



24.4.2026

Another subtle change for next years term dates, please be sure to check the Dates fr your diary 2026-27 at the bottom on the newsletter.

This has been exciting week at Silverdale; from the discovery of an Egyptian Goose laying eggs at our Forest school area to children competing at the Sussex Cricket Ground in Hove. It's nothing if not varied!

The sun also feels like it has decided to join us longer term (will probably rain now!). Can we remind you to ensure children are weather ready, sun hats for break and lunch time, and sun cream applied in the morning before school, and please ensure a named water bottle. This will help to ensure that children are comfortable as the weather warms up more and more.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large collection of unclaimed lost property in the office foyer area. We have, as far as possible, returned all clearly named items to their owners - but there are still numerous coats, jumpers, water bottles etc. If your child has lost something, please do pop in and check.

A reminder to please name items that are brought into school - with 630 children on site it is very difficult to return lost property otherwise.

ATTENDANCE

Group	Present		AEA		Authorised		Unauthorised		Possible		%Attend	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Olive Tree	141	139	0	0	0	2	7	7	148	148	95.3	93.9
Apple Tree	140	138	0	0	5	6	0	1	145	145	96.6	95.2
Cherry Tree	134	135	0	0	8	8	3	2	145	145	92.4	93.1
Maple Tree	133	134	0	0	2	1	0	0	135	135	98.5	99.3
Holly Tree	145	144	0	0	4	4	1	2	150	150	96.7	96.0
Elm Tree	139	140	0	0	5	5	1	0	145	145	95.9	96.6
Aspen Tree	144	145	0	0	1	0	0	0	145	145	99.3	100.0
Pine Tree	142	143	0	0	2	2	1	0	145	145	97.9	98.6
Sycamore Tree	147	147	0	0	3	3	0	0	150	150	98.0	98.0
Whitebeam Tree	137	138	0	0	5	4	8	8	150	150	91.3	92.0
Rowan Tree	140	134	0	0	4	8	1	3	145	145	96.6	92.4
Cedar Tree	149	150	0	0	5	5	1	0	155	155	96.1	96.8
Elderflower Class	137	138	0	0	2	3	6	4	145	145	94.5	95.2
Juniper Tree	141	141	0	0	2	3	1	0	144	144	97.9	97.9
Lime Tree	138	138	0	0	2	2	5	5	145	145	95.2	95.2
Beech Tree	151	152	1	1	1	1	2	1	155	155	98.1	98.7
Hornbeam Tree	136	138	0	0	8	8	6	4	150	150	90.7	92.0
Hazel Tree	135	136	0	0	6	7	9	7	150	150	90.0	90.7
Elder Tree	152	153	0	0	2	1	1	1	155	155	98.1	98.7
Magnolia Tree	135	136	3	3	9	9	3	2	150	150	92.0	92.7
Blackthorn Tree	131	133	2	2	3	2	4	3	140	140	95.0	96.4
Totals	2947	2952	6	6	79	84	60	50	3092	3092	95.5	95.7

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.

MULBERRY SILVERDALE CRICKETERS COMPETE AT 1st CENTRAL COUNTY GROUND (HOVE)



On Thursday 23rd April we took a team of 6 children over to the 1st Central County Cricket Ground in Hove to compete in a specially organised tournament to mark 50 days until the start of the Women's T20 Cricket World Cup – which England is hosting. We were the only team from Hastings represented, and teams were required to be a 50:50 mix of boys and girls.

On a day of unbroken glorious spring sunshine, our team did us proud. They opened with a hard fought 82-80 victory, followed by a comprehensive 78-47 win in our second game. In the third game our opponents, West Park, were extremely strong – but we managed to edge the game by one single run – going ahead on the 2nd to last ball. Great game

management from the whole team! In our fourth game we won comfortably, scoring 93 runs to their 37. The final game was a rematch against West Park. They bowled brilliantly, restricting us to just 40 runs in our innings. Our team bowled equally brilliantly in response, defending our small total. Bertie managed to claim a rare 'hat trick'; and at one point it looked like we might just squeak over the line. However, a couple of mighty sixes from their batter in the final over sealed the victory for West Park – leaving honours even overall!

A special mention as well to Bella, who sustained a nasty knock in the second game whilst attempting a catch. Unbowed, after some medical attention, she chose to play-on – making some absolutely vital plays throughout the rest of the tournament. Great grit and determination!

There will be further opportunities for cricket later this year at the Horntye Summer Cricket Tournament and Silverdale will be entering as many teams as the organisers will let us! After school cricket club is already full to bursting – it is great to see so many aspiring cricketers enjoying the sport. If your child would like to get involved with cricket after-school, our local club (Hastings Priory) run 'Dynamos (8-11 years old)' and 'All Stars (5-8 years old)' sessions through the summer terms – you can find out more at <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos-cricket>

WEEKLY QUESTIONNAIRE

Having returned from the Easter break I have been informed that the error remained in place for some of these questionnaires, I think they should now all work, please let me know on the gate on Monday if there remains an issue – we really do want to hear your thoughts. 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 EYFS.

We have left the link to the previous questionnaires if you haven't yet had opportunity to complete;

- 5 . [Parent Survey - Early Years \(EYFS/Reception parents only\) – Click here](#)
4. [Parent Survey - Curriculum & Teaching – Click here](#)
3. [Parent Survey - Personal Development & Well-being – Click here](#)
2. [Parent Survey - Attendance & Behaviour – Click here](#)
1. [Parent Survey - Safeguarding – Click here](#)

PUPIL PARLIAMENT EVENT

We're excited to announce a fun whole-school event taking place on **Tuesday 19th May** – our **Cereal Box Knockdown**, organised by our fantastic Pupil Parliament Team! All children are invited to bring in an unopened box of cereal to take part. We will be creating a giant domino train of cereal boxes throughout the school and watch them tumble in a spectacular chain reaction. After the event, all cereal donations will be given to Hastings Foodbank to support local families in our community.





TIMESTABLE ROCKSTARS/ NUMBOTS

Our school name has now changed on the TTRS & Numbots websites. As a result, when logging in, you will need to select 'Mulberry Silverdale Primary' as the school.

The good news is that whereas it used to be quite confusing as there was an identically named 'Silverdale Primary Academy' in Stoke - if you start typing 'Mulberry' we now come up as the first school to select!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge:

- Significantly improves reading confidence and independence
- Ensures pupils are ready for their return to school, preventing the summer reading 'dip'
- Aids the successful transition between year groups and key stages
- Contributes to all pupils' achievement
- Encourages extra-curricular activity – encouraging family engagement with reading
- Develops links between your school, the library and the wider community



You can find additional information and free resources to support children's reading for pleasure in the [Summer Reading Challenge School Zone](#)

The Challenge will begin in libraries on Saturday 5th July and end on Saturday 6th September.

PTA UPDATE

Silverdale's Got Talent 4

Summer term - Time and place tbc asap

Open this year to ALL of our Mulberry Silverdale community, pupils and their families and Silverdale staff!!

An all-inclusive showcase of our Silverdale community's passions. This could be a solo, duet, group or ensemble of many different genres, singing, dancing, instrumental, gymnastics, sports, circus skills or whatever your idea is!

Please send your clip to silverdalesgottalent4@gmail.com

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](#)

A big thank you to our amazing supporters who raise free funds for us on #easyfundraising.

If you're not signed up yet, please join today and you can raise free donations for Silverdale Primary Academy every time you shop online. All the big retailers are ready to make a free donation at no extra cost to you.

Please sign up [here](#) before midnight 30th March and we could win a £250 donation:

PTA UPDATE

PTA Easter stalls

Thankyou to everyone who came along and supported our Easter tombola and sweet stall at the the end of last term helping to raise money towards the children's Smiley Shop

As always, your support is much appreciated.

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We can't wait to see what you can do!

Have a great weekend everyone

All your Mulberry Silverdale Team.

Dates for your diary 2025 – 26

- 30.4.2026 – Pine Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 1.5.2026 – Sycamore Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 8 - 13.5.2026 – Book Fair (More info to follow)
- 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
- 15.5.2026 – Year 6 PGL Parents meeting (2.00pm)
- 19.5.2026 – Pupil Parliament - The Great Cereal Knockdown
- 20.5.2026 – Year 2 Sports Day (AM – Time TBC)
- 20.5.2026 – EYFS Sports Day (PM – Time TBC)
- 21.5.2026 – Lime Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 22.5.2026 – Rearranged Holly Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 22.5.2026 – Year 3 Sports Day (PM – Time TBC)
- 3.6.2026 – Year 1 Sports Day (AM – Time TBC)
- 3.6.2026 – Year 5 Sports Day (PM – Time TBC)
- 4.6.2026 – Year 4 Sports Day (PM – Time TBC)
- 5.6.2026 – Year 6 Sports Day (AM – Time TBC) – Change of time
- 10.6.2026 – New Parents (Sept 2026) meeting. (5.00pm)
- 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
- 24.6.2026 – Rearranged Elm 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)
- 1.7.2026 – 2.7.2026 – Mulberry St Leonards Transition Days (Year 6)
- 2.7.2026 – 3.7.2026 – Robertsbridge Community College Transition Days (Year 6)
- 3.7.2026 – Rearranged Maple Class Assembly – 9.05am start
- 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

1.10.2026 - Influenza vaccinations whole school (Info to follow)

	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