



3.7.2026

We had a great day on Wednesday as the children met their new teachers, and we welcomed our new EYFS cohort into Mulberry Silverdale for the Teddy Bear picnic. We have also seen our Year6s heading to secondary schools this week for their own transition days. Only a couple of schools have been out today, and all the children I've spoken to have come back excited (although maybe a little nervous) and looking forward to next year.

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 13:30 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 13.45 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.



Whilst the picnic is taking place we shall also have our Summer Rocksteady concert at the Music Hub, and some Rock Steady workshops taking place near the Forest School hut on the field. These will be open for both child and parent

participation; so if you are interested in your child(ren) (open to all current year groups) taking part in September onwards be sure to swing by.

YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS

We have recently been informed that the release date for Year 6 SATs results has changed from 7th July to 16th July. We are currently considering the best way to ensure that our Year 6 pupils receive their results before the end of the summer term. We understand that this is an important milestone for our pupils and their families, and we will share further information with parents as soon as arrangements have been confirmed.

Y6 SATs

ATTENDANCE

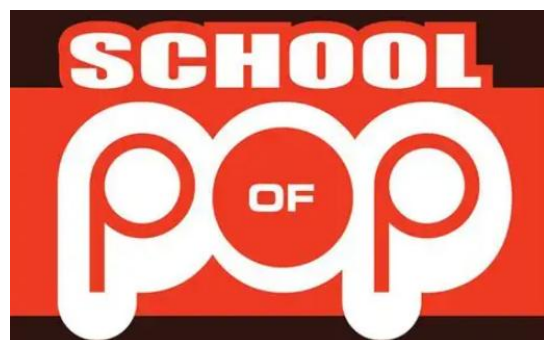
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Olive Tree	141	142	0	0	3	4	6	4	150	150	94.0	94.7
Apple Tree	131	132	0	0	8	8	6	5	145	145	90.3	91.0
Cherry Tree	123	127	0	0	8	8	14	10	145	145	84.8	87.6
Maple Tree	120	122	0	0	6	6	14	12	140	140	85.7	87.1
Holly Tree	139	138	0	0	9	9	2	3	150	150	92.7	92.0
Elm Tree	130	129	0	0	4	5	11	11	145	145	89.7	89.0
Aspen Tree	132	131	0	0	1	3	12	11	145	145	91.0	90.3
Pine Tree	131	132	0	0	2	2	12	11	145	145	90.3	91.0
Sycamore Tree	136	136	0	0	5	5	9	9	150	150	90.7	90.7
Whitebeam Tree	129	135	0	0	2	1	14	9	145	145	89.0	93.1
Rowan Tree	123	123	0	0	12	12	10	10	145	145	84.8	84.8
Cedar Tree	142	143	0	0	0	0	13	12	155	155	91.6	92.3
Elderflower Class	124	125	0	0	5	7	16	13	145	145	85.5	86.2
Juniper Tree	134	133	0	0	4	4	12	13	150	150	89.3	88.7
Lime Tree	133	131	0	0	4	6	8	8	145	145	91.7	90.3
Beech Tree	130	132	0	0	5	5	20	18	155	155	83.9	85.2
Hornbeam Tree	135	137	0	0	0	0	15	13	150	150	90.0	91.3
Hazel Tree	131	132	0	0	3	4	16	14	150	150	87.3	88.0
Elder Tree	71	72	60	60	10	9	14	14	155	155	84.5	85.2
Magnolia Tree	80	80	60	60	2	2	8	8	150	150	93.3	93.3
Blackthorn Tree	75	74	52	52	2	2	11	12	140	140	90.7	90.0
Totals	2590	2606	172	172	95	102	243	220	3100	3100	89.1	89.6

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 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](#)

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!

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN IN YEARS 3, 4, 5, & 6 AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY – UPDATE YOUR PERMISSIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

If your child is moving into Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 in September 2026, and you would like to update their permissions at the end of the day, please do so using the form below. Please note, these changes will not take effect until the first day back in September.



