



Newsletter – WC 22nd June 2026

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– Philippians 4:13



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

Curlews – Arlo

For being imaginative in play during Forest School and den building with your friends.

Bitterns – Quinn

For great work in English this week, improving sentences and spotting speech punctuation

Harriers – Oscar

For never giving up when things get tricky and having a great work ethic.

Year 6 Leavers arrangements

Wednesday 8th July 2026 – Leavers Photos

We will take photos of our Year 6 leavers which will be available to download free of charge. We will take individual photos as well as friendship groups.

Thursday 16th July 2026

Year 6 leavers Party – TBA

Monday 20th July 2026 - Shirt Signing

We are looking to give your child the opportunity to get their shirt signed in school, so please could you ensure your child has a shirt in school that they can have signed as well as the one that they are wearing.

Tuesday 21st July 2026– Leavers Presentation and picnic

11am in church. Our Year 6 children will take this opportunity to present to you their memories of primary school and look forward to their next challenges at secondary school. They will be handed their end of year trophies and Bibles.

This will be in church, followed by a whole school family picnic and then a final assembly in the hall.

Parent Governor

Please see the letter that went out this week regarding parent governor elections. We have a vacancy.

Friday Thought

Sing to God, extol him who rides on the clouds — his name is the Lord — and rejoice before him. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. —Psalm 68:4-5

Lunchtime Legends

Our 'Lunchtime Legends' have been brilliant this week. Seb C, Jax, Sam, Finley, Torvi Super children doing super stuff at lunchtime!

Arts Trail weekend

It's the Arts Trail this weekend. Laurel and Faye have very kindly been running little art workshops with the children in school today. These works of art will be displayed in the hall for all to see.

School will also be running a little cafe on Saturday and Sunday in harriers class form 10am-2pm. Thankyou to all helpers for signing up and for baking. The choir will also be singing in church at 16:00. Again, please come and support them with that. This is a wonderful community event. A chance to show off our lovely school to visitors to the village.

Lunches

Week 2 WC 29.06.26

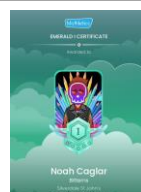
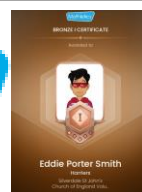
St John's Church foundation stone

Celebrating 140 years of the laying of the current St John's Church foundation stone.

There is a special service on **Sunday 5th July** at 10.30am with the Bishop of Blackburn, Philip North. As always, everyone is welcome. Revd. Eve is wondering if we'll have enough people there to encircle the outside of the whole church! Please do come along. We would also like some children to help sing some songs. We have some wonderful voices amongst our children. Please see Miss Sanderson if you think your family might like to be involved.

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

Mathletics





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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 Bitterns

Bitterns 99.3%

Harriers 96.9%

Curlews 90.0%

AVERAGE SCHOOL 96.4%

Giving Fortnight

It is giving fortnight WC 29th June. If you would like to give to the PTA fund, please click on this [link](#).

Mission Implausible

James Park has said he will film the production. We ask for a donation of £5 for those parents who would like to purchase it. It will be streamed for you to access privately. We will pay James for his time, but he is happy for any surplus to go towards school funds. We ask that you give generously to this performance. Each year, we find ourselves in deficit, once the hall has been booked and we pay for the licence for the production. It is unlikely we will be able to afford the Gaskell Hall next year, which would be such a shame as it is always such a special occasion

Sports kit

It's that time of year when we need a sports kit amnesty – if you have any of our sports kit at home, hats, socks etc. Please can you send it in as soon as possible. We have a new sports kit for next year. Watch this space for the big reveal!

Next Week...

29.06.26 – Annamaria to read her book 'Seepy Serpent' (a local legend based on Hawes water) with Curlews

29.06.26 – Interim reviews EHCP

29.06.26 – Dallam new intake evening

29.06.26 – Speech and Language therapist in school

30.06.26 – Dallam induction day

01.07.26 – Miss S school adviser

02.07.26 – Bags to school collection

02.07.26 – Summer production 13:30 and 18:30

03.07.26 – Mrs T English CPD

03.07.26 – Pedal and Scoot

Click on the online calendar for future events

Sports Day

Coniston were the winning team this year! We really enjoyed the multi skills activities, and then the races – egg and spoon, sack race, obstacle race, and of course the infamous parents and teachers running race! The weather was just perfect and the atmosphere lovely. Thankyou to all families who supported us.

Reports

Reports will go home on **Friday 17th July**, with opportunity to meet teachers on Monday 20th July

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.

Transition Days

QES - Induction day 07.07.26

Dallam - New Intake Evening 29.06.26

Induction Day 30.06.25

Science Week

Mrs Hodkinson has organised a trip to Rigmaden Estate in Kirkby Lonsdale to celebrate Science Week. The trips will run on **6th and 8th July** and will focus on the Science themes of 'Plants' and 'Living things and their habitats'. Please return consent forms asap

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!

What Educators Need to Know about INVOICE FRAUD



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Invoice fraud, including payment diversion fraud, occurs when criminals deceive you into paying a fake invoice or redirect a genuine payment into their own bank account. Fraudsters may impersonate suppliers, intercept emails, or send convincing invoices to prompt urgent payment into fraudulent accounts. It is one of the most common and costly forms of financial crime affecting individuals, businesses, and schools.

