



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

Curlews – Darcie

For your enthusiasm and motivation.
You are always learning ready!

Bitterns – Evie

For such enthusiasm about everything.
School magazine, church, maths. You are so
diverse in your interests too!

Harriers – Solomon

For a good attitude and work ethic, Solomon

Production support

Miss Jackson has asked if parents can help with making props next Wednesday and Thursday. It's always so nice to celebrate the gifts and skills of our wider school family. If you would like to help make props for our summer production of Mission Implausible, then just turn up at 09:30

Free School Meal entitlement

Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals? Your child may be able to get free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits (including Universal Credit, Income-based Jobseekers' Allowance and Child Tax Credit). Free School Meal eligibility not only provides daily free lunches, but also free milk for Rec & KS1 and a £15 supermarket voucher per child for each week during the school holidays (adds up to £195 per year) and reduced costs for residential visits. If you think you may be eligible, it is free to apply and you can do so on this [link](#). If you have any queries about pupil premium entitlement, then please email bursar@silverdale.lancs.sch.uk

Class Blog

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

Friday Thought

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.
— Psalm 46:10

Remarkable Reader

The children are doing so well with their quizzes and reading 5for5nights. Please ask them if they have had a raffle ticket this week?

Lunchtime Legends

Our 'Lunchtime Legends' have been brilliant this week. Joe, Darcy, Seb B
Super children doing super stuff at lunchtime!

Transition Days

QES - New intake evening 18:00 24.06.26
Induction day 07.07.26
Dallam - New Intake Evening 29.06.26
Induction Day 30.06.25

Harriers' day trip

Our planned trip to Liverpool WC 13th July is taking shape. Escape rooms. Boat trip and museum tour. We can't wait. The cost of the trip is £20. Please see letter which will go out on Monday, and return consent slips asap.

LRGS

Lancaster Royal Grammar School is opening the doors to prospective families interested in applying for a place in September 2027. Families are welcome to attend the [Open Day on Saturday 20 June from 9am-1pm](#).

Key dates:

20/06/26 LRGS Open Day
07/09/26 Closing date for applications to LRGS for 11+ entrance test.
26/09/26 11+ entrance test at LRGS.
06/10/26 Results sent to parents.
30/10/26 Closing date for parents to apply for a place via the LEA.
01/03/27 LEA results sent to parents.
[Applications are now being accepted via the LRGS website.](#)



Newsletter – WC 8th June 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 RESPECT

PTA Events

Helpers needed at the arts trail cafe!

Please can you spare two hours on June 27th or 28th? Duties include washing & drying up, serving and clearing tables.

Please sign up

at <https://tinyurl.com/PTAARTSCAFE>

We need at least six adults and five children per session.

Attendance

Well done to Curlews

Curlews 93.75 %

Harriers 92.2 %

Bitterns 88.3 %

AVERAGE SCHOOL 91.7 %

Fathers' Day

Bacon butties for our dads and father figures will be available next Friday morning on the playground. School Council will be supporting us. Come early!

Mission Implausible

The children have now been allocated their parts and rehearsals are well on their way. Please see Miss Jacskon for any costumes that are needed. The performances will be in the Gaskell hall on

Thursday 2nd July at 1.30 pm and 6.30 pm

Sponsored Run

We haven't had any volunteers as yet for this, so we may have to postpone until later in the term. If you CAN help please email Miss Sanderson asap. Belinda has prior commitments this year. We need helpers on the day and someone to put all the markers out on the Wednesday night. We need first aiders and someone with a bike too!

School Magazine club

Our school magazine club is coming along nicely.

The children interviewed the teachers on Tuesday night. Our first edition will be going to print WC 13.07.26. Watch this space for the Silverdale Express!

Next Week...

- 15.06.26 – Learning Support appraisals
- 15.06.26 – Parent lookaround
- 16.06.26 – Mrs T/Mr Barfoot RE Learning walks
- 16.06.26 – Pupil parliament event Cockerham primary school
- 17.06.26 – Young leaders awards training
- 18.06.26 – KS2 Sponsored Run
- 19.06.26 – Sports day 13:30-15:00
- 20.06.26 – Field and Fun day (see poster)

Click on the [online calendar](#) for future events

Leighton Hall

Curlews had a fabulous time at Leighton Hall. They did lots of seasonal art – making flower hats, creating clay figures and exploring the amazing grounds. The children were so well behaved. Thank you to Leighton hall, and to our fantastic volunteer John, for supporting us on the day. The sun shone too. Whoopee!

Assessments

Y1 phonics: Wow! The children were amazing doing their screening quizzes this week.

Thankyou to all the teachers that have worked so hard to prepare them for this and for helping our children be confident readers.

Multiplication tables check: All Y4 children did their MTC on Thursday. It's a lot of pressure, and they did sooo well. We are super proud.

Y2 assessments: although we no longer have to statutorily report results of our Y2 assessments, the children will sit internal assessments along with Y3,4,5 in the week beginning **15th June**.

EYFS: children will be assessed on the areas of learning in the EYFS curriculum. This is teacher assessment and no test is taken.

Lunches

Week 3 WC 15.06.26

Silverdale St John's Primary School PTA

Arts Trail



Saturday 27th June &
Sunday 28th June

CAFE OPEN

10am - 2pm **BOTH DAYS**



Sausage Rolls!
Soup & Rolls!
Delicious Cakes & Scones!

Whatever the weather, come and visit our lovely cafe supported by our wonderful children and parents!

Raising Money for the PTA!



