

# Newsletter – WC 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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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 – Roman

For working hard in Maths, counting and ordering numbers to 20. Amazing work.

You are a super star!

### Bitterns - Baine

For fantastic running in the sponsored run and being a great sport across all P.E activities.

### Harriers - Athena

For being so kind and a fantastic friend to everyone. You have a heart of gold!

## Secondary school open days/evenings

Dallam School – September 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

QES - Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm – 8pm

## Staffing

We need welfare staff from September 11:30 – 13:45. If you know anyone that would like to be involved in making lunchtimes fun for our children, please call the school office. This would be for 4 days a week Tuesday - Friday. We also still need a site supervisor/cleaner. Again, call the office for a job description and details about salary and hours

## Lunches

### Week 3 WC 14.07.25

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



## Class Blog

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

## Giving fortnight

We have raised just over £1300 since June 30<sup>th</sup>. This is amazing, and very much appreciated by the PTA. The window will stay open until 14<sup>th</sup> July. Lets see if we can get it to £2000. If you would like to give to the playground project, please click on this [link](#).

## Home Instead South Lakes

We are a care company who provide person centred care to clients in their homes, we are very involved in the community and supported local businesses. We are looking for caring people who want to make a difference in someone's life. Please get in touch on 01539 267220

<https://linktr.ee/homeinsteadsouthlakesdocs>

## Science Week

Next week is Science week in school. We are having Gavin from BASC North in on 15<sup>th</sup> July. He is making bird boxes with the children in all classes, and on 17<sup>th</sup> July we are having a whole school trip to Lakeland Wildlife Oasis.

Please send in consent slips for this asap.

## End of year worship

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July will be our final family worship of the year. We will be celebrating achievements from throughout the year. It will be a lovely celebratory occasion. All welcome.

## Friday Thought

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.  
—Philippians 4:11

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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.

## Year 6 Leavers arrangements

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Year 6 leavers Party – Soul Bowl 5-8.30pm

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

Your child will have 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.

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

11am in church. Our Year 6 children will take this opportunity to present 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.**

## Go Velo

All harriers need to bring bikes on Monday. Please bring a lock, if you are worried about theft. Please also discourage children to ride bikes on the playground at drop off and pick up. Many thanks

## Diary Dates next week..

14.07.25 – Science Week  
14.07.25 – Go Velo Harriers  
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15.07.25 – Gavin in Bird Boxes BASC  
15.07.25 – Scott in Bitterns and Harriers  
16.07.25 – Grid 3 training  
16.07.25 – Tim in Athletics  
17.07.25 – Whole school trip Wildlife Oasis  
17.07.25 – Year 6 leavers party  
18.07.25 – End of year family worship  
18.07.25 – Reports out to parents  
To checkout all the school diary dates, please [click here](#)

## Sponsored Run

This was brilliant, and so well organised by Belinda. Thankyou to our team of 14 marshals and to all the parents who ran with us. The event was seamless! The younger children also did their run too. Some children did 20 laps of the field! An awesome day with an awesome team. It was great having the Growing Well team with us too. If you would like to make a donation for the sponsored run, and for Growing Well, then please click [here](#)

Or, why not sponsor the children directly on their sponsor forms. Ask them how many laps they did, and then sponsor them per lap.

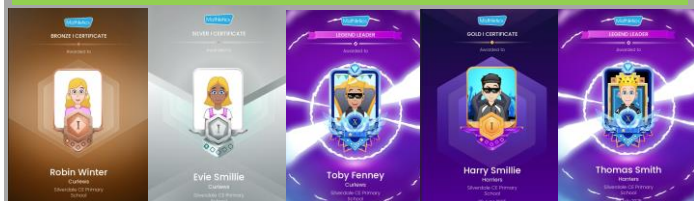


## Attendance

**Well done to Curlews this week.**

<b>Curlews</b>	<b>97.5 %</b>
<b>Harriers</b>	<b>95.5 %</b>
<b>Bitterns</b>	<b>94.9 %</b>
<b>Average School</b>	<b>95.9 %</b>

## Mathletics first 'firsts'



## Sports Kit

It's that time of year when we need a sports kit amnesty – if you have any of our sports kit at home, please can you send it in as soon as possible. Socks, shorts, tops etc



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

### COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

### DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

### REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

### FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

### USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

### PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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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](http://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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[morecambebay.org.uk](http://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
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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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Visit [www.morecambebay.org.uk/what-we-do/stories/bay-cycle-way-10th-birthday-challenge](http://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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**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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