



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

Curlews' Class -Quinn

For growing in confidence when working independently. Fantastic maths work this week. Well done Quinn!

Bittern's Class – Charlie L

For being so good at gathering resources and being a great friend

Harriers' Class – Thomas P

For always being learning and ready and being a super worship technician!

Forest School

Bitterns will be taking part in forest school on a Wednesday morning after half term. Please ensure children have warm clothes/waterproofs. Times TBC for Harriers and Curlews/Starlings. We thank Belinda and Anna for their dedication to forest school and the ongoing experiences they give our children.

Enrichment Clubs

We have a range of exciting enrichment clubs available after school next half term. Please see the [timetable](#) on the website.
TAG rugby - Monday £5 per session
Coding - Wednesday £2 per session
Superball Paul - Thursday £5 per session
Football - Friday £5 per session

Lunches

Week 3 WC 14.10.24



School applications

The application process for both secondary and primary school places for September 2025 is now open. To apply use this online form, please [click here](#). Secondary applications close on 31st October 2024 and Primary applications close on 15th January 2025

IMPORTANT CHANGES WRAP AROUND CARE

We have been reviewing breakfast club and after school club. As always, we want to maintain 'wrap around care' for our pupils-supporting our working families and giving children quality snacks, play and social time. After half term, the timings of wrap around care will be changing.

Breakfast club will start at **07:45** in a morning. The cost of this will be **£4.50. £2.00** after **08:30**

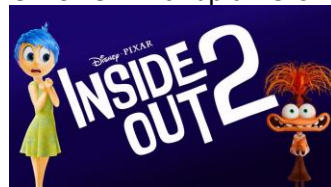
The first session of **after school club** will be extended to **16:30** and will now cost **£4.75**. The second session will run from **16:30-17:30**, and will be at a cost of **£3.75**.

(Children going to after school club after an enrichment club will be charged £4.00)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB WILL FINISH AT 17:30.
If you are late picking your child up, there will a £5.00 late fee.

Movie Night

Movie Night is now on Wednesday at 1800. The children can come to school in their nightwear and enjoy drinks and popcorn and the movie... Pick up time is 2000.



Christmas Cards

The children have all been very busy and have put a lot of effort into designing their own Christmas Picture. Please see attached PDF which provides details of how to log in to Mychildst to view this. The website has a great variety of gifts for the family. You can purchase custom artwork Christmas Cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