



19.6.2026

Another week closer to the summer break, and maybe I'm speaking too soon but the sunshine appears to have joined us again. Whether you're heading to the beach, playing in the park or out in your own backyard, it's really important to think about sun protection for little ones, this is no different at school, please help by ensuring your child has suncream applied in the morning, bringing in a sun hat and ensuring that they have a refillable, named, water bottle with them to help remain hydrated.

1. Stay in the shade when possible

It's a good idea to keep children in the shade in the middle of the day when the sun is at its strongest - try and get into the habit of heading indoors between 11am and 3pm, or use a parasol or a play tent to provide some shade.

2. Use a good suncream

Make sure your little one wears sunscreen that covers any exposed skin - use plenty, and don't forget their shoulders, the back of their neck, the tops of their ears, nose and cheeks and the tops of their feet. Choose a sunscreen that is SPF30 or above, with at least 4 stars for UVA protection.

3. Keep topping up the suncream

Try and put sun cream on your child at least half an hour before heading out to play - remember that you'll need to put more on throughout the day, especially if they've been swimming or paddling. If they are bringing suncream to school please help to show them how to apply this to themselves.

4. Always pack a sunhat

It's a good idea for children to wear a floppy sunhat that protects their face and neck whenever they're out in the sun. Wearing a hat yourself can really encourage your child to follow suit - and hats with chinstraps can be very useful if your child likes removing their hat!

5. Drink lots of water

Give them access to water throughout the day, especially in warm weather. Encourage them to drink regularly - particularly when they've been running around. Teachers will be encouraging children to drink throughout the day, refilling water bottles if necessary.



LOCAL GOVERNING BODY

Following our recent call for nominations for the Parent Governor vacancy, we are delighted to announce that we have received nominations from four candidates. As there are more nominees than available positions, an election will now take place. Ballot papers, along with information about each candidate and details of how to vote, will be sent home Monday next week. We encourage all parents and carers to take part in the election and help select the parent representative who will serve on our Governing Board.

TOWN SPORTS 2026

On Wednesday 17th June we took a team of 20 Year 5/6 children to compete in the annual 'Town Sports' competition. We compete in the 'Platinum' League in this competition, the equivalent of the Premier League in Town Sports terms!

The children put in a strong all-round team performance, with a number of very notable individual achievements as well. We collected 40 medals in total over a range of events including sprints, 600m, jumps, throws & hurdles.

Our mixed relay team deserve a special mention, as they managed to smash the Town Sports record with their time – earning them a special trophy to mark the achievement – well done Starla, Rory, Edward & Isla! In fact, our relay teams did superbly well overall – with smooth baton changes making all the difference and demonstrating that putting in the work really does matter! When all the scores were totalled up, we finished a strong 3rd place overall, being narrowly beaten to the title by St Pauls' in 2nd place and St Leonards in 1st place.

Well done to all the athletes, another strong performance by Team Silverdale!



GIRLS' CRICKET TOURNAMENT – HORNTYE 2026

On Monday 15th June we took a group of children to the Horntye Girls' Cricket Tournament. For the first time, we were given permission to take 3 teams to the event – ensuring that all our keen Year 5/6 girl cricketers had the opportunity to shine.

Our teams represented the school brilliantly, showing great sporting character throughout. 2 of our teams were put in an extremely tough group, and both managed to achieve 2 wins and 1 loss in their 3 group games. Unfortunately, only two teams from the group could qualify, and one of our teams missed out on going through to the semis by 7 runs when it came down to runs scored as a tie breaker! In the other group, our team of brand-new cricketers did brilliantly to also secure 2 wins and qualify for the semis.

We managed to get through to the final as well – where we were beaten by an extremely strong St Pauls Team with more than one Hastings Priory player!

A great day all round and we are very proud of all the girls.



