

# Newsletter – WC 28th April 2025

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– Philippians 4:13



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

### Noah

For a fantastic start to the new term.  
You are hardworking, helpful and kind.  
Well done Noah!

### Baine

For working consistently hard in Maths, especially in his preparation for the times tables test.

### Kara

For being helpful, kind and a good friend to everyone.

## Family Worship

We have had a week and a half back in school. It seems like we've never been away! It was great to see so many parents at Family worship last week. Please do try and come along to support us if you can. We have such a lovely community feel on a Friday morning. A mixture of Bible stories, visitors, children leading/reading – all make it such a special time together. We have tea and coffee too. We just ask that you give a small donation.

## Friday Thought

To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever.  
Amen. —Philippians 4:20

## Parking outside of school

Please be vigilant about parking at pickup/drop off. It gets busy, and cars do drive too fast through the village. Many of our children walk/cycle to school. Please be aware of them. No parking on the zig zag lines (this goes for Miss Sanderson too, regardless of time constraints and rushing for breakfast club!) Check out '10 top tips for Parents and Educators' at the end of this week's newsletter

## Lunches

Week 2 WC 05.05.25



## Forest School

Our aim is that all of our children will be given the opportunity to take part in forest school sessions each term. Our KS2 children will be taking part in forest school sessions with Belinda at Trowbarrow for the next three weeks. If you can help, Miss Jackson would really appreciate it. Even if just to help us walk to the site. Forest school and outdoor learning remains a part of our ethos and we will continue to endeavour to offer these opportunities to our children. All subject leaders have been tasked to ensure there is an element of outdoor learning for each subject every half-term, meaning children will be given additional opportunities to take their learning outside.

## Year 6 SATS

Year 6 will be sitting their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) WC 12th May. Between now and then, it is imperative that children continue to revise at home. They need to practise their multiplication facts, their spelling lists and have a go at any papers that have been sent home.

## Edinburgh Residential

Thank you to all parents who attended this meeting. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## Transition Year 6 to Year 7

**Dallam** - Welcome evening for Parents and pupils - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Induction day Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**QES** - Welcome evening for Parents and pupils - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Induction morning for pupils Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

## EYFS 2025 Intake

Admission offers for reception classes in September 2025 have been released this week. Currently, we think we have 9 children down to attend, if you know of anyone who is unhappy with their choice of school, please let them know that we have room!

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The words of Jesus: Our Christian Value this week is ENDUANCE AND PERSEVERANCE

## Reading Corner



**Accelerated Reader™**

We have started scanning books! But we need more. Please leave any unwanted books (preferably age 6 and up) in the reception area. This is part of our commitment to developing a culture of reading for pleasure and a lifelong love of reading. Accelerated Reader should be set up and running, as from September.

A guide will be shared with parents very soon. Please check the [AR book list](#), and if you no longer want them, then please bring them into school.

## Field Day

There is a meeting for this on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the Silverdale Hotel at 8pm.

All welcome. Don't forget to put the date in your diary... Field day is happening on **Sat 21st June 2025**. The fancy dress competition is open to all ages to enter, there's no theme so you can get creative with your costumes. You can enter as a single person, a double act or as a group. It was fantastic last year, so get your creative hats on and make it another day of fun on the field!

## Raising money

Mrs Taylor is doing a sponsored run on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. Why not sponsor her using the QR code below? Its to raise money for a brain tumour charity.

## Landscaping

We need a small team of people to help turn over the garden area in Curlews class. This will be a growing and 'outdoor learning' space for our younger children. There are small tough tree stumps to be moved and some quite hard earth that needs digging up ready for planting. Please let Miss Sanderson know if you are willing to help. We are still in pursuit of a gazebo too! Again, if anyone has any leads – do pass them on to Miss Sanderson.

## Next week in school...

05.05.25 – Bank Holiday Monday – NO SCHOOL!  
06.06.25 – Field day meeting Silverdale Hotel  
06.05.25 – Annual reviews in school  
06.05.25 – Mrs Kitchen starts in Bitterns class  
06.05.25 – PSHE training – Miss Jackson  
06.05.05 – Year 5 Young leaders training  
07.05.05 – Rounders Tournament, Dallam  
08.05.25 – Annual reviews in school  
08.05.25 – Barnardo's in school  
09.05.25 – Pedal and Scoot PM  
Please don't forget to check the [online calendar](#) for future events

## Attendance

**A huge 'well done' to Harriers this week..**

**Thankyou to all families**

<b>Harriers</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
<b>Curlews</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>Bitterns</b>	<b>91.6%</b>
<b>Average school</b>	<b>94.1%</b>

## Class Blogs

It's Curlews class blog this week.  
Please click here to see what a week in the life of a Curlew is like.

## Vacancies

Would you like to join our wonderful school family? Why not give us a call? We need a friendly, flexible & hard working individual. Someone who loves to work as part of a team & would be proud to help maintain our fun & colourful environment. Hours are negotiable & flexible. Email Miss Sanderson on [head@silverdale.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@silverdale.lancs.sch.uk) to arrange a chat. To find out more, [click here](#) for details of salary and hours.

## Diary Dates

Summer Term diary dates were sent out yesterday. They are also available on the website for you to view. Click here.

Please take particular notice of...

**SATS week (year 6) WC 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Phonics screening week (year 1) WC 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Multiplication Test week (year 4) WC 9<sup>th</sup> June**



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

### 1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

### 2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

### 3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

### 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

### 5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

### 6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

### 7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

### 8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

### 9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

### 10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

## Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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## Endure Morecambe 24 Hour Prom Relay

24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025, *Let's Run Morecambe* and *Lancaster Runners* will be taking part in a 24-hour relay on the Prom to raise vital funds for *The Brain Tumour Charity*.

*The Brain Tumour Charity* is the world's leading brain tumour charity, and the largest dedicated funder of research into brain tumours.

If you would like more information, or to donate please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/24Hr-Prom-Relay>

or scan the QR code below.

For more information about The Brain Tumour Charity, please visit

<https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/>

**LANCASTER  
RUNNERS**



# Our open evening is open to all.

## That means you too.

[scouts.org.uk/join](https://scouts.org.uk/join)

**#SkillsForLife**

Tired of dull weekdays? Want to try something new, learn new skills and meet a whole new group of friends?

We're looking for young people aged 4 to 14 to join our group, and potential adult volunteers to come along and see what they can do to help!

Each week we help young people enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills for life. Why not be one of them?

When and Where? 6.30pm until 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th May at Silverdale Institute, Spring Bank, Silverdale, LA5 0TE. Please note that parents are required to stay.

For more information, and to book a place, please contact Kelly on 07469 686565 or email [kelly.roberts@westlancsscouts.org.uk](mailto:kelly.roberts@westlancsscouts.org.uk)

