

Newsletter – WC 29th September 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 - Ezra

For always being curious to learn new things. You are an amazing explorer!

Well done Ezra!

Bitterns – Charlie

For being an overcomer and reading out beautifully during poetry day.

Harriers – Seb B

For amazing independent writing. You have really impressed Miss Jackson with what you can do!

Poetry Day

The competition was high again this year. We thank all our children who took part in our poetry day competition. All competitors got a prize for taking part, as did runners up and the winners for each Key Stage.

The winner of Key Stage 2 was Solomon, with the runner up being Kara

The winner of Key Stage 1 was Roman, with the runner up being Axel.

The winner of EYFS was Ezra.

A special acclaimed prize went to Reuben.

The best class went to Curlews for their rendition of 'The Nut Tree'.

Some of our children wrote their own poems, some reciting ones they'd found and enjoyed.

All of our children tried their best and loved impressing our judges Eve, Alan and Sefton. A truly lovely afternoon.

Lunches

Week 3 WC 06.10.25



Class Blog

[Click here](#), to see what a week in the life of being a Curlew is like

Open Day

There will be an open day for existing and prospective parents on **Thursday 6th November**. There will be three 'tours' throughout the day. **09:30, 10:45 and 13:30**. Our School Council will be helping show case our wonderful school. Please spread the word about open day to anyone you think might be interested. Why not take a look at our [video](#)?

PTA events

18.10.25 Grounds morning

21.10.25 – Autumn Disco (see flyer)

04.11.25 – PTA Meeting

28.11.25 – Christmas Markets

09.12.25 – Christmas movie night (straight after school)

10.02.26 – Valentines Disco

24.03.26 - PTA Easter bingo

Staffing

We are excited to announce that we appointed Helen Robinson as After School Club manager. Mia will be stepping down from the role after half term, but don't worry, she isn't going far! She will still be helping in ASC on a Tuesday and Trudy will be helping for three nights a week.

We thank Mia for all her hard work overseeing ASC over the last few years. The children love her, as do the parents. As do we! Mia will continue working in school, but as site supervisor and breakfast club manager.

Attendance

A huge 'well done' to Harriers & Curlews

Harriers 97.1%

Curlews 97.1%

Bitterns 96.5%

Average school 96.8%



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The words of Jesus: Our Christian Value this week is Trust

School Nurse Drop ins

If you have any health concerns about your child, our school has been allocated a school nurse drop-in on the second Tuesday of every month. This is at Carnforth hub (located next to Carnforth High School) from 12:30 – 1:45pm. The first drop-in is on Tuesday 14 October. We are awaiting a poster to advertise this but please make use of this service if you are at all worried about the health of your child.

Workshop week

These are being held in school WC 10.11.25. There will be a phonics workshop on Monday 10th at 17:00 with Mrs Tetchner.

There will be a SATS workshop for year 6 parents on Tuesday 11th at 17:00 with Miss Jackson.

There will be a reading workshop on Thursday 13th, with Mrs Hodgkinson. Please email these teachers, if you would like to join these workshops.

Curriculum

Our current theme for Autumn term is 'How does it work'. Each class has a breakdown of what objectives are being taught each week, in a half termly overview. Please click on the following links to see what your children are learning.

[Curlews](#) [Bitterns](#) [Harriers](#)

School Coffee Morning

Tomorrow is our school coffee morning. Any donations of food, drink, combola, bric a brac and anything else would be greatly appreciated. We would any help on the day!

Friday Thought

My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. — Psalm 34:2

Next Week...

Staff Appraisals this week

06.10.25– Diocesan adviser to see Miss S

06.10.25 – Playground equipment inspection

07.10.25 – Mrs T Talk for Writing training

08.10.25 – Miss S Lowland Leader training

10.10.25 – World Mental Health Day – children to wear yellow accessories

[WEBSITE CALENDER](#) FOR FUTURE DIARY DATES

Parent Meetings

These will be taking place WC 17.11.25.

Bitterns will be on Tuesday 18th

November, Harriers on Wednesday 19th

and Curlews on Thursday 20th. Please

complete the reply slip with your preferred time, and return to class teacher asap.

SEND

Miss Sanderson is the SENDCo in school. If you have any concerns about your child, first raise them up with your child's class teacher, who will be able to speak to you about observations and signpost to Miss Sanderson if needed. If your child has a pupil passport, these are reviewed every term, and will be updated in time to share with you at parents evening. If you have any further SEND questions, please see our website, or email Miss Sanderson to arrange an appointment.

School Applications

The application process for both secondary and primary school places for September 2023 is now open. To apply use this online form, please click here. Secondary applications close on 31st October 2025 and Primary applications close on 15th January 2025.

Polite Reminder

Please can you ensure children line up in a morning, and then follow their teacher into school through the correct door. Any late comers (after 08:45) must come from the front door. There are an increasing amount of adults and children in the cloakroom area in a morning, and it can feel very congested.

COFFEE MORNING

Sat 4th Oct
10:00am

Silverdale

CANCELLED

parents)
(small)
izes (larger)
and toys for the Bric-a-
Brac

Help on the day!



**Fundraising for
Silverdale School**



Tuesday 21st October 2025

6pm until 7.30pm

**At Silverdale St Johns
School.**

**Entry £1 – All funds raised for the
PTA**

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.



ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

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