

12.6.2026

This week we had the pleasure of meeting the parents and careers of our new EYFS cohort for September 2026. It was so lovely to see so many familiar faces as well as meeting and welcoming a number of new families to Mulberry Silverdale. We are looking forward to getting to know the children at the upcoming Teddy Bear's picnic and in September.

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying farewell to our SENDCo, Mrs Jackie Gillespie, who will be leaving Mulberry Silverdale Primary to take up an exciting new role at St Mary's. This opportunity will allow Mrs Gillespie to further develop her experience and expertise in working with children and young adults with a range of specific needs. Throughout her time at Silverdale, Mrs Gillespie has made a significant contribution to the lives of many children and families, providing unwavering support, guidance and care. We know that she will be greatly missed by pupils, parents and colleagues alike. We are sure that our whole school community will join us in thanking Mrs Gillespie for her dedication and commitment, and in wishing her every success and happiness as she takes the next steps in her teaching career.

We have managed to complete another Year group's Sports Day this week, we really are crossing everything regarding the weather and the remaining year groups. Please be sure to check out the Dates For Your Diary section at the bottom of the newsletter.

This week we had the pleasure of welcoming a number of pupils from the Mulberry School for Girls who presented two plays that they had written and produced to our Year 5 and 6 pupils. What an amazing experience for all involved and I know that all the children I spoke to thought the show was great! This is hopefully one of the first of many exchanges that we can facilitate between the Mulberry schools across the South East and London.

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.

SCOOTERS AND BIKES



With the summer ahead we are seeing more and more pupils arriving at school on scooters and bikes. This is great and we totally support children coming into school via these modes of transport. In the next few weeks, we will be having our news storage fitted on school grounds. In the meantime, please can you remind your children not to ride/ scooter on the school grounds. As you are aware in the morning the playgrounds are very busy, and we have had a number of near misses over the past couple of weeks.

ATTENDANCE

Group	Present		AEA		Authorised		Unauthorised		Possible		%Attend	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Olive Tree	141	140	0	0	3	5	6	5	150	150	94.0	93.3
Apple Tree	137	136	0	0	6	7	2	2	145	145	94.5	93.8
Cherry Tree	137	138	0	0	5	5	3	2	145	145	94.5	95.2
Maple Tree	131	132	0	0	3	3	6	5	140	140	93.6	94.3
Holly Tree	147	147	0	0	0	0	3	3	150	150	98.0	98.0
Elm Tree	142	144	0	0	2	1	1	0	145	145	97.9	99.3
Aspen Tree	141	140	0	0	3	4	1	1	145	145	97.2	96.6
Pine Tree	140	140	0	0	0	0	5	5	145	145	96.6	96.6
Sycamore Tree	140	140	0	0	5	5	5	5	150	150	93.3	93.3
Whitebeam Tree	137	137	0	0	0	0	8	8	145	145	94.5	94.5
Rowan Tree	132	132	0	0	13	13	0	0	145	145	91.0	91.0
Cedar Tree	140	143	0	0	8	8	7	4	155	155	90.3	92.3
Elderflower Class	135	129	0	5	1	2	9	9	145	145	93.1	92.4
Juniper Tree	136	136	0	1	8	8	6	5	150	150	90.7	91.3
Lime Tree	142	138	0	4	0	0	3	3	145	145	97.9	97.9
Beech Tree	148	151	0	0	2	3	5	1	155	155	95.5	97.4
Hornbeam Tree	132	134	0	0	5	5	13	11	150	150	88.0	89.3
Hazel Tree	140	143	0	0	6	3	4	4	150	150	93.3	95.3
Elder Tree	146	146	1	1	1	1	7	7	155	155	94.8	94.8
Magnolia Tree	146	144	1	2	3	4	0	0	150	150	98.0	97.3
Blackthorn Tree	130	131	2	1	3	3	5	5	140	140	94.3	94.3
Totals	2920	2921	4	14	77	80	99	85	3100	3100	94.3	94.7

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.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

The Year 6 leaver's hoodies are now available to order from SuperStitch 86 via the [link](#) or by clicking the image of the hoodie.

These are £18.99 and available in a range of colours.

Please note that we ask that children do not wear these to school until the final week of term.



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

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

23.6.2026 – Rearranged EYFS Sports Day (PM – 1.45pm)

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 Year 4 Sports Day (PM – 1.30pm)

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