MDSA OPPORTUNITY

We are currently seeking to recruit a Midday Supervisory Assistant (MDSA) to join our friendly team at Mulberry Silverdale Primary. This is a rewarding role supporting our children during lunchtime, helping to ensure they have a safe, happy and enjoyable experience both in the dining hall and on the playground. If you are caring, reliable and enjoy working with children, we would love to hear from you. Please share this opportunity with family, friends or anyone who may be interested in becoming part of our school community. Further details and how to apply can be found on the Teaching Vacancies website.

<https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/mdsa-mulberry-silverdale-primary>

EASY FUNDRAISING



We're calling on all parents and guardians this summer to help Mulberry Silverdale Primary fundraise. There's a really simple way you can help without donating anything - simply get the easyfundraising app! It's completely free and when you use it to do your normal day-to-day shopping with 8,000+ online retailers, we'll receive a free cashback donation, AT NO EXTRA COST TO



YOU.

Even better, if you get the app and become our supporter this week, we get a £3 bonus donation just for inviting you. Use the link below and install the app on your mobile device, then fill in the simple steps to become our supporter for free. This will make a huge difference, thank you! Get the app [here](#) or via the QR code.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Group	Present		AEA		Authorised		Unauthorised		Possible		%Attend	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Olive Tree	140	139	0	0	5	7	5	4	150	150	93.3	92.7
Apple Tree	131	131	0	0	10	11	4	3	145	145	90.3	90.3
Cherry Tree	133	139	0	0	6	5	6	1	145	145	91.7	95.9
Maple Tree	132	131	0	0	5	7	3	2	140	140	94.3	93.6
Holly Tree	145	145	0	0	4	4	1	1	150	150	96.7	96.7
Elm Tree	143	142	0	0	1	2	1	1	145	145	98.6	97.9
Aspen Tree	112	112	29	29	3	3	1	1	145	145	97.2	97.2
Pine Tree	107	108	28	28	3	3	7	6	145	145	93.1	93.8
Sycamore Tree	116	117	29	29	3	2	2	2	150	150	96.7	97.3
Whitebeam Tree	138	139	0	0	2	2	5	4	145	145	95.2	95.9
Rowan Tree	126	125	0	0	16	18	3	2	145	145	86.9	86.2
Cedar Tree	141	144	0	0	2	2	12	9	155	155	91.0	92.9
Elderflower Class	135	134	0	0	5	6	5	5	145	145	93.1	92.4
Juniper Tree	134	134	0	0	4	5	12	11	150	150	89.3	89.3
Lime Tree	132	132	0	0	5	5	8	8	145	145	91.0	91.0
Beech Tree	147	143	0	7	5	5	3	0	155	155	94.8	96.8
Hornbeam Tree	138	136	0	5	2	1	10	8	150	150	92.0	94.0
Hazel Tree	142	135	0	8	7	7	1	0	150	150	94.7	95.3
Elder Tree	141	135	1	7	6	6	7	7	155	155	91.6	91.6
Magnolia Tree	142	132	0	8	5	7	3	3	150	150	94.7	93.3
Blackthorn Tree	131	129	0	6	1	1	8	4	140	140	93.6	96.4
Totals	2806	2782	87	127	100	109	107	82	3100	3100	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.

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.



PTA UPDATE

Silverdale's Got Talent 4

Sunday 28th June

6pm

St Johns Church Hall, Brittany Road.

Ticket info

Adults £5 Children £2 Under 5 free

If you can come along and support these wonderful children doing their thing!

We have singing, dancing, piano & guitar from year 1 to year 6

Please contact Donna on silverdalesgottalent4@gmail.com

If anyone has a performance ready and would still like to take part please do get in touch

Hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend everyone, and remember to stay hydrated!

Mr Morris & the Mulberry Silverdale Team

Dates for your diary 2025 – 26

23.6.2026 – Rearranged EYFS Sports Day (AM – 9.15) – Change of time due to forecast heat!

24.6.2026 – Rearranged Elm Class Assembly – 9.05am start

24.6.2026 – Rearranged Year 5 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

6.10.2026 – Year 6 National Childhood Measurement Programme (Detail to follow)

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