



26.6.2026

I'd like to begin by thanking all of our families for their understanding and support during the recent Red Weather Warnings. The changing conditions over the past few days have required flexibility from everyone, and we are incredibly grateful for your patience and cooperation. I would also like to commend our wonderful children, who have shown remarkable resilience, positivity and adaptability despite the disruption. Whether learning in school or adjusting to changes in routine, they have approached each day with enthusiasm and maturity, making us all incredibly proud. Thank you for working alongside us to keep our school community safe and supported.

REMEMBER

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.

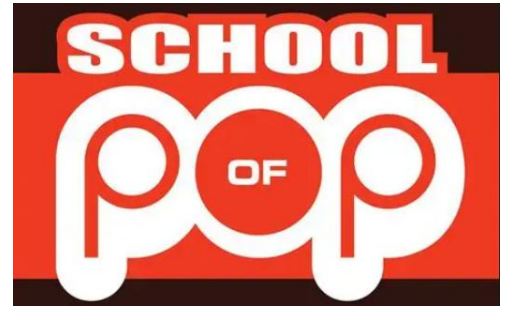


SILVERDALE SPORTS TOPS – A PLEA!!

Over the year, Silverdale has been involved in a huge number of sporting events. This has involved distributing an equally huge number of Silverdale sports tops to children to be able to compete for the school! Can we please ask parents to double check that they don't have any of these still at home - the bottom of children's bags seems to be the most likely culprit! If you do come across one, please can it be washed and returned to the school - this helps us save money on having to buy new tops, and also ensures that we can continue to put sporting teams out throughout the following year. No blame and no questions asked! They can be handed in at the office or just left on Mr Wright's desk. Thank you!

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION TICKETS 2026 – BOOK NOW

You are invited to attend the upcoming Year 6 performance of 'School of Pop'!



Seating in the hall is limited, so we are only able to offer 2 tickets per child for the performance. Please do not book more seats than this and discuss beforehand with partners etc before booking your tickets to avoid confusion. We would love to be able to allow more of you to attend but if we give more than 2 tickets to one child it may mean there are no tickets left for another child's parents to attend. If there are tickets left closer to the time of the performance then we will send out another form and offer these on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to book one ticket for each performance that is fine, please just complete the form twice indicating one ticket each time.

There will be a matinee and evening performance on Wednesday 8th July. The matinee performance starts at 1:30pm, with the evening performance beginning at 6pm. The show is around 1hr 30 minutes long. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Booking form link: [Year 6 Production Tickets 2026 - tickets now available. – Fill in form](#)

BOYS' CRICKET TOURNAMNET – HORNTYE 2026

On Monday 22nd June we took a group of children to the Horntye Boys' Cricket Tournament. For the first time, we were given permission to take 3 teams to the event – really show-casing the depth of cricketing talent at Silverdale. Together with the girls' tournament the previous week, this means we put together 6 full teams – and that was only using children in years 5 & 6!

All the teams played well, despite the rapidly increasing temperatures. They showed great resilience throughout – getting on with the job in hand and representing the school brilliantly.

All our teams managed to get wins on the board. The tournament this year was especially tough – with an incredibly high standard of cricket on show, so this was all the more impressive.

One team in particular had an especially successful day, and managed to win all 4 of their fixtures – including a hard-fought win against Little Common – who are regular finalists in this event. We were very proud of the way our team brought their 'A game' to this fixture – they needed to be at their absolute best to secure the win against a very good side. As a result, they qualified for the County finals at Blackstone later this term.

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



END OF YEAR PICNIC

On the last day of term (Friday 17.7.2026) we would like to invite to join us all for a celebratory end of year picnic on the field. Parents are invited to join their children from 12:30 to welcome in the start of the summer holiday. Bring along a blanket, some yummy snacks and come and relax. Join us via the KS2 playground gates.

Children will be allowed to leave the academy site from 13.15 as long as they are collected by a parent/ guardian.

Please note that if children normally walk home alone they will not be permitted to leave until 3.15pm unless collected by an adult.

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>

CALLING ALL JACQUELINE WILSON FANS!

Does your child love reading Jacqueline Wilson books? This is an exciting opportunity they won't want to miss! As part of Eastbourne LitFest 2026, festival patron Dame Jacqueline Wilson will be appearing on Saturday 26 September 2026. One lucky young reader from East Sussex will be chosen to join her on stage and help interview her in front of a live audience, talking about the books, characters and stories that have inspired generations of readers.

To apply, children must:

- Be aged 11–13 on 26 September 2026
- Have read at least three Jacqueline Wilson books
- Live in or attend school in East Sussex
- Be available on Saturday 26 September 2026
- Have permission from a parent or guardian to take part

Applications can be submitted either as:

- A written entry (up to 200 words), or
- A short video (up to 2 minutes).

Closing date: Friday 31 July 2026

Further information and a downloadable flyer are available via the ["Are you a Jacqueline Wilson Fan?"](#) webpage.

Good luck to everyone who applies!



MUSIC LESSONS AT SILVERDALE 2026-27

Would your child like to learn a musical instrument? We are keen to welcome new pupils to our instrumental music lessons in school. Learning an instrument is a fantastic way to build confidence, creativity and musical skills, and lessons are suitable for beginners as well as those with some experience. At the moment, we are looking for additional pupils to join small group lessons so that we can continue to offer this opportunity in school. If your child is interested in starting lessons from September, or you would like to find out more about the instruments available and lesson costs, please contact the school office or visit the Create Music website for further information, including details of financial support through [bursaries](#).



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

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

Silverdale's Got Talent 4 Show

Sunday 28th June

6.30pm

St Johns church hall, Brittany Road

Tickets available to pay on the door

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!

Remember to stay hydrated and safe in the sun, see you next week when hopefully it will be a little cooler!!

Mr Morris & the Mulberry Silverdale Team

Dates for your diary 2025 – 26

- w/c 29.6.2026 – Primary to Secondary transition week (Dates for different Academies TBC)
- 30.6.2026 – **Rearranged Year 5 Sports Day (PM – 1.30pm)**
- 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
- 17.7.2026 – **Rearranged Rock Steady Concert @ the end of term picnic!!**
- 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)

7&8.10.2026 – Individual photos

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
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Friday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
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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
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Friday	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
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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