COMMUNICATIONS CLAIMING URGENCY

Communications that claim to be urgent or highlight late payments may be a key sign. Fraudsters often apply pressure to rush decisions and stop checks. Take a moment to verify the request using trusted contacts before making any payment.



CHANGES TO BANK DETAILS

Receiving messages saying a regular supplier has changed their bank account details can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may impersonate contacts to redirect payments. Always verify changes first using known supplier contact details.



DISCREPANCIES AGAINST PREVIOUS INVOICES

Be wary of invoice details that don't match authentic, previously issued invoices, such as amounts, reference numbers or contact names. Fraudsters often alter small details to avoid detection. Always query any differences using your supplier's contact details.



MINOR EMAIL CHANGES

Look out for slight changes to a supplier's email address, such as extra characters or spelling differences. Fraudsters often use similar looking addresses to appear genuine. Always check the sender carefully and verify any concerns using known contact details before responding or making a payment.



UNEXPECTED PAYMENT REQUESTS

Invoices or payment requests for goods or services you do not recognise can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may send false invoices hoping they will be paid without question. Check records and confirm with the supplier before processing any unfamiliar request.



UNUSUAL LANGUAGE OR TONE

Messages with unusual wording, grammar or spelling compared to your usual supplier communications may indicate fraud. Criminals often copy legitimate messages but may not match the usual tone or style. The rise in artificial intelligence (AI) means errors are no longer as common or obvious. Be cautious and verify the request if anything seems out of place.



Advice for Parents & Educators

VERIFY BANK DETAILS

Always confirm any change to a supplier's bank details before making a payment. Use a trusted phone number or a long-standing contact you have used before, not the details provided in the request. This helps ensure you are dealing with a genuine supplier and prevents payments being redirected to fraudsters.



CROSS-CHECK INVOICES

Compare new invoices with those previously issued by the supplier in question. Check key details such as amounts, bank details, reference numbers and contact information. Differences may indicate fraud, so always investigate and verify anything that does not match before making a payment.



DUAL PAYMENT APPROVAL

Ask a trusted person to review and approve high-value payments. A second set of eyes can help spot unusual details or warning signs that might otherwise be missed. This adds an extra layer of control and reduces the risk of errors or fraudulent payments being processed.



REPORT FRAUD QUICKLY

If you suspect fraud, act immediately. Contact your bank using 159 or their official number and report it to Report Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040. Keep all emails and documents. For more guidance, or to register for counter fraud alerts, see DfE counter fraud guidance. You can find the invoice fraud leaflet on the National Crime Agency website.



Meet Our Expert

Evan Williams is a counter fraud manager at the Department for Education. Having led the function there for many years, he now focuses on continual improvement, communication, and innovation. He proudly oversaw the growth of the counter fraud team during the pandemic, having worked in counter fraud for 16 years since starting his civil service career with the National Crime Agency back in 2010.



See full reference list on our website

MISSION IMPLAUSIBLE

The Musical

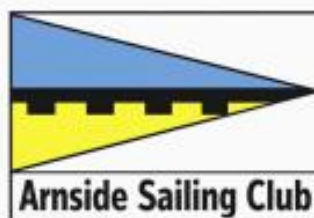


Show times are
**Thursday 2nd July at 13:30
and 18:30.**

Get your tickets from the
school office.

YOUTH NEWSLETTER

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Youth Club Sailing Sessions

Ages 8+. Youth dinghy sailing club for all ability levels. Friendly instructor-led sessions with on-water supervision from a safety boat. Beginners can also sail with support from our youth assistants.

23 May - 9.30-12.30 (K)
30 May - 10.30-2.00 (A)
6 Jun - 9.30-12.30 (K)
13 Jun - 9.30-1.00 (A)
20 Jun - 3.15-6.15 (A)
27 Jun - 9.30-12.30 (K)
4 Jul - 2.15-5.15 (A)
11 Jul - 9.30-12.30 (K)
23 Jul - 1.30-4.30 (A)
6 Aug - 1.30-4.30 (K)
20 Aug - 1.30-4.30 (K)
27 Aug - 1.30-4.30 (K)

Key: Killington (K), Arnside (A)
(Not RYA courses)



RYA Sailing Courses

26-27 May Stage 1 (2 day)
26-27 May Improvers (2 day)
26-29 May Stage 1-2 (4 day)
28-29 May Stage 3-4+, intermediate/advanced (2 day)
27-30 Jul Stage 1-2 (4 day)
27-30 Jul Intermediate (4 day)
10-13 Aug Stage 1-2 (4 day)
10-13 Aug Intermediate (4 day)
18 Oct Advanced skills, i.e. Seamanship (1 day)

Looking for extra activities?

There's plenty to dive into beyond sailing:

- Giant paddleboarding at Killington
- Powerboat Level 1
- Paddle sessions
- Wing surfing
- Wind surfing

Contact us for more information.

Next steps ...

Have you finished stage 4? Keen to become an assistant instructor?

Support our instructors on shore, in the powerboat, or on the water, and help inspire the next wave of youth sailors. It's ideal if you're working toward an advanced module such as Seamanship Skills, Start Racing, or Spinnakers.

For more information and booking:

Email chiefinstructor@arnsidesailingclub.org.uk
Or, scan the QR code ...



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