

Newsletter – WC 2nd June 2025

Inspiring success through learning, community and faith.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

– Philippians 4:13



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

Curlews - Quinn

For fantastic progress in reading.

You are a phonics superstar!

Bitterns - Charlie

For super work in maths all week – especially on his 8 times table!.

Harriers – Catherine

For being a great role model in Harriers' class. She works super hard every day and has a great attitude.

Transition Year 6 to Year 7

Dallam - Welcome evening for Parents and pupils - Monday 30th June. Induction day Tuesday 1st July.

QES - Welcome evening for Parents and pupils - Wednesday 2nd July. Induction morning for pupils Friday 4th July

Secondary school open days/evenings

LRGS: Saturday 21st June 2025 9am- 1pm
Carnforth High School Tuesday 24th June, 5pm until 8pm

LGGs: Thursday 26th June 2025 Open Evening
Y4/5 families, 5.15 - 7.30 pm.

Ripley St Thomas: Thursday 10th July 2025, 6 – 8.30 p.m.

Morecambe Bay Academy – Thursday 16th September, 2025

Bay Leadership Academy, Heysham, Tuesday 16th September 2025, 6 – 8.30pm

Dallam School – September 18th Thursday and Wednesday 24th 6-8pm for both

Our Lady's Catholic College Thursday 26th September from 5pm

Central Lancaster High School – no date yet
Garstang Academy 25th September 2025

Leavers' Service

The year 6 children will be attending Blackburn Cathedral on Monday 30th June. This is always such a lovely day, whereby the diocese celebrate all year 6 children across the Blackburn diocesan area. Songs, readings, games. The children will be learning songs on zoom on Monday at 11:00. There are chips at the end (apparently??!)

Half Termly Overviews

These are now available on the website for you to see. You can look at what lessons are taught in what subject. Week by week. If you have a look and think you can help with any teaching or have ideas, then please get in touch with class teachers. We love it when our wider school families support us in our learning. [Curlews](#) [Bitterns](#) [Harriers](#)

New starters' evening

This will be held next Thursday at 5:30pm. We look forward to welcoming our new children into Reception class. This is an important evening, where we will be sharing start dates, information on school lunches, uniform, and also how you can prepare your child for starting BIG school. Teas and coffees available.

Field day

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. Sam Mason needs volunteers! First Aiders, marshals for the fell run etc. Please see Sam if you can help with the above.

School also needs support with giving out drinks whilst the fancy dress parade is on and then manning the SSJ stall. Shuffle board, tombola etc

Lunches

Week 1 WC 09.06.25



Friday Thought

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. —Proverbs 16:3

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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.

Assessments

Y1 phonics: Every Y1 children will take a phonics assessment in the week beginning 9 June. This is a 1:1 verbal assessment of their phonics knowledge where they try to read 40 words, both normal and nonsense words. **Multiplication tables check:** All Y4 children sit an online tables test in the week beginning 9 June. This tests their knowledge of times tables up to 12x12 and they have 6s to answer each question. **Y2 assessments:** Although we no longer have to statutorily report results of our Y2 assessments, the children will sit internal assessments along with Y3,4,5 in week beginning 16 June.. **EYFS:** Children will be assessed on the areas of learning in the EYFS curriculum. This is teacher assessment and no test is taken.

11+ Registration

11+ REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 ENTRANCE:

[LGGS - REGISTER HERE](#)

[LRGS - REGISTER HERE](#)



Please see [this link](#) for more information on an 11+ Summer School with Tutor Doctor.

Sponsored Run

Our annual sponsored run is on Thursday 25th June. Belinda is helping to organise again. Please can you get in touch with her if you are available to marshal. It will just be a short time commitment. 0930-1130

Diary Dates next week..

09.06.25 – Appraisals in school
09.06.25 – Educational psychologist in school
09.06.25 – Chip Party – Year 6
09.06.25 – Accelerated reader staff meeting
09.06.25 – Bitterns Trowbarrow
10.06.25 – Curriculum PE dodgeball and team building starts
10.06.25 – phonics screening Year 1
11.06.25 – Pickleball taster
12.06.25 – MTC test Year 4
12.06.25 – Fire extinguisher check
12.06.25 – Miss Jackson training
12.06.25 – New Starters meeting
13.06.25 – Fathers day Bacon Butties
13.06.25 – PTA meeting Cricket Club 18:00

Attendance

A huge 'well done' to Curlews this week. This is fantastic work. Thank you to all families

Curlews	99.2%
Bitterns	91.3%
Harriers	94.3%
Average school	95.1%

Governors

You don't need to be a parent or education expert to be a governor. Schools require a combination of hard and soft skills to ensure their boards operate effectively. Whether you're an experienced professional or embarking on the first stages of your career, we will work hard to welcome you and ensure your gifts and skills are shared in a way that will develop the lives of the children in our school! Why not apply [here](#) to become a school governor? Or email our chair of governors s.edge@silverdale.lancs.sch.uk to find out what its all about!