In line with government and NSPCC guidance, our collection policy states that only children in Years 5 & 6 may walk home independently – and only if we have permission from their parent/guardian for them to do so. Children in Years 3 & 4 may walk round to meet parents picking up younger siblings – but again only with permission. Our policy does not allow for children in Years 3 & 4 to walk home by themselves.

Only nominated individuals who are 16+ will be allowed to collect children at the end of the day.

If you wish your child's permissions to remain unchanged, then you don't need to do anything – all your child's current arrangements will be passed up to their new teacher.

If you do wish to make a change, please complete the form below:

[Arrangements for collection of children at end of the school day - 2026/27 – Fill in form](#)

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.

HOLIDAY FOOD VOUCHERS (HUGGG) HAVE ENDED

What will replace these?

The government funded Household Support Fund, which was distributed by councils to support residents in East Sussex, ended nationally on 31 March 2026. This included the holiday supermarket voucher scheme (HUGGG vouchers) for pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals. There are a number of alternative avenues of support for families, which are listed below.

Information for families

Families who are being supported through Early Help and Social Care in Children's Services may be eligible for support. Please discuss with your social worker, Early Help keyworker or support to find out more

For families with children:

- ESCC Family Information Service - 0345 60 80 192 (Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm) can provide advice and signposting to the process of accessing support
- If the family already has a Children's Services practitioner and a current intervention, then the practitioner can apply on the family's behalf.

- Families eligible for free school meals can get free activities and food through [Holiday food and fun](#).

For families with children and young people aged 0-25yrs with special educational needs and disabilities: • Amaze Sussex - amazesussex.org.uk - 01273 772289

Families can also find out more about the [Crisis and Resilience Fund](#).

If you need help now, see [cost of living support](#).

Background and summary

From 1 April 2026, the government introduced the new Crisis and Resilience Fund. The new fund now takes a different approach, with support focused on households experiencing immediate financial hardship or crisis, alongside help to build longer-term financial resilience.

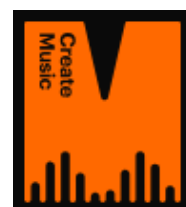
As a result of these national changes to the Fund, the Council will no longer be distributing holiday vouchers to all pupils solely based on free school meal eligibility. Being eligible for free school meals will not automatically mean a household is entitled to a voucher or payment under the new fund.

However, support will continue to be available in different ways, but it will be assessed based on individual household circumstances and need.

The Cash for Kids Holiday Hunger Grants scheme supports children and young people (up to 18 years old) facing food insecurity during the school holidays. Schools can apply and projects must focus on outcomes that encourage children to eat more healthily and be more active during the school holidays. [Grant Application - Cash for Kids](#)

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](#).



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



A huge well done to our Silverdale's Got Talent Superstars! Evie, Cassie, Starla, Harper, Alice, Poppy, Harlan, Leo, Dino, Riya and Emily all took to the stage and wowed their audience with Singing, Dancing, Piano and Guitar, we were so proud of them all and the support and encouragement that they showed each other was very commendable, they did themselves proud!

Thank-you to those who supported them by coming to watch we couldn't do it without an audience!

There will be a PTA honesty stall again at the end of year picnic with refreshments, snacks and pocket money toys, there will be a price list and an honesty payment bucket please bring correct change and and thank-you, as always for your support

Remember to stay hydrated and safe in the sun; enjoy the Hastings Beer and Music Festival if you are attending and good luck to England Monday morning!!

Mr Morris & the Mulberry Silverdale Team



Dates for your diary 2025 – 26

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 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9.30am)

17.7.2026 – End of year Family picnic (1.30pm)

17.7.2026 – Rearranged Rock Steady Concert @ the end of term picnic!! (1.40pm)

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)

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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					
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	MAY 2027					JUNE 2027					JULY 2027					AUGUST 2027					
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Key

- Staff training (INSET day)
- Start of term for pupils
- End of term for pupils
- Public holidays
- School holidays
- Transition week