



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

**Curlews – Teddy**

For independent writing about the characters in Supertato! Well done Teddy!

**Bitterns – Abigail**

working hard across all areas of the curriculum, tenacity in problem

**Harriers – Kara**

For taking initiative to improve her own learning. When she finds things tricky, she tries even harder! Well done Kara.

## Garden surplus stall

Thanks to Karen Bennet and Tracey Watson-Keith for their generous donations on behalf of the Garden Surplus Stall. They have given us funding for soil. Paul Beck has agreed to supply us with 2 tonnes of topsoil and 1 tonne of mushroom compost for £100 in total. Amazing! Thankyou to this wonderful community project. It will help hugely with our raised beds and planting near the trees

## Lunches

**Week 1 WC 24.11.25**



## Kendal Mountain Festival

Year 6 loved this today! Sessions included...

**Max Romey** – filmmaker, environmentalist, and artist; Max will share his new film "A Little Story about Forever"

**Alenka Mali** – the first woman to successfully complete and document a snowboard BASE jump!  
**Tracy Moseley** – ex-downhill and Enduro Champion mountain bike racer

## Class Blog

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

## Half termly overviews

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](#)

## PTA and funding

### Outside area

PTA are paying for the outside classroom, pond regeneration and the den building area. Thankyou. School has budgeted for new main gates, and the shelter. Planning permission has gone in for the latter and will hopefully be approved in the next couple of weeks.

### Minibus

Again, we are tentatively researching options for purchasing a school minibus. It could be somewhere in the region of £15-20k. If you know of any fleet minibuses that are becoming available to buy, please see Miss Sanderson. A minibus would be a lifeline to us giving our children those cultural capital experiences

## Friday Thought

When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul.  
— Psalm 94:19

## Christmas Events

Please see email sent today, re diary dates to the end of term and Christmas events

## Attendance

**A massive 'well done' to Harriers and Curlews this week**

Curlews	100.0 %
Harriers	100.0 %
Bitterns	97.56 %
Average school	99.18 %

# Newsletter – WC 17th November 2025

*Inspiring success through learning, community and faith.*

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*

- Philippians 4:13



## More Top Tips!

Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. If you can, turn off the TV, radio and computer. Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves.

Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together

Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

## Charity of the year

Any ideas for Charity of the Year? Please get in touch with Miss Sanderson with any thoughts. Once decided, the children will have chance to vote on their preference

## School Applications

The application process for both secondary and primary school places for September 2026 is now open. Primary applications close on 15th January 2026. [Click here for the application form](#)

## Posada

Posada is when small versions of Mary and Joseph travel around different households in the community and stay there for one night. You can sign up in advance, offering to host Mary and Joseph for a night. On Christmas eve, the figures are returned to church.

## Next Week...

24.11.25 – Mrs T after school CPD RE  
25.11.25 – SEND review  
26.11.25 – Mrs Harrision CPD Mental Health  
27.11.25 – SEND review  
27.11.25 – Harriers farm visit Group 2  
28.11.25 – Advent Quiet Day  
28.11.25 – SEND review  
28.11.25 – Mrs H CPD assessment  
Pupil Progress meetings this week

[WEBSITE CALENDER](#) FOR FUTURE DIARY DATES

## School Council

Our new school council has now been created. We had a super response this year. Great manifestos & wonderfully, confident children. Chair - Harry, Vice chair – Seb B, Secretary – Partrick. Treasurer – Charlie, Marketing – Suzie. Key Stage One representatives – Axel and Arlo

## Children in Need

Thankyou to all those children who brought in £1 last Friday. We raised £67! Miss Sanderson will send the money off to Children in Need this week. School council did a great job of organising events and competitions.

## Christmas Market

We have at least 10 stall holders now for the Christmas market. Our wonderful community will be selling a range of products, from photographs, artwork and knitted items to reindeer dust and baubles.

We still need...

Raffle prizes – can any local businesses support us?

Chocolate (multipacks)

Wine etc.

Volunteers on the night (see Carly)  
Children to sell raffle tickets. These have been sent home today.

**Tickets are £3 (early bird – 17:00-18:00)  
£2 (18:00 onwards)**



# Elf Run!

We will be taking part in the  
St John's Hospice Elf Run on

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 09:30



Remember to get sponsored for this fun  
run for the local Hospice, providing care  
for patients with life limiting conditions!



# Breakfast & After School Club

Safe, fun, and friendly care for your children before and after school!



## Breakfast Club

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Enjoy a healthy breakfast, fun activities, and great start to your day!



## After School Club

3:15 PM – 5:30 PM

Homework support, games, creative activities, and lots of fun with friends!



**Book Your Place Today!**

Contact: 01524 701467

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- Snacks and drinks provided

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# **PTA** **CHRISTMAS** **MARKET**



**FRIDAY**  
**28th NOVEMBER**  
**from 5pm until late**

**At The Silverdale Hotel**  
**Shore Rd, Silverdale**

*Festive games, mince pies, school  
carol singers, mulled wine & plenty  
of local artisan gifts & crafts*





# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

### TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

### FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

### INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

### DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

### CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

### USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

### HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

## Meet Our Expert

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