



8.5.2026

The week following the Bank Holiday weekend always seems far more tiring than any other time of the year, maybe it's because we (the adults) try and do 5 days of work in only 4!!

Next week is SATs Week for our Year 6 pupils. Throughout the week, the children will complete a series of national assessments in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, reading, and mathematics. These tests are an opportunity for the children to show all the knowledge and skills they have developed during their time in primary school. We are incredibly proud of how hard they have worked and the positive attitude they have shown in preparing for the week ahead. We would like to wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck and remind them that we already know how amazing they are — all we ask is that they try their very best and believe in themselves.

PARKING

Hastings Police Neighbourhood team are looking to carry out a day of action to tackle vehicles parking on zig-zag lines outside of Silverdale School. They are aware that this is an ongoing issue and can cause Sedlescombe Road North to be unsafe for children and parents around drop-off and pick-up time. They are looking to carry out this day of action on **13/05/2026**.



ATTENDANCE

Group	Present		AEA		Authorised		Unauthorised		Possible		%Attend	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Olive Tree	112	113	0	0	3	3	5	4	120	120	93.3	94.2
Apple Tree	109	109	0	0	4	4	3	3	116	116	94.0	94.0
Cherry Tree	100	101	0	0	8	9	8	6	116	116	86.2	87.1
Maple Tree	102	103	0	0	1	0	9	9	112	112	91.1	92.0
Holly Tree	114	115	0	0	2	1	4	4	120	120	95.0	95.8
Elm Tree	106	106	0	0	9	8	1	2	116	116	91.4	91.4
Aspen Tree	100	100	0	0	8	8	8	8	116	116	86.2	86.2
Pine Tree	103	102	0	0	2	3	11	11	116	116	88.8	87.9
Sycamore Tree	110	110	0	0	5	6	5	4	120	120	91.7	91.7
Whitebeam Tree	112	110	0	4	2	2	3	1	117	117	95.7	97.4
Rowan Tree	109	103	0	2	3	8	4	3	116	116	94.0	90.5
Cedar Tree	117	116	0	3	1	2	6	3	124	124	94.4	96.0
Elderflower Class	108	102	0	3	2	5	6	6	116	116	93.1	90.5
Juniper Tree	107	104	0	4	4	5	5	3	116	116	92.2	93.1
Lime Tree	104	101	0	3	6	6	6	6	116	116	89.7	89.7
Beech Tree	120	123	0	0	0	0	4	1	124	124	96.8	99.2
Hornbeam Tree	110	111	0	0	3	3	7	6	120	120	91.7	92.5
Hazel Tree	113	113	0	0	2	3	5	4	120	120	94.2	94.2
Elder Tree	121	121	0	0	2	2	1	1	124	124	97.6	97.6
Magnolia Tree	110	110	0	0	7	7	3	3	120	120	91.7	91.7
Blackthorn Tree	109	108	0	0	2	3	1	1	112	112	97.3	96.4
Totals	2296	2281	0	19	76	88	105	89	2477	2477	92.7	92.9

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.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

The book fair started this evening, but don't panic if you forgot, it will be in the KS! Playground through until Wednesday 13th May.

The books are 3 for 2 (cheapest book free). As with previous fairs, we are able to take both cash and card payment (using a QR code linked to travelling books website). Remember for every book we sell the school earns money back for us to spend on new books. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



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.



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.

THE PARENTS LOTTERY



A quick reminder that you too can 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!

We have had two winners in last week's draw – it could be you next!!

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.

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

All your Mulberry Silverdale Team.

Dates for your diary 2025 – 26

- 8 - 13.5.2026 – Book Fair (More info to follow)
- 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
26.6.2026 – Rock Steady Summer Concert (Times TBC)
w/c 29.6.2026 – Primary to Secondary transition week (Dates for different Academies TBC)
1.7.2026 – Mulberry Silverdale Primary – Meet the New Teacher Day
1.7.2026– New to EYFS (Sept.2026) Teddy Bears Picnic (Details to follow)
1.7.2026 – 2.7.2026 – Mulberry St Leonards Transition Days (Year 6)
1.7.2026 – Ark Alexandra Transition Day (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