

5.6.2026

After a week of complaining how ridiculously hot it has been I can't quiet believe the week we have returned to, or the fact that we have had to postpone so many of our Sport's Day events! Please be sure to check the Dates for your Diary at the bottom for the new dates.

There are only 6 weeks of this academic year left, I really can't quiet believe it. This term will see us complete our Sport's Day (fingers crossed!), as well as our Year 6's heading to their new secondary schools and then PGL. We are working hard to complete staffing and where all children will be next year, hopefully this will be completed soon, and children will get to meet their new teachers on Wednesday 1st July. On the same day we look forward to our annual teddy bears picnic where we get to meet our new EYFS children and families.

Earlier this week we sent out information regarding nominating parents for the school Governing Body. If you are interested please be sure to have a look through the information sent out again with this week's newsletter.

FSM ELIGIBILITY CHANGES

As you are probably aware, the free school meals eligibility criteria will change from 1 September 2026. All families in receipt of Universal Credit will now qualify for free school meals. However, there will be two categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- Targeted FSM – This will continue to be based on the existing threshold and will cover pupils from households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. In addition to receiving free meals, pupils eligible for targeted FSM will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools.
- Expanded FSM – This is a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit. Pupils eligible for expanded FSM will receive meals only and will not qualify for pupil premium or other associated benefits, such as free HAF activity clubs or low-income transport.

If you are not currently eligible for FSM, then please follow the link to read more about the new criteria and to apply. Applications opened on Monday June 1st. [Free school meals | East Sussex County Council](#).

It is imperative that parents of children already in receipt of FSM *do not* reapply,
If you have any questions please contact the school office.

PARKING

We kindly ask all parents and visitors to be considerate when parking on the school site. Please ensure that vehicles are parked only in recognised parking spaces and avoid parking on the driveways or mounting the kerbs, as this can create safety hazards for children, families, and staff moving around the site. Your cooperation helps us maintain a safe and accessible environment for everyone — thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE

Group	Present		AEA		Authorised		Unauthorised		Possible		%Attend	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Olive Tree	116	115	0	0	2	3	2	2	120	120	96.7	95.8
Apple Tree	102	101	0	0	4	6	10	9	116	116	87.9	87.1
Cherry Tree	108	109	0	0	6	5	2	2	116	116	93.1	94.0
Maple Tree	104	104	0	0	2	2	6	6	112	112	92.9	92.9
Holly Tree	115	116	0	0	0	0	5	4	120	120	95.8	96.7
Elm Tree	104	104	0	0	5	5	7	7	116	116	89.7	89.7
Aspen Tree	108	109	0	0	5	4	3	3	116	116	93.1	94.0
Pine Tree	108	109	0	0	1	0	7	7	116	116	93.1	94.0
Sycamore Tree	105	107	0	0	2	1	13	12	120	120	87.5	89.2
Whitebeam Tree	105	108	0	0	3	2	8	6	116	116	90.5	93.1
Rowan Tree	109	105	0	0	4	9	3	2	116	116	94.0	90.5
Cedar Tree	117	118	0	0	3	4	4	2	124	124	94.4	95.2
Elderflower Class	111	111	0	0	0	1	5	4	116	116	95.7	95.7
Juniper Tree	112	113	0	0	2	2	5	4	119	119	94.1	95.0
Lime Tree	107	107	0	0	2	2	7	7	116	116	92.2	92.2
Beech Tree	119	121	0	0	1	1	4	2	124	124	96.0	97.6
Hornbeam Tree	102	105	0	0	8	7	10	8	120	120	85.0	87.5
Hazel Tree	114	115	0	0	5	5	1	0	120	120	95.0	95.8
Elder Tree	121	91	0	30	0	0	3	3	124	124	97.6	97.6
Magnolia Tree	116	87	0	29	3	3	1	1	120	120	96.7	96.7
Blackthorn Tree	110	83	0	28	2	1	0	0	112	112	98.2	99.1
Totals	2313	2238	0	87	60	63	106	91	2479	2479	93.3	93.8

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.

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

Show day Sunday 28th June - Venue TBC

This final show is open to all year groups and their parents/carers and Mulberry Silverdale staff

Enter as a solo, duet, mini group, or as a family!

Show us what you can do and be part of a supportive and encouraging experience!

A non-competitive all-inclusive showcase of our Mulberry Silverdale community

Please send your clip to silverdalesgottalent4@gmail.com

Whatever your passion, singing, dancing, gymnastics, football, karate, drama, mime, comedy, pick your favourite track and show us your skills!

Have a great weekend

Mr Morris & the Mulberry Silverdale Team

Dates for your diary 2025 – 26

10.6.2026 – Rearranged Year 2 Sports Day (AM – 9.30pm)

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

24.6.2026 – Rearranged Year 6 Sports Day (PM – 1.30pm)

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 (Pupils)

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 – Rearranged Year 1 Sports Day (AM – 9.30pm)

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

Dates for your diary 2026 – 27

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

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