SILVERDALE

FUN & FIELD DAY



FANCY DRESS

COMPETITION



REGISTRATION
OF ENTRIES
11.45AM

AT SILVERDALE
ST JOHN'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL



JUDGING
STARTS
12.00PM



CATEGORIES

- INDIVIDUAL
- SMALL GROUPS
- LARGE GROUPS
- FAMILY GROUPS
- CHILDREN & ADULTS



PARADE

THROUGH THE VILLAGE

LEAVES AT
1.00PM



★ COME ALONG, DRESS UP, AND JOIN THE FUN! ★

D L&DCS Chorale Presents

A Musical World

Friday 19th June 7:30 PM
St John's Church, Silverdale

Featuring...

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Funiculi Funicula

A Whiter Shade of Pale

For the Beauty of the Earth

Imagine

What a Wonderful World

The Rhythm of Life

...and more!



Adults: £10

Accompanied children: £5



Tickets available from choir members or call 07583 109 511.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SPORTS BETTING ONLINE

Sports betting online involves placing wagers on real-world sporting events through websites, apps, and linked accounts. In the UK, licensed gambling is illegal for under-18s, yet young people may still encounter betting through sports coverage, social media, gaming spaces, friends, or adult accounts. With gambling content increasingly visible online, parents and educators should help children understand the risks, financial impact, pressure, and how to make safer choices.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASY ONLINE ACCESS

Online sports betting sites and apps are widely available and can be accessed through phones, tablets, computers, and, indirectly, gaming or social platforms. Some young people may attempt to bypass age checks using false details or someone else's account. Digital wallets, prepaid cards, and saved payment details can also make spending harder to notice, increasing the risk of discreet or impulsive betting.

PEER AND INFLUENCER PRESSURE

Social media influencers, online tipsters, and sports content creators can make betting appear fun, profitable, or part of being a committed fan. Young people may feel pressure to copy this behaviour, especially when friends talk about odds, accumulators, or predictions during matches. Gambling advertising rules aim to protect under-18s, but children can still see persuasive betting content in online spaces.

FREE BET OFFERS

Online betting platforms often use free bets, bonus credits, or 'risk-free' promotions to attract users. These offers can make gambling seem safe or low commitment, but they usually include terms and conditions that young people may not understand. A free incentive can lead to real spending, repeated deposits, or the belief that gambling is easier to control than it is.

NORMALISING GAMBLING BEHAVIOUR

Online sports betting can make gambling feel like a routine part of watching sport. Young people may begin to see odds, predictions, and wagers as harmless entertainment rather than as financial risk. This can also blur boundaries with other gambling-like activities, including loot boxes, skins betting, or casino-style games, making later gambling feel more acceptable or familiar.

ADVERTISING AROUND SPORT

Young people can be exposed to betting brands through sports broadcasts, social media, sponsorship, pitch-side advertising, and content linked to major fixtures. Repeated exposure may make gambling seem normal, glamorous, or expected as part of the sport. Without adult guidance, children may connect betting with excitement, loyalty, and success, rather than understanding that gambling is designed to make money from customers.

CHASING WINS AND LOSSES

A winning bet can create excitement and encourage a young person to try again, while a losing bet may lead them to place another wager to win back the money. This is known as chasing losses. Because online bets can be quick, small, and available at any time, children may not recognise how rapidly repeated decisions can become costly and emotionally harmful.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about how betting works, including odds, losses, advertising, and the fact that gambling companies are commercial businesses. Use examples they may recognise, such as betting adverts during football matches, influencer predictions, or online tipsters. Keep the tone calm and curious, so that children feel able to ask questions, share concerns, and discuss pressure from friends without fearing punishment.

EXPLORE ONLINE EXPOSURE

Ask which apps, websites, games, sports channels, and social media accounts children use around live sport. Betting content may appear through adverts, sponsorship, livestreams, tipster pages, or discussions between friends. Watching a match together can help you point out gambling messaging in real time and explain how it is designed to influence choices, normalise betting, and encourage spending.

SET SAFER BOUNDARIES

Use device, app store, and bank settings to limit spending, block gambling transactions where possible, and require adult approval for purchases. Check payment histories for unfamiliar withdrawals, digital wallet use, or repeated small transactions. These safeguards work best alongside clear conversations, helping children understand that online payments are still real money, even when they feel quick, hidden, or invisible.

NOTICE AND SEEK SUPPORT

Look out for secrecy around devices, sudden interest in odds, requests for money, unexplained spending, mood changes linked to sports results, or late-night phone use. Respond with support first, then gather information and seek specialist advice where needed. Organisations such as GambleAware, Ygam, GAMSTOP, and the Gambling Commission provide information about gambling harms, education, blocking tools, and support routes.

Meet Our Expert

Bubba Gaeddert is a Senior Lecturer and the Head of Events at the University Campus of Esports. He is also the President and Co-Founder of the Videogames and Esports Foundation, a charity that supports safe and inclusive gaming environments. With over 25 years of experience in esports, education, and media, Bubba is a global leader in promoting positive gaming practices for youth and families.



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Lancaster Royal Grammar School

State Day and Boarding School for Boys 11 to 18
Coeducational Sixth Form

Open Day

Saturday 20 June 9am – 1pm

Come and experience for yourselves what makes LRGs such a successful, happy and welcoming community.

Visit our Assembly Hall and take a tour of the school with one of our pupils.

The last tour will leave at 12.15pm

Headmaster Dr Pyle will give a welcome talk in the Assembly Hall at 10am, 11am and 12pm. No booking necessary.

If you are interested in boarding we would like to invite you to visit Storey House for refreshments.

Please book with Emma Jones on 01524 580632 or email: cjones@lrgs.org.uk



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