

Newsletter – WC 14th July 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

Being so conscientious, so loving and SO much fun!

Bitterns

Being funny, fantastic and formidable when it come to running, and nearly all types of sport

Harriers

For being hardworking, helpful and so heroic.
You are all overcomers in your own individual ways.

Secondary school open days/evenings

Dallam School – September 18th Thursday and
Wednesday 24th 6-8pm
QES - Wednesday, November 13th, from 6pm –
8pm

Staffing



Vacancy Available

TA2B
(AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION)

Grade 5 (Point 6 to 11).
Salary £25,183 to £ 27,269 pro rata
£13.05 per hour
Term Part-time.
Perm / FTC Permanent.
Required 03/11/25
Hours 12.5 hours a week
15:00 -17:30 Monday to Friday
Closing Date 12/09/25



Vacancy Available

Welfare Assistant

Foundation living Wage
Salary £23,310 pro rata
£12.60 per hour
Term Part-time.
Permanent.
Required 15/09/25
Hours 11.25 hours a week
11:30 – 13:45 Monday to Friday
Closing Date 03/09/25

Songs and 'Send offs'

School is out for the summer next Tuesday.
We will be having our Year 6 Leavers' Service at 11am. Followed by leavers picnic at 12pm (there may be a special treat after lunch) We will then have a final 'Songs and Send off' assembly at 13:00.

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 14:00

Giving

We are on £1500 now. This is funding for our playground project. The 'giving' window has been open since June 30th and closed last Monday. This amount is amazing, and very much appreciated by the PTA. We will have another giving week in the autumn term.

Overdue accounts

Please check SCOPAY and ensure all money owed is paid by Tuesday.
Overdue accounts have a significant impact on school budget.
We still have to pay catering, suppliers, activity centres etc even if you don't.
This impacts on Quality of Education in school.

Science Week

Gavin from BASC North was brilliant on Tuesday. So informative, so resourceful too. The children learnt about animal conservation. Lots to know about predators and the food chain in the animal kingdom. The children loved making bird boxes. We also REALLY enjoyed our trip to Lakeland Wildlife Oasis. Thank you to Mrs Hodkinson for organising this for the whole school.

Lunches

Week 1 WC 21.07.25

Please note school lunches are as normal on Monday, but **ALL children should bring a packed lunch on Tuesday for the leavers' picnic**

Attendance

Well done to Curlews this week.

Curlews 87.5 %

Harriers 98.6 %

Bitterns 86.2 %

Average School 92.0 %

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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

Tuesday 22nd July 2025 - Shirt Signing

Your child will have the opportunity to get their shirt signed in school, so please could you ensure they have a shirt in school that they can have signed as well as the one that they are wearing.

Tuesday 22nd 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.

Friday Thought

But now, this is what the Lord says — he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." — Isaiah 43:1

Mathletics first 'firsts'



Well done to Robin for getting her first 'first' in Mathletics. Don't forget to log on to Mathletics over the holidays. Your teachers will set you some tasks to be going on with

Diary Dates next week..

21.07.25 – Moving and Movie Monday in school (transition conversations and choice of movie for each class)
22.07.25 – 11:00 Leavers' Service
22.07.25 – 12:00 Leavers' picnic (all invited, bring a picnic blanket)
22.07.25 – 13:00 Songs and send offs
22.07.25 – 14:00 School finishes
To checkout all the school diary dates, please [click here](#)

Thank you

A huge thank you from all the team here at Silverdale St John's for a fantastic 2024/25. The children have worked incredibly hard this year. The recent phonics, multiplication and SATS results reflect this. For the first time in a long time, we have celebrated a high percentage of children gaining higher standard in core areas – reading, GPS and maths. The hard work and dedication of the teaching staff, and the learning support staff has made a huge difference to progress and attainment across school. Thankyou to parents too. For your support and care. What a team!

Sponsored Run

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR SPONSOR MONEY INTO SCHOOL BEFORE TUESDAY.

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.



Headteacher Awards

Patrick Oscar Charlie S

For doing the right thing even when no one is looking (but Miss Sanderson has spotted you!) Caring, kind, generous, loving children. We thank you for your influence across school. It is so positive and powerful.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

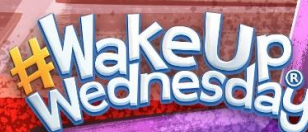
10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



The National College

St John's, Silverdale



Pop Up Cafe and Craft

Wednesdays 6th, 13th, 27th August
10am - 12noon

in The Parish Room,
Emesgate Lane,
Silverdale



Catch up with friends,
bring the children,
try out 'Gel Plate' art.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Morecambe Comic Con

***Free
Entry!***



Sun. 24th & Mon. 25th Aug.

10am - 4pm

The Platform, Morecambe

"Meet & Greet's" - Photo Op's - Costumers - Cosplay - Stalls