



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

Torvi

For being such a whizzy wordsmith. Your vocabulary is amazing!

Seb G

For being so motivated with his work, and producing wonderful writing in so many subjects

Caspian

For fantastic problem solving using place value in Maths.

Curriculum News

As part of PSHE curriculum this half term, our children will be learning through topics such as...

Making friends

Me, my friends and belonging and Mental health and well-being.

Our computing curriculum is focusing on online safety for the next 5 weeks across all year groups. The primary topics being...

Self-Image and Identity

Online relationships

Friday Thought

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light...

—Ephesians 5:8

Packed Lunch Safety

Please can we remind parents that children should not have any food containing nuts in their packed lunches. In addition, please can we ask that fruit is cut up particularly grapes.

Fair Trade Fortnight

It's Fairtrade Fortnight, starting 21st September - 4th October 2026.

The theme for Fairtrade Fortnight 2026 this year is "Fair Pay" which centres on raising awareness about exploited farmers and workers who grow everyday items like coffee, tea, bananas, and chocolate. We talked about Fair Pay in Worship today, and we tried some Fair Trade chocolate!

Secondary Open Evenings

Dallam for year 5 and 6 on

17th and 23rd September - click [here](#) to book

QES for Year 6

22nd September – click [here](#) to book. Or register via QR code below

Benedict's Law

We are pleased to share that our school now has emergency Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs) available for use in the event of a child or adult experiencing a suspected severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis). The AAIs have been provided as part of the arrangements introduced under Benedict's Law, which aims to help schools be better prepared to respond to life-threatening allergic reactions.

Our emergency AAIs are not intended to replace a child's own prescribed medication. Children who have been prescribed an AAI should continue to bring their own medication into school as usual. Staff have had training and know the procedures for responding to anaphylaxis, and the emergency devices are stored safely and are readily accessible should they be required.

We hope that having these additional emergency measures in place will provide reassurance to our families and help us to continue to provide a safe and supportive environment for all our children.

Newsletter – WC 14th September 2026

Inspiring success through learning, community and faith.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

- Philippians 4:13



Please don't forget to remind your children to bring book bags into school every day. We need reading bags and reading records to we can record any observations. Our volunteers and staff to listen to children read at every available opportunity. Having the reading record gives us chance to give feedback.

Music Lessons

For KS2 pupils interested in taking music lessons from September 2026 please visit this [link](#) below for further information.

Open Day

Do you know anyone who is turning 4 this year and will be starting school in September 2027? If so, please let them know that our open day is on **Wednesday 21 October from 9:30am – 11:30am**; spread the word! [Click here for primary school applications.](#)

Poetry Day

A popular Silverdale St John's school event. This will be held in school on **Thursday 8th October**. Get practising children!

FLU VACCINATIONS

The School Nurse Team will visit us on Thursday 26th November 2026 to administer Flu Vaccinations.



Lunches

Week 2 WC 21.09.26

Next Week...

21.09.26 – Speech Language Therapist in school
21.09.26 – Miss S to see diocesan adviser
21.09.26 – Meet the Teacher meeting 17:00
22.09.26 – NISCU Worship
22.09.26 – QES Open evening
23.09.26 – Dallam Open Evening
26.09.26 – Harvest festival in church
26.09.26 – Miss S HR meeting
PLEASE CHECK SCHOOL [WEBSITE CALENDER](#) FOR FUTURE DIARY DATES

Harvest

We are collecting for Morecambe Foodbank. Please see items needed on attached poster We will be taking items to our harvest service led by Curlews and Bitterns on **Friday 25th September in church at 09:30.**

McMillan Coffee morning

Lorraine Greenall is holding a coffee morning at Gibraltar farmhouse on **Friday 25th September at 10am**. All welcome!

Reminders

Absence: Please remember to contact the school office rather than the class teacher if your child is going to be absent. Parents should let school know by no later than 9.30am of an absence, otherwise it may be recorded as unauthorised.

Free School Meals: Parents should be aware that if you are claiming Universal Credit, you may also be entitled to free school meals. Check if you are eligible [here](#)

Snacks: As a school we promote healthy eating. At morning break, KS1 children have access to free fruit. Children in KS2 may bring a piece of fruit from home if they wish. Please do not send other snacks into school, including biscuits, crisps or sweets. Flapjack can be bought from school (20p).

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2027

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 January 2027

lancashire.gov.uk



School transport



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference, search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk or scan the QR code.



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Harvest appeal



Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest 2025, our food bank provided 267 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

Tinned Spaghetti

Bolognaise

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Beans with

Sausage

Tinned Ravioli

Tinned Macaroni

Cheese

Cup A Soup

01524 932001

morecambebay.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1176579).



Step Inside YEAR 5 AND 6 OPEN EVENINGS



Dallam School



Come and see what Dallam School has to offer.

Hear from our Headteacher, explore our classrooms, and talk with our students and staff to get a real sense of school life.

Discover the opportunities here at Dallam, and find out how we support every child to belong, learn and thrive.

17 and 23 September 5-7pm

015395 65165
enquiries@dallamschool.co.uk
www.dallamschool.co.uk

OPEN EVENING

QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, KIRKBY LONSDALE
OPEN EVENING FOR SEPTEMBER 2027 ADMISSIONS

TUESDAY 22ND
SEPTEMBER

5PM-8PM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



ONLINE SAFETY: ENGAGING WITH PARENTS

How can schools help parents?

EXPLAIN AND INFORM

MANY PARENTS RELY ON SCHOOLS TO HELP KEEP THEM UP TO SPEED AND HELP DEAL WITH ONLINE ISSUES. STAY ON TOP OF ONLINE SAFETY RELATED NEWS, INCLUDING SOCIAL MEDIA DEVELOPMENTS AND NEW APP RELEASES, AND SHARE IMPORTANT UPDATES WITH PARENTS.

COMMUNICATE CLEARLY

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR BUILDING SCHOOL-FAMILY PARTNERSHIPS. MAKE IT EASY FOR PARENTS TO ACCESS ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION. PLAN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TO PARENTS SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TOO MANY THINGS GOING OUT ON THE SAME DAY AND TRY DIFFERENT WAYS TO INVOLVE THEM.

INVOLVE CHILDREN

INVITING PUPILS TO GET INVOLVED IN SHARING ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ENABLES PARENTS/CARERS TO HEAR FIRST-HAND HOW CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT USING TECHNOLOGY, AND WHAT STEPS THEY TAKE TO STAY SAFE.

MAKE IT ENGAGING

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH EFFORT YOU PUT INTO AN ASSEMBLY, PRESENTATION OR NEWSLETTER ETC. IF THE CONTENT ISN'T ENGAGING, YOU'LL QUICKLY LOSE THEIR ATTENTION.

7 fun ways to share key messages

WHILE PARENTS' EVENINGS AND MEETINGS ARE A GREAT WAY OF INFORMING PARENTS AND CARERS ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY, IT CAN BE DIFFICULT TO GET ALL PARENTS PHYSICALLY INTO THE SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME.

85%

85% OF PARENTS SAY THEY PREFER TO LEARN ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY VIA DIGITAL RESOURCES.



National
Online
Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

1. Videos

VIDEO HAS BECOME AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE ONLINE EXPERIENCE AND IS THE PERFECT MEDIUM FOR DELIVERING A MESSAGE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY. OF 600 PARENTS ASKED, 85% TOLD US THAT THEY PREFER TO LEARN ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY VIA E-LEARNING VIDEOS THAT THEY CAN ACCESS IN THE COMFORT OF THEIR OWN HOME.

Source: National Online Safety Parent Survey - November 2018



2. Social Media

MOST PARENTS ARE ACTIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY VIA FAMILY MEMBERS. USE SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS TO ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY. WHETHER IT'S SHARING RELEVANT ARTICLES/INFORMATION, ASKING QUESTIONS OR SIMPLY SHARING BEST PRACTICE THAT YOUR SCHOOL IS UNDERTAKING - SOCIAL MEDIA IS GREAT (WHEN USED IN THE RIGHT WAY).

3. Closed groups / chat apps

CLOSED GROUPS ON PLATFORMS SUCH AS FACEBOOK AND WHATSAPP ARE IDEAL FOR SHARING MESSAGES AND UPDATES ON A REGULAR BASIS, AS WELL AS REMINDING PARENTS OF ONLINE SAFETY GUIDANCE AND ACTIVITIES. WHEN CREATING A GROUP, IT'S WORTH CONSIDERING RULES AND ETIQUETTE GUIDES ABOUT WHAT CAN BE POSTED, AND INTRODUCE PROCESSES FOR APPROVING OR RESTRICTING COMMENTS.

4. Posters and infographics

SHARING POSTERS AND INFOGRAPHICS TO PARENTS VIA YOUR WEBSITE OR SOCIAL CHANNELS CAN MAKE ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY INFORMATION ENGAGING AND MEMORABLE. A WELL-DESIGNED INFOGRAPHIC CAN CATCH THE EYE, BREAK DOWN COMPLEX INFORMATION AND PRESENT IT IN A WAY THAT IS BOTH RELEVANT AND UNDERSTANDABLE TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

5. Email Newsletters

EMAIL COMMUNICATION IS GREAT FOR SHARING MORE IN-DEPTH INFORMATION FOR PARENTS TO LOOK AT IN ONE PLACE. IT'S ALSO A RELIABLE WAY OF KNOWING A MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED (AS YOU CAN TRACK IT). YOU CAN SEND MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS (OR MORE FREQUENT) UPDATES TO KEEP PARENTS CLUED UP ON THE LATEST EMERGING TRENDS AND NEWS RELATING TO THE ONLINE WORLD AND EVOLVING RISKS.

6. Blogs

A BLOG IS A GREAT WAY TO DEVELOP A WHOLE SCHOOL CULTURE OF COMMUNICATION AND ALLOWS PARENTS TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM SCHOOL STAFF AND PUPILS ON TOPICS INCLUDING ONLINE SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY TRENDS. WHY NOT CONSIDER HAVING A VARIETY OF AUTHORS, INCLUDING STAFF, PUPILS AND PARENTS TO FORM A BALANCED VIEW. IT MAY ALSO BE WORTH HAVING A DEDICATED AREA ON YOUR SCHOOL WEBSITE TO ONLINE SAFETY.

7. Online learning

WE TYPICALLY SEE AN ENGAGEMENT RATE OF 10% OR LESS FOR IN-PERSON ONLINE SAFETY SESSIONS BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND THEIR PARENTS. TIME IS PRECIOUS AND ACCESSIBILITY IS IMPORTANT - ONLINE TRAINING TICKS MOST BOXES WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE TO YOUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY IN A REALLY ENGAGING AND INTERACTIVE WAY.