



## 10.7.2026

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the academic year. What a week, finally we completed our Sports days with an a great Year 1 event taking place on Wednesday. Wednesday also saw the Year 6 performance of "School of Pop" taking place to two packed out audiences – what a show! And today we have waved goodbye to Year 6 as they headed off on their PGL weekend trip!!

Look out for information from Year groups regarding end of year treats for the children, Year groups may post if they are asking for anything special for the children being sent in (**not all year groups will make requests!**)

After 19 years next week sees us say goodbye to the amazing Deb Denny, as one of our Thrive practitioner Deb has worked and supported countless children across the years at Silverdale. I'm sure you will join us in thanking her for her dedication to supporting the children, and wish her all the best in the future

### 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.

**Please note that the school dinners will be running as normal – the school will not be providing snacks for the picnic!**

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.



### BIKE STORAGE

Monday morning saw the installation of our new bike and scooter storage near the main Perth Road gate entrance. It is great to see a number of children already making use of this storage. We are hoping that this will firtly help support children to cycle or scoot to school, meaning that they have somewhere to store their transport throughout the day, but also reduce the number of children scooting/biking down the busy slope. If you do choose to use this

please consider buying a lock to help keep the bike/scooter secure.

## 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

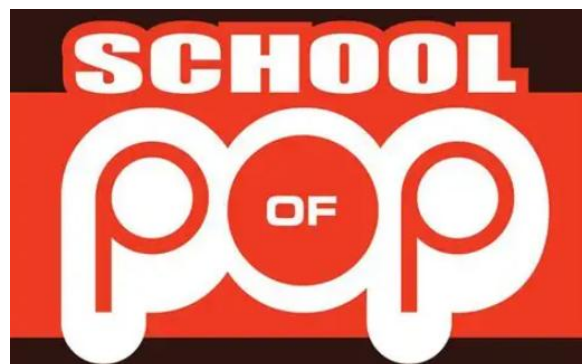
## ATTENDANCE

| Group             | Present |      | AEA |     | Authorised |      | Unauthorised |     | Possible |       | %Attend |      |
|-------------------|---------|------|-----|-----|------------|------|--------------|-----|----------|-------|---------|------|
|                   | AM      | PM   | AM  | PM  | AM         | PM   | AM           | PM  | AM       | PM    | AM      | PM   |
| Olive Tree        | 92.0    | 90.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.7        | 4.0  | 5.3          | 6.0 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 92.0    | 90.0 |
| Apple Tree        | 93.8    | 94.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4        | 3.4  | 2.8          | 2.1 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 93.8    | 94.5 |
| Cherry Tree       | 88.3    | 89.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.9        | 6.9  | 4.8          | 4.1 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 88.3    | 89.0 |
| Maple Tree        | 94.3    | 94.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.6        | 3.6  | 2.1          | 2.1 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 94.3    | 94.3 |
| Holly Tree        | 96.7    | 95.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3        | 4.7  | 0.0          | 0.0 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 96.7    | 95.3 |
| Elm Tree          | 89.7    | 90.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.5        | 5.5  | 4.8          | 4.1 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 89.7    | 90.3 |
| Aspen Tree        | 95.2    | 95.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4        | 1.4  | 3.4          | 3.4 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 95.2    | 95.2 |
| Pine Tree         | 96.6    | 96.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1        | 2.1  | 1.4          | 1.4 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 96.6    | 96.6 |
| Sycamore Tree     | 94.7    | 94.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0        | 2.0  | 3.3          | 3.3 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 94.7    | 94.7 |
| Whitebeam Tree    | 93.8    | 93.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1        | 2.8  | 4.1          | 4.1 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 93.8    | 93.1 |
| Rowan Tree        | 84.1    | 85.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.7       | 11.7 | 4.1          | 2.8 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 84.1    | 85.5 |
| Cedar Tree        | 91.0    | 93.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.8        | 4.5  | 3.2          | 1.9 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 91.0    | 93.5 |
| Elderflower Class | 92.4    | 92.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4        | 3.4  | 4.1          | 4.1 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 92.4    | 92.4 |
| Juniper Tree      | 96.0    | 95.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3        | 2.0  | 2.7          | 2.7 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 96.0    | 95.3 |
| Lime Tree         | 89.0    | 89.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.8        | 5.5  | 6.2          | 5.5 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 89.0    | 89.0 |
| Beech Tree        | 91.0    | 89.0 | 1.3 | 3.9 | 3.2        | 3.2  | 4.5          | 3.9 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 92.3    | 92.9 |
| Hornbeam Tree     | 91.3    | 88.7 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 2.0        | 2.0  | 6.7          | 6.0 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 91.3    | 92.0 |
| Hazel Tree        | 94.0    | 93.3 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 0.7        | 1.3  | 3.3          | 1.3 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 96.0    | 97.3 |
| Elder Tree        | 91.0    | 91.6 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 2.6        | 1.9  | 0.6          | 0.6 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 96.8    | 97.4 |
| Magnolia Tree     | 90.0    | 90.0 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 2.0        | 2.7  | 3.3          | 2.7 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 94.7    | 94.7 |
| Blackthorn Tree   | 90.7    | 92.9 | 5.7 | 5.0 | 1.4        | 0.7  | 2.1          | 1.4 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 96.4    | 97.9 |
| Totals            | 92.2    | 92.1 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 3.4        | 3.6  | 3.5          | 3.0 | 100.0    | 100.0 | 93.1    | 93.4 |

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](mailto:attendance@mulberrysilverdale.org) rather than phoning the office

## YEAR 6 PRODUCTION TICKETS

A huge congratulations to our incredible Year 6 children for their fantastic performance of *School of Pop*! From the very first rehearsal to the final curtain call, they demonstrated outstanding determination, resilience and commitment, working hard to learn their lines, songs and choreography. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence grow throughout the process, culminating in a truly entertaining and polished performance for their classmates, families and friends. They should all be immensely proud of what they achieved – they represented our school brilliantly and created memories that will stay with them for years to come. Well done, Year 6!



## CRICKET COUNTY FINALS



For the first time in many years, we had two teams qualify for the County Cricket Finals. Sadly, the girls' team finals clashed with their magnificent production performances to parents on Wednesday – so they were unable to attend. The boys' team however were able to attend as their finals was on Monday of this week.

As ever, they represented the school brilliantly during some hard-fought games. In the first game they won comfortably against a strong Hove Juniors team. In their second game, they were beaten narrowly by a very strong 'St Lawrence's' Team who were decked out in full cricket whites! Their third game was the narrowest of defeats and featured some very close umpire calls – set effectively 25 runs to win with 10 balls left, we were very proud of the way they chased down the total and fell only 2 runs short in the end. We were able to round off the day by cruising to victory in our 4<sup>th</sup> game – ended the day with a very respectable record of 2 wins and 2 losses in a very high-quality competition.

All the all it was a great day and we are very proud of how they performed. To win both the boys and girls' local heats and do so well in the finals is a great achievement and shows that cricket is going from strength to strength at Silverdale!

## SENSIBLE FOOTWEAR

With the latest heat wave still in full effect we understand the importance of children (and staff) feeling comfortable in the heat. For that reason, we have turned a little of a blind eye to children wearing Crocs (or equivalent) to school. However, it remains important throughout those children remains safe at school. Therefore, Crocs are not permitted to be worn for PE, and children may be asked to make different game choices at play and lunch times, rather than running around (and in some cases playing football) in unsuitable footwear. If this will be an issue for your child please send them in school shoes/ black trainers, or with these to change into at break time. Thank you for your support.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL GOVERNORS

A heartfelt thank you to the four parents who either put themselves forward or accepted a nomination to stand for the role of Parent School Governor. We are incredibly grateful for your willingness to support our school community and contribute your time, skills, and experience. We were delighted to see such a positive response to the ballot, with a great turnout from parents casting their votes.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Michelle Spray and Mr Luke Manning-Cooper have been elected as our new Parent School Governors. Congratulations to Michelle and Luke, and thank you to everyone who took part in the election process.

We look forward to working with our new governors and thank all of our candidates once again for their commitment to our school.

## RAILWAY SAFETY ADVICE



As the summer holidays approach, we would like to share an important railway safety message from Network Rail.

During the holidays, children often spend more time outdoors exploring their local area. If your family lives near or travels by railway, it is important to remind children that railway lines are never a safe place to play or take shortcuts. Trains can approach quickly and quietly, and the railway can be dangerous even when no trains are visible.



Network Rail has produced a series of short, age-appropriate videos to help children understand how to stay safe around the railway. We encourage you to watch the relevant video with your child at home and use it as an opportunity to talk about railway safety together.

- Ages 5–7: <https://careerfriendlyprogramme.com/video/rail-safe-friendly-key-stage-1>
- Ages 7–11: <https://careerfriendlyprogramme.com/video/rail-safe-friendly-primary>
- Accessibility/Additional Support Needs (suitable for all ages): <https://careerfriendlyprogramme.com/video/rail-safe-friendly-send>

Thank you for helping us reinforce these important safety messages and keep our children safe throughout the summer holidays.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>. [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](https://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](#).



## PTA UPDATE

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; and of course good luck to the England team in the World Cup quarter final against Norway. And hopefully I haven't tempted fate all the best to Arthur Fey (assuming he has made it to the Wimbledon Final!)

Mr Morris & the Mulberry Silverdale Team

## Dates for your diary 2025 – 26

14.7.2026 – Year 4 End of year fun day

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)

|           | 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 |    |
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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