

Newsletter – WC 9th 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 - Charlie

For 100% motivation and effort in phonics this week. Well done Charlie!

Bitterns - Sam

For being a kind friend, a great leader and encouraging creativity during our visit to Trowbarrow this week.

Harriers – Finley

For being super focussed and working so hard in class, especially in maths. Well done Finley!

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.

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

Lunches

Week 2 WC 16.06.25

Please note lunches will be increasing to £2.80
in September.



Year 5 paddleboarding

Please ensure letters are returned to school by
Wednesday 18th June. The year 5s will be going
to Arnsdale on Friday 20th at 09:30.

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. School will
be open from 11am – drinks and biscuits
available for the children. **Entrants need to
arrive at school by 11:45, ready for judging
at 12:00. The parade starts at 13:00.** Please
see Sam if you can help with field day.
School also needs support with our stall. We
need packets of sweets, chocolates, small
games, and a barrel (for the lucky dip!) If you
can help man the stall for an hour, please see
Miss Sanderson

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](#)

Props making day

Miss Jackson has asked if parents can help with
making props on Monday 23rd June. Its always
so nice to celebrate the gifts and skills of our
wider school family. If you would like to help
make props for our summer production of
Jungle Book, then just turn up at 09:30

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 diocese.

Friday Thought

As far as the east is from the west, so far has
he removed our transgressions from us.
— Psalm 103:12

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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

You may have noticed your child has come home with a star badge this week. This means they have completed their phonics quiz (year 1), or their multiplication quiz (Year 4). The children tried ever so hard, and we are very proud of them.

Particularly year 1, as our school was moderated by an external advisor. It's always a bit strange when a strange adult comes in the room! It didn't phase our children though. They read with gusto. The year 4s were super fast on the online test! Internal assessments for Y2 Y3, Y4, Y5 will begin next week.

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:



[GS - REGISTER HERE](#)

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

PTA

There will be an AGM and a planning meeting for **PTA TONIGHT at the cricket club**. It will start at 6pm. All welcome.

Diary Dates next week..

16.06.25 – Equality, Diversity and Justice staff training
17.06.25 – Miss S behaviour course
18.06.25 – Athletics with Tim Bitterns and Curlews
19.06.25 – Finance Officer in school
20.06.25 – Year 5 paddleboarding
20.06.25 – Pedal and Scoot
21.06.25 – Field Day
CHECK THE SCHOOL [WEBSITE CALENDER](#) FOR FUTURE DIARY DATES

Attendance

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

Harriers	99.1%
Curlews	97.5%
Bitterns	93.8%
Average school	97.3%

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

Sponsored Run

Our annual sponsored run is on Wednesday 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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

IDEAS

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Brandon O'Keefe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brandon guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



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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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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.



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