



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

Curlews – Flynn

For sharing his love for reading and favourite authors with the class. Well done Flynn!

Bitterns – Patrick

For being an all-round superstar! Especially in English and Art this week – well done!

Harriers – Charlie

For having so many good qualities. Charlie is kind, hardworking, respectful and an absolute joy to teach!

THE STARS OF THE WEEK WILL ENJOY THE TOP TABLE FROM NOW ON WITH THE LUNCHTIME LEGENDS

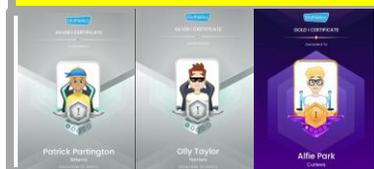
Class Blog

It's Curlews' class this week to share their [blog](#). Why not take a look to see what they have been doing in and out of class.

Spring Horticultural Show

The children will be bringing home a copy of the programme for the Spring Horticultural show very soon, which will be on Saturday 28th March. There are lots of different categories they can enter, so if they are looking for a fun project over the weekends they could keep themselves busy making or planting something that has the chance of winning a prize in the show. If you have never been to the show it is a lovely village tradition, which the children love to be part of with so many colourful crafts/plants on display and of course lots of homemade cake!

Mathletics



Well done to Patrick, Oly and Alfie on their first 'firsts' this week!

Forest School sessions

These started yesterday. The children were cold and wet, but despite this we had a lot of fun making bows and arrows, making clay insects and playing eagles nest! Thanks to Eve and Belinda for all their support and resources.

Curriculum Overviews

Curriculum overviews for this half term, are now available to read on the website. Your child should have brought a paper copy home too.

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

Friday Thought

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

—1 John 4:9

Church News

Why not pop along to the 9am service (Parish room) or the 'all family' service on Sunday at 10:30. Eve and the parishioners would love to see you!

Punctuality

Please can parents ensure their child is in class by 8.55am. When children arrive late it disrupts the class routine and children can miss instructions for the work they are doing. It is particularly disruptive if several children arrive late. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance

A Massive Well done to Curlews this week

Curlews	100 %
Bitterns	97.2%
Harriers	96.1%
AVERAGE SCHOOL	97.2%

Online safety workshop

If you are interested in an online safety workshop, please can you let Miss Sanderson know. We need to gauge numbers before we book someone to deliver the workshop



Newsletter – WC 23rd February 2026

Inspiring success through learning, community and faith.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

- Philippians 4:13

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

PTA Events

Mothers' Day secret shop- Friday 13th March
Easter Bingo – Tuesday 24th March

Pathways to ADHD and ASC

We have been informed that we cannot complete any more referrals for ADHD and ASC assessment at this time. Please see the information on the NHS website - [Statement regarding referrals for autism spectrum disorder \(ASD\) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder \(ADHD\) :: Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Mothers' Day Secret Shop

We need lots of lovely gifts for your secret shop. Smellies, choccies, scarves, alcohol! Our mums deserve the very best, as the children say thank you for being marvellous. Please bring any items and leave at the office by Thursday 12th March.

Lunchtime Legends

Our 'Lunchtime Legends' this week are... Elora, Harry S, Roman, Patrick. Super eating, super manners, super children!

Uniform and Lost Property

Please can we remind families that school uniform is black shoes or ankle boots (no other colours). Laces should be plain black. PE and Active wear is plain blue round neck t-shirt and plain royal blue shorts Black pumps/plimsolls or trainers. In the colder months it is important that the children are dressed appropriately for outdoor PE. Children may bring a sweatshirt and tracksuit/jogging bottoms that can then be worn OVER the normal PE uniform . Please can everyone spend some time over this weekend to ensure all items are named. We still have lots of lost property. If you are missing any items please come to the front office and have a look through the basket.

Next Week...

02.03.26 – family look around school
03.03.26 – Speech and Language therapist in school
03.03.26 – EYFS – Borwick
03.03.26 – Full Governors Meeting
04.03.26 – Year 1 & 2 Borwick
05.03.26 – Year 3/4 Borwick
05.03.26 – Forest School
06.03.26 – Year 3/4 Borwick
Please don't forget to check the [online calendar](#) for future events

Mothers' Day cuppa

There will be coffee and cake for our mums on Friday 13th March, straight after worship. School Council will be waiting on our mums, aunts, grandmas, or any 'motherlike' figures. If any dads would like to help, then please see Miss Sanderson

Young Voices

Thanks to the Young Voices choir that led us in worship this morning. It was great to hear about all of their experiences and the Co-op arena in Manchester. Thanks to Miss Jackson too, for leading the choir and giving up her time and energy on the evening
CAN ALL BLUE CAPS USED FOR YOUNG VOICES, PLEASE BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL

Lunches

Week 3 WC 02.03.26



Adapted Learning

Does anyone have an exercise bike that they no longer need? Or a bike that we can put on a roller trainer. We are looking to have one for our children who are neuro diverse. Exercise is powerful in helping children be 'learning ready'. It reduces difficulties in processing by increasing dopamine, norepinephrine, and serotonin levels in the brain, improving focus, impulsivity, and mood.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

SNAP STREAK

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🌟 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Breakfast & After School Club

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



Breakfast Club

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

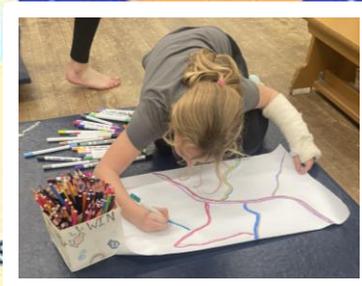
Enjoy a healthy breakfast, fun activities, and great start to your day!



After School Club

3:15 PM – 5:30 PM

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



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