

### Newsletter – WC 23rd June 2025

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- Philippians 4:13



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

#### **Curlews - Evie**

For fantastic problem solving in Maths using multiplication facts. Well done Evie!

#### Bitterns - Seb

For working methodically on times tables and completing all of the addition and subtraction work set this week to a high standard.

#### Harriers - Marnie

For being an all-round superstar, she is hardworking, kind, respectful and a joy to teach!

#### **Props making day**

Thanks to all the people who helped at the props making day. The hall was a buzz of action and a LOT of work got done. Particular thanks to Chimene, Rachel, Trueman, Lucy, Mia, Alice and Mrs Greenall

#### Secondary school open days/evenings

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

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

#### **Sports Day**

This will now be on Monday afternoon (30<sup>th</sup>) We wonder who will be the winning team this year? The children are in their teams and ready to go. PE kits must be worn. Colour group accessories can also be worn. Multi skills starts at 1330. Races at 1415. See you there.

#### **Staffing**

We need welfare staff from September 12:00-13:00. If you are interested please call the school office. All, or some of the week. Anything would help.

We also still need a site superviser/cleaner.

Again, call the office for a job description and details about salary and hours

#### Friday Thought

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

-Matthew 6:25

#### **Summer production**

The date is next Friday. The show times are 1330 and 1830. A letter has gone out this week along with details of the production and information about tickets.

If anyone knows anyone that can film the performance, we would really appreciate it.

#### **Class Blog**

It's Curlews' class blog this week. <u>Click here</u> to gain an insight into what a week in the life of a Curlew might look like.

#### **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

#### Lunches

.25

#### Week 1 WC 30.06.25

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

### **Giving fortnight**

It is giving fortnight WC 30<sup>th</sup> June. This was decided at the PTA AGM on the 13<sup>th</sup> June. If you would like to give to the playground project, please click on this <u>link</u>.

#### Polite reminder

If you want to contact the office on Tuesday and Friday by email, please ensure you use s.alderson@silverdale.lancs.sch.uk



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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.

#### **Year 6 Leavers arrangements**

Monday 30th June 2025 - Leavers Service

Blackburn Diocese Leavers service at Chorley Cathedral 10:00-12:00

#### Monday 7th July 2025 - Leavers Photos

We will take photos of our Year 6 leavers which will be available to download free of charge. We will take individual photos as well as friendship groups.

#### Thursday 17th July 2025

Year 6 leavers Party - TBA

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 - Shirt Signing

We are looking to give your child the opportunity to get their shirt signed in school, so please could you ensure your child has a shirt in school that they can have signed as well as the one that they are wearing.

#### <u>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 – Leavers Presentation and</u> picnic

11am in church. Our Year 6 children will take this opportunity to present to you their memories of primary school and look forward to their next challenges at secondary school. They will be handed their end of year trophies and Bibles.

This will be in church, followed by a whole school family picnic.

### 11+ Registration

11+ REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 ENTRANCE:

LGGS - REGISTER HERE LRGS - REGISTER HERE

SUCCESS PREPARATION

Please see <u>this link</u> for more information on an 11+ Summer School with Tutor Doctor.

#### Diary Dates next week..

30.06.25 - Home visits Reception Sept 2025

30.06.25 - Leavers Service Chorley

30.06.25 – Inclusive worship training

30.06.25 - New intake evening Dallam

01.07.25 - New Intake day Dallam

01.07.25 - Online safety training Miss S

02.07.25 - Curlews visit to church - Baptism

02.07.25 – Teddy Bears picnic – new intake

02.07.25 - Induction eve QES

04.07.25 - Welcome morning QES

04.07.25 – Summer production 13:30 and 18:30

#### **Attendance**

Well done to Harriers this week. Thank you to all families

Harriers 97.7%
Bitterns 93.1%
Curlews 86.3%
Average school 92.9%

#### **Sponsored Run**

Our annual sponsored run is now on **Thursday 10**<sup>th</sup> **July.** The team from Growing Well will be joining us, which is very exciting! 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.

The children have taken sponsor forms home.
Please sponsor them!
It's a long was for little legs. Why not scan the QR code here. Or click here



#### **Mathletics**

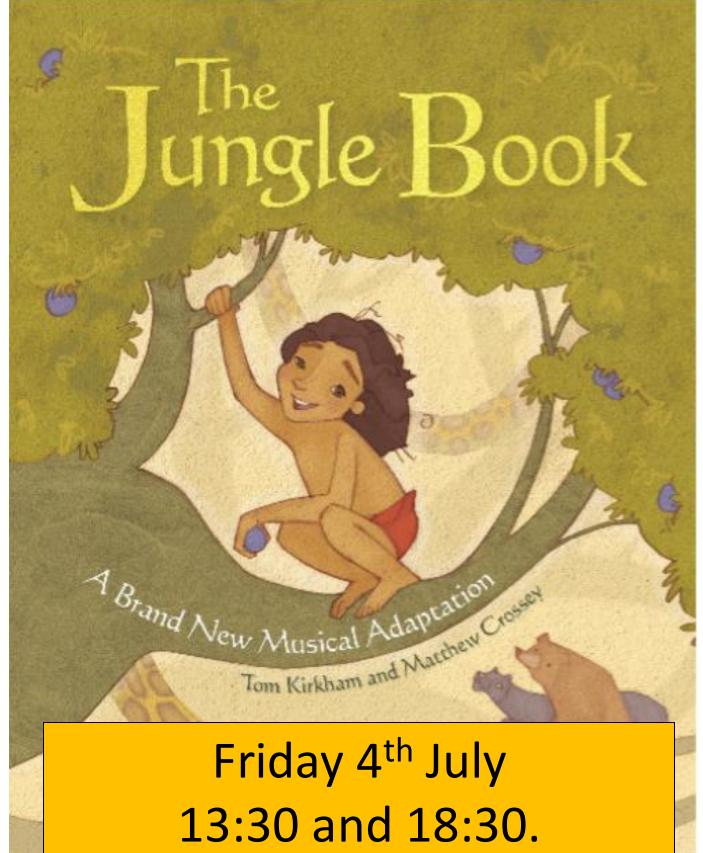


Well done to Teddy for getting your very first certificate in Mathletics.

Awesome work!

#### 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. Why not apply <a href="here">here</a> to become a school governor?



Tickets available from the school office

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# NINTENDOSWITCH2

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

# EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT



Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Hitman have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

#### IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eshop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approva

# UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like Fortnite or Splatoon 4 allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

# GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

#### CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

# POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie' (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

# Advice for Parents & Educators

#### **CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

#### REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

#### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



#### REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

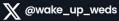
Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

#### **ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS**

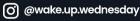
Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.



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# 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.









# **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.



- · 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
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#### **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



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#### 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





### 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.







