

Newsletter – WC 30th 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

Mrs Greenall

For such a brilliant job of props and stage direction

Miss Jackson

For patience and love for the summer production

Mia

For ideas and creativity to make actors look authentic

Margi

For being on the sound desk and for her time

And so many more helpers...

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

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 2 WC 07.07.25

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



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.

Giving fortnight

We have already raised just over £1000 in just 5 days. This is amazing, and very much appreciated by the PTA. The window will stay open until 14.07.25. If you would like to give to the playground project, please click on this [link](#).

Summer production

We still need a camera crew! Are there any last minute budding camera people out there that can showcase our wonderful production at 6.30pm? We would really appreciate any support.

Science Week

WC 14.07.25 is Science week in school. We are having Gavin from BASC North in on 15th July. He is making bird boxes with the children in all classes, and on 17th July we are having a whole school trip to Lakeland Wildlife Oasis. Letters to follow next week.

End of year worship

Friday 18th 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

The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment.
—Proverbs 10:21

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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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

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 22nd 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.

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.

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.



Diary Dates next week..

07.07.25 – Hazel in school - volunteer
07.07.25 – Year 6 Leavers photos
07.07.25 – Parent lookaround
09.07.25 – 'Follow my Leader' for new Reception children
10.07.25 – Growing Well Sponsored Run at 09:30
11.07.25 – Sportsreach worship
11.07.25 – SS/Governor safeguarding update
11.07.25 – Transition Day
To checkout all the school diary dates, please [click here](#)

Attendance

Well done to Curlews and Bitterns this week.

Curlews	96.9%
Bitterns	96.9%
Harriers	85.5%
Average School	92%

Sponsored Run

Our annual sponsored run is on **Thursday 10th July**. The team from Growing Well will be joining us, which is very exciting! Belinda is helping to organise again. We have enough marshals now. However, we do need runners! Please can you get in touch with Belinda if you are available. Please sponsor the children directly, or why not make a donation with this QR code. Or click [here](#)



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.

Bikes and Scooters

We would like to remind children that bikes and scooters are NOT to be ridden on the playground before or after school. Please be mindful of other people using the playground and ensure that everyone is safe.

The background of the poster is a lush green jungle scene. A large tree trunk curves across the middle. A young boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a red loincloth, is climbing the tree. He is smiling and holding a small blue fruit. In the background, a large white moon is visible through the foliage. Several blue monkeys are scattered throughout the scene, some hanging from branches. At the bottom right, a brown bear and a purple panther are visible. The title 'The Jungle Book' is written in a large, yellow, serif font at the top. Below the tree, the text 'A Brand New Musical Adaptation' and 'Tom Kirkham and Matthew Crossey' is written in a white, serif font. At the bottom, the date and time 'Friday 4th July 2025 13:30 and 18:30.' and the ticket information 'Tickets available from the school office' are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, there is a small red logo that says 'Log it!' with some smaller text below it.

The Jungle Book

A Brand New Musical Adaptation
Tom Kirkham and Matthew Crossey

Friday 4th July 2025

13:30 and 18:30.

**Tickets available from the
school office**

Log it!

Log it! is a
free online tool
for recording
your data

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
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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