



A massive St John's well done to all our Silverdale Stars this week.

CURLEWS – Toby

For being curious and using critical thinking to solve problems and achieve success.

Great effort Toby!

BITTERNS – George

For some super labelling of non fiction texts.

Heading, sub headings, pictures and for being a great friend

HARRIERS – Florence

For an OUTSTANDING performance in the summer production. Wow, wow, wow!

Job Opportunities

We have positions in school for...

Teaching assistant – working in KS2. 15 hrs.

Please click [here for information](#).

Cleaner/site supervisor position – 15hrs.

Welfare assistant and/or **pot washer** – 5/3.75hrs

If you are interested in any of the above, please email bursar@silverdale.lancs.sch.uk

Lunches



Week 2 WC 15.07.24

Don't forget, children must bring packed lunch on 22nd/23rd July as the kitchen is closed

Dallam Science afternoon

Harriers have been invited to Dallam school on Monday afternoon to take part in Science workshops. A letter will be going home this evening. Please can you give consent by Monday morning. We are sorry for the late organisation with this, we have been struggling for transport.

Friday Thought

Therefore I will not keep silent; I will speak out in the anguish of my spirit, I will complain in the bitterness of my soul." —Job 7:11

Playground project

What a week! Again, a huge thank you for all your support with the playground project. In just three weeks, we have transformed the EYFS outside area. We have created 'soft areas' for the older children to play at playtime AND we have had the drains fixed and the playground resurfaced. It hasn't come without its challenges. Our neighbours and the church have been affected, as have our children and families. Drop off, and pick up has been different nearly every day, as we have been at the mercy of contractors. BUT, it is done!

Just line markings now, and new gates, and then onto the cosmetic areas to play, read, garden and climb. We thank you for your patience through all this. We would like to invite year 6 back to officially open our playground in September. HUGE thanks to our donors. We raised £2870 on Gofundme, and £300 in cash, given by our community into the office, or just to Miss Sanderson in the street.

We are BLOWN AWAY by the generosity of our wider school family and friends

Host family

A Ukrainian family are looking for Silverdale residents to host and sponsor them. If you can support at all, please get in touch with Miss Sanderson. It's for a mother and two daughters. The family are familiar with the village.

Community cinema



There are still tickets available for this from the school office.

One golden ticket gets admission for one adult and one child. Ticket prices

are £5. Miss Sanderson will be leading a raffle to raise money for school in the interval. PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THIS SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT



Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Keep reading this summer: the link below will take you to everything you need to know <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>
This year children will join the Marvellous Makers who are busy getting creative for a big festival... But the objects they need have mysteriously disappeared. Children will help the Marvellous Makers find the objects they need to complete their creations.

Sports Day

Well, the rain held off, even if the wind didn't?? Congratulations to Scafell, who won this year's sports day. Combined totals from the multi skills carousel and the races, meant Scafell were clear winners with A LOT of points. Well done to Jake who was a great team leader, as were Jude, Artem, Fabian, Billy and Flo.
We would like your feedback on sports day. Time of year, activities, refreshments etc. Please email Miss Sanderson with any constructive feedback.

September

We are currently finalising staffing and class structures for September. A letter will go out next week. Thank you for your patience with this. We had much to consider this year. However, to reassure you - the needs of our children ALWAYS come first in every decision we make and in all we do.

Feel Good Friday

Feel Good Friday will be on Friday 19th July. The children can wear own clothes for £1. If anyone would like to support us with this, then do get in touch with Miss Sanderson. Dog walkers, make up artists, photographers, artists, gymnasts, stage directors, dancers etc. You can be anything! All we ask is you come and share your wonderful talents with our children so we can 'feel good' for the day!

Next Week...

15.07.24 – Dallam science workshops Harriers
16.07.24 – Miss Sanderson meeting at Bleasdale
16.07.24 – Miss Sanderson Fire Risk Assessment
16.07.24 – Miss Jackson – nominated gov visit
16.07.24 – Reports go out to parents
16.07.24 – Harriers forest school
17.06.24 – Olympic events at Salt Ayre
17.07.24 – Applications close for TA post
17.07.24 - Soulbowl party and food Year 6
18.07.24 – Whole school to visit Leighton Moss
[WEBSITE CALENDER](#) FOR FUTURE DIARY DATES

Summer Production

'Wonderland, the musical' was bizarre. It was crazy. It was wonderful. It was wild! The children were outstanding. How talented they all are?! Thanks to the Silverdale Players for the loan of costumes. Thanks to Liz, Joan, Stuart, Margi and Jim for helping with lights, props, getting children changed in the green room. Mostly thanks to Miss Jackson, Mrs Greenall, Mia and Trudy for all their hard work... And of course, the children. We couldn't have been more proud.

Attendance

Attendance 03.07.24-10.07.24

Well done to Harriers!

Curlews – 96.7%

Bitterns – 96.4%

Harriers – 97.6%

Class Blogs

It's Bitterns' class this week! Please [click](#) on the link to gain an insight into what the children have been learning in class. Please also check out our school [Facebook](#) page.

Reports

End of year reports will be sent home with children on Tuesday 16th July. If you require an additional copy please email the office. Please read carefully the information for End of Key Stage results. It will help parents/carers understand scores and outcomes

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

PALWORLD

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called "Pals". In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING

Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

ONLINE PLAY

Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY

Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND

By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS

As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.