Class Blog

It's Curlews' class blog this week. [Click here](#) to gain an insight into what a week in the life of a Curlew might look like.

PTA

There will be an AGM and a planning meeting for PTA on **Friday 13th June at the cricket club**. It will start at 6pm. All welcome. Carly Taylor will be sending out an agenda closer to the time

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍃 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🥀 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥👉 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍹 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
😐 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😍 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered	👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🥀 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🔑 (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🌿 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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Bay Cycle Way's 10th Birthday Challenge

June-August 2025



Want to take part?

Visit www.morecambebay.org.uk/what-we-do/stories/bay-cycle-way-10th-birthday-challenge
or scan the QR code to find out how to take part &
why Morecambe Bay needs your support.



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Partnership

Registered Charity: 1173489

morecambebay.org.uk



Choose from 4 Challenges

Pay £10 per person (or per family for the Family Challenge) to register and complete during June, July or August 2025.



OPTION 1: 1-day Individual Challenge (81 miles); for keen cyclists!

- Fundraise whatever you can
- Raise over £300 and receive a commemorative Bay Cycle Way t-shirt
- Your name will be added to our official Bay Cycle Way Roll of Honour

OPTION 2: 1-day Corporate/Team 'Sunrise to Sunset' Challenge (81 miles)

- Get competitive with your workmates and aim for the top of the leaderboard
- Teams of between 5-10 people
- Pledge to raise or donate a minimum of £1,000
- Ride 81 miles as a group or divide into sections as a relay
- Raise £1000+ and you'll receive a commemorative t-shirt and a social media 'shout out' to celebrate your team & workplace
- When you complete the challenge, your organisation will join the official Team leaderboard

OPTION 3: 'Take Your Time' Summer Challenge (81 miles)

- Ride leisurely, without pressure, and enjoy the views!
- Bike the route in sections to suit your fitness over June, July & August
- Fundraise whatever you can
- Raise over £300 and you'll receive a commemorative Bay Cycle Way t-shirt
- Your name will be added to the official Bay Cycle Way Roll of Honour



OPTION 4: The Family Challenge – Lancaster to Glasson Dock (5.6 miles or 11.2miles there and back)

- A grand day out that's all off-road and family-friendly
- Fundraise whatever you can. Could you raise £100 in sponsorship?
- You'll be entered into a Prize draw to win tickets to local attractions or cycling goodies



**Want to
take part?**

Visit www.morecambebay.org.uk/what-we-do/stories/bay-cycle-way-10th-birthday-challenge or scan the QR code to find out how to take part & why Morecambe Bay needs your support.

When you join up & register, all cyclists receive:

- ✓ A welcome pack with tips
- ✓ Step-by-step guide to set up your fundraiser
- ✓ A place to fundraise, share your story and photos of biking by the Bay
- ✓ Safety guidance
- ✓ Ideas of where to refuel along the Bay Cycle Way
- ✓ Downloadable certificate of completion
- ✓ Entry into the 10th birthday prize draw



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Bay Cycle Way's 10th Birthday Challenge

June-August 2025



**Take on the Bay Cycle Way this
summer and raise money for
Morecambe Bay!**

You'll be raising vital funds to protect the Bay's spectacular nature, precious heritage, and helping community projects that help everyone access the coast and countryside.

The Bay Cycle Way, created in 2015 by Morecambe Bay Partnership (with Sustrans), has reached its 10th birthday! This spectacular long-distance cycle way hugs the coastline of Morecambe Bay taking in 81 miles of awe-inspiring sea, sand, mountains and sky, from Walney Island to Glasson Dock.



Registered Charity: 1173489

morecambebay.org.uk





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National
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Marvellous Moths

at Warton Crag Local Nature Reserve

7th June 2025

9.30am - 11.30am

No need to book - just turn up!

Meet in Warton Crag Quarry Car Park