part.

We've been nail-bitingly close to overall victory on a number of occasions in recent years, but Sandown School were on a 4-year winning streak: so represented formidable opposition! Conditions were predictably muddy – although none of our children lost their shoes in the quagmire this time round.

The Silverdale girls and boys performed brilliantly, running with great grit and determination. A number of children were making their running 'debut' and adjusted quickly to the windy and muddy conditions. The beauty of the Sandown event is that it is a genuine team event – with scores being added up across the board, so every runner's efforts really count towards the final result.



There were some especially notable performances that it would be remiss to not mention. In the Year 3 event, Matilda stormed to a convincing victory in her first competitive inter-schools' cross country. Our Year 5 team is ludicrously strong, and swept all opposition aside with their combined performances. For the girls, Nancy won with a commanding performance, followed by Isla with a confident 3rd place finish. In the boys' event, Edward Groves executed his game plan brilliantly – running hard from the front and winning by a considerable margin. He was followed by classmates Bertie & Jack in 4th and 5th place respectively. In the final race of the day, Starla ran strongly to earn an excellent 2nd place finish. There were many other brilliant runs, and all the children should be incredibly proud of their achievement.

When the points were totalled up, we won the large school category by a significant amount and took home the winners' trophy – a testament to the children's hard work!

WEEKLY QUESTIONNAIRE

As we move forward we are keen to hear your thoughts around a number of areas of life at Silverdale. Rather than send you a huge questionnaire we are looking at sending out 5 questions a week over the next term. Please take a couple of minutes to follow the link and share your thoughts. We will be taking the feedback forward as we write our school SEF and the following School Improvement Plan.

This week's focus is Attendance and Behaviour, but we have left the link to the previous 5 questions regarding safeguarding if you haven't yet had opportunity to complete.

[Parent Survey - Attendance & Behaviour – Fill in form](#)

[Parent Survey - Safeguarding – Fill in form](#)



LOOKING AFTER OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

As the daffodils begin to bloom around our school grounds, they bring a wonderful splash of colour that everyone can enjoy. We kindly ask parents to remind their children not to pick the daffodils. When the flowers are left in place, all pupils, staff, and visitors can appreciate their beauty throughout the season. Thank you for helping us look after our school environment and for encouraging

children to respect and care for the plants around them.

RSE & PSHE CONSULTATION

A huge thank you to everyone who took time to read through our draft RSE and PSHE policy that we sent out prior to the February half term.

We have now gone through all your responses and are in the process reviewing and writing the final draft.



PARENTS' EVENINGS



There are still a handful of slots available for parents' evenings. Please use WeDuc to book your slot. Appointments will be 10 minutes between 3.30 – 6.00 on the evenings listed in the dates for your diary section at the bottom of the newsletter. Please do make an appointment – this is an essential opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher and work together to ensure their continued success & happiness at school. If for any reason you cannot make an appointment through WeDuc, please contact the school office for further information.

EARLY ARRIVALS

In recent weeks we have seen an increasing number of KS2 children arriving early on the playground – in some cases as early as 8:10am. This means they are unsupervised for up to 30 minutes. In the event of rain, it also means they are stuck outside with no shelter. If your children need to arrive early for school, we have a long-standing breakfast club and would ask that you contact the school for details. Please ensure your child does not arrive excessively early. As part of this, **we would remind all parents that children are not permitted to use their mobile phones on the school grounds at any time – this is to safeguard all our children.**

SILVERDALE UNIFORM



Now we are Mulberry Silverdale Primary, an increasing number of parents have asked us about uniform. As many of you are aware we are moving away from the white polo shirt, to a navy-blue version.

As of September 2026, only new Reception students will be required to wear the new Mulberry-branded uniform, all other year groups will still be allowed to wear a white polo shirt and the current jumpers. However, should you now be looking at buying new uniform please feel free to purchase non-

logoed navy-blue polo shirts rather than white. Branded uniform from Super Stitch will not yet be available.

We would also like to remind all parents that whilst our uniform policy is relatively relaxed (many local schools require the wearing of expensive branded items for example) – we do expect children to come to school dressed appropriately. **This means no dyed hair, school shoes/black trainers, no make-up and no hoodies.** Please support us by ensuring your child comes to school dressed in full school uniform for a positive start to the day as a full member of 'Team Silverdale'.

THE PARENTS LOTTERY



We have signed up to take part in "The Parent's Lottery".

Every £1 ticket you buy online for The Parents Lottery gives you the chance to win £25,000 every single Friday - plus a selection of incredible prizes!

The Parents Lottery is also an easy way for you to invest in the future of our children and make a real difference to their educational experience. Your weekly ticket funds essential resources such as stocking the library with the latest titles, providing vital

classroom technology, supporting extracurricular activities and so much more.

Play The Parents Lottery [here](#) today and help us empower the next generation.

EASY FUNDRAISING

We're using a great website called easyfundraising to help raise money for Mulberry Silverdale Primary. easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping site, turning your everyday online shopping into FREE donations for us.



Just sign up and shop via easyfundraising, and over 8,000 retailers - including Tesco, M&S and Just Eat - will donate to us for free!

Your online shopping won't cost you any extra. [Link](#)

PTA UPDATE

PTA Easter stalls

Please do come along if you can after school on; Thursday 26th March 3pm to 3 45pm.

We will be selling Easter treats and have a photo opportunity with an Easter character!

(Place at the school tbc next week)

All proceeds from our Easter stalls to help fund The Smiley Shop, thank you for your continued support.

