



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

Curlews - Robin

For fantastic story writing, being creative and always being proud of her work.

Well done Robin!

Bitterns – Noah

For being a little firecracker in spelling! You knew when to double the consonants straight away when using the suffix 'est'!

Harriers – Emrys

For striving to improve every day. You are making fantastic progress, especially in English. Keep it up!



Mathletics

Well done to Toby for getting his first 'first' and well done for being the first to get an 'EPIC'!

SATS

Our year 6s will be sitting their SATS WC 11.05.26. Miss Jackson will be providing breakfast. Please encourage children to come to SATS club on a Thursday night, and practise at home. These websites are great.

- BBC Bitesize (Free):** Highly recommended for engaging videos, interactive activities, and quizzes covering the full curriculum for KS1 and KS2, including specific SATs revision sections.
- MyMiniMaths (Free):** Excellent for daily arithmetic and reasoning practice, featuring dedicated Year 6 arithmetic papers.
- CorbettMaths Primary (Free):** Known for its "5-a-day" feature, providing short, daily practice questions and video tutorials.
- SATs-Papers.co.uk (Free):** A comprehensive, independent site providing past papers for both KS1 and KS2 from 1999 to 2026, which are essential for practice.

Friday Thought

Since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. —Romans 1:20

Church News

Sunday Worship

09:00 on Sundays - an informal gathering to sing songs and talk about the Bible readings for the day in the Parish Room.

10.30 - a service with hymns, Bible readings, prayers and Holy Communion alternate weeks (1st & 3rd). All welcome any time.

Half Termly Overviews

Our new theme is The Great Outdoors for the summer term. Please find half termly overviews on our website...

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

Lunchtime Legends

Our 'Lunchtime Legends' this week are...

Darcie, Finley, Solomon, Esmae and Georgia Super children doing super stuff at lunchtime!

Landscaping

We need a small team of people to help turn over the garden area in Curlews class. This will be a growing and 'outdoor learning' space for our younger children. There's some quite hard earth that needs digging up ready for planting.

Please let Miss Sanderson know if you are willing to help. Again, if anyone has any leads – do pass them on to Miss Sanderson.

Class Blog

It's Curlews' class this week! Please [click](#) on the link to gain an insight into what the children have been learning in class.



Newsletter – WC 20th April 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 Forgiveness

PTA Events

27th and 28th June – Arts Trail cafe

Den building area

We have put a natural boundary around the den building area, so the children don't access without adult supervision. Please can you discourage children from going in this area out of school hours. We don't want anyone having an accident. The sticks are sharp and the willow is like a whip if swung around.

Bag2School

Bag2School is the largest textile collection company working with schools in the UK. Founded in 1999, they have now paid over £48 million to schools, nurseries, playgroups, pre-school groups and churches which is helping the Circular Economy. They provide a free fundraising service for anyone wanting to raise funds using a resource EVERYONE has got in their wardrobe – unwanted clothes. Better still, the bags used for collections are all recycled!

Our collection day is Friday 8th May.

Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties, bras, jewellery, socks, belts. Please place all items in the bag and leave outside school on the Friday morning. We get money, so please do give generously.

Lunches

Week 2 WC 27.04.26

Vacancies

We have two vacancies in school. Both would be a great opportunity for someone local to come and join our lovely school family.

Welfare Assistant

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 12:00- 13:00

After School Assistant

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 15:00 – 16:30

Please contact Miss Sanderson if you are anyone you know, might be interested.

head@silverdale.lancs.sch.uk

Next Week...

27.04.26 – Adapted teaching CPD

28.04.26 – Speech and Language therapist in school

28.04.26 – Miss S – Assessment training

30.04.26 – Mrs H – DSL training

01.05.26 – Miss S/School Adviser

Please don't forget to check the [online calendar](#) for future events

Attendance

Well done to Bitterns this week

Bitterns 95.3 %

Harriers 94.7%

Curlews 93.8%

AVERAGE SCHOOL 94.8 %

Worry Box

A United Against Bullying (UAB) pupil survey found that up to 20% of pupils either worry 'a lot' or 'always' worry, and that a further 55% of children 'sometimes' worry. We want to give all of our children an outlet for their worries, particularly those who aren't being reached in PSHE lessons. We hope that by giving children an outlet to share worries in a private and safe way, they will open up more and therefore feel less anxious. The WORRY BOX is on the shelf outside the office.

Children can post anything they like in the box. It will be checked every morning, and responded to that day. This might mean withdrawing from class for a chat, or a walk around the school field.

Reception 2026 intake

Admission offers for Reception Classes in September 2026 were released this week. Currently, we have 3 children down to attend Silverdale St John's, which is below our usual intake. We are aware of low birth years; however, if you know of anyone who is unhappy with their choice of school, please let them know that we have room!

Eco Club

Belinda, Eve and the gang have space at Eco club. All are welcome. Wednesday 15:15-16:15

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

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STAY & PLAY



Our sessions are
every Friday
morning.
Term time
In our early years
classroom.
09:00-10:30
All welcome



Silverdale St John's Primary School