ATTENDANCE

Group	Present		AEA		Authorised		Unauthorised		Possible		%Attend	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Olive Tree	90.3	91.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	4.1	6.2	4.8	100.0	100.0	90.3	91.0
Apple Tree	95.9	95.2	0.0	0.0	2.8	2.8	1.4	2.1	100.0	100.0	95.9	95.2
Cherry Tree	94.5	95.2	0.0	0.0	4.8	4.8	0.7	0.0	100.0	100.0	94.5	95.2
Maple Tree	98.5	97.7	0.0	0.0	1.5	2.3	0.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	98.5	97.7
Holly Tree	96.7	96.7	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.3	2.0	2.0	100.0	100.0	96.7	96.7
Elm Tree	92.4	92.4	0.0	0.0	6.9	6.2	0.7	1.4	100.0	100.0	92.4	92.4
Aspen Tree	97.9	97.9	0.0	0.0	1.4	1.4	0.7	0.7	100.0	100.0	97.9	97.9
Pine Tree	93.8	93.8	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.1	4.1	4.1	100.0	100.0	93.8	93.8
Sycamore Tree	95.3	97.3	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.7	3.3	2.0	100.0	100.0	95.3	97.3
Whitebeam Tree	93.3	96.7	0.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	4.7	1.3	100.0	100.0	93.3	96.7
Rowan Tree	97.2	94.5	0.0	0.0	2.1	4.8	0.7	0.7	100.0	100.0	97.2	94.5
Cedar Tree	93.5	94.8	0.0	0.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	1.9	100.0	100.0	93.5	94.8
Elderflower Class	93.1	94.5	0.0	0.0	4.1	4.1	2.8	1.4	100.0	100.0	93.1	94.5
Juniper Tree	92.9	91.4	0.0	0.0	2.9	3.6	4.3	5.0	100.0	100.0	92.9	91.4
Lime Tree	95.2	95.2	0.0	0.0	3.4	3.4	1.4	1.4	100.0	100.0	95.2	95.2
Beech Tree	98.1	99.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.6	100.0	100.0	98.1	99.4
Hornbeam Tree	87.3	87.3	0.0	0.0	8.7	8.7	4.0	4.0	100.0	100.0	87.3	87.3
Hazel Tree	94.7	96.7	0.0	0.0	3.3	2.0	2.0	1.3	100.0	100.0	94.7	96.7
Elder Tree	96.1	98.1	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.6	2.6	1.3	100.0	100.0	96.8	98.1
Magnolia Tree	96.0	96.0	0.7	0.0	1.3	1.3	2.0	2.7	100.0	100.0	96.7	96.0
Blackthorn Tree	97.1	98.6	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.7	2.1	0.7	100.0	100.0	97.1	98.6
Totals	94.7	95.3	0.1	0.0	2.8	2.9	2.4	1.9	100.0	100.0	94.8	95.3

Please continue to use the direct email for our Attendance Officer. If your child is absent, please report this via the new attendance email address: attendance@mulberrysilverdale.org rather than phoning the office.

Have a wonderful weekend,

All your Mulberry Silverdale Team.

Dates for your diary 2025 – 26

- 16.3.2026 & 17.3.2026 – EYFS Parent’s Evenings
- 16.3.2026 & 17.3.2026 – Year 2 Parent’s Evenings
- 17.3.2026 & 18.3.2026 – Year 3 Parent’s Evenings
- 17.3.2026 & 18.3.2026 – Year 5 Parent’s Evening
- 18.3.2026 – Elm Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 18.3.2026 – Year 6 Art Street Walk
- 19.3.2026 – Hornbeam Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 20.3.2026 – Cedar Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 20.3.2026 – Year 4 at Battle Abbey
- 23.3.2026 & 24.3.2026 – Year 4 Parent’s Evenings
- 23.3.2026 & 25.3.2026 – Year 6 Parent’s Evenings
- 23.3.2026 & 26.3.2026 – Year 1 Parent’s Evenings
- 24.3.2026 – Beech Science Museum Trip
- 25.3.2026 - Hazel Science Museum Trip
- 26.3.2026 – Hornbeam Science Museum Trip
- 27.3.2026 – Rocksteady Spring Concert – 2.15pm
- 27.3.2026 – Last day of term
- 23.4.2026 – Holly Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 24.4.2026 – Aspen Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 30.4.2026 – Pine Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 1.5.2026 – Sycamore Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 7.5.2026 – Elderflower Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 8.5.2026 – Juniper Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 11.5.2026 – 14.5.2026 – Year 6 SATS Week
- 21.5.2026 – Lime Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 10.6.2026 – Elm Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 12.6.2026 – Maple Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 17.6.2026 – Apple Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 18.6.2026 – Olive Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 19.6.2026 – Cherry Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 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)
- 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, 21.7.2026 & 22.7.2026 – INSET days







Secondary school Open Events (Times TBC)

- Robertsbridge Community College – 17 September
- Rye College – 23 September
- Bexhill Academy – 24 September
- St Richard’s Catholic College – 30 September
- Mulberry Academy Hastings – 1 October
- Claverham Community College – 1 October
- Mulberry Academy St Leonards – 6 October
- Ark Alexandra Academy – 7 and 14 October

Dates for your diary 2026 – 27

	SEPTEMBER 2026	OCTOBER 2026	NOVEMBER 2026	DECEMBER 2026
Monday	31 7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Saturday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Sunday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
	JANUARY 2027	FEBRUARY 2027	MARCH 2027	APRIL 2027
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
	MAY 2027	JUNE 2027	JULY 2027	AUGUST 2027
Monday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Friday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29

Key

-  Staff training (INSET day)
-  Start of term for pupils
-  End of term for pupils
-  Public holidays
-  School holidays
-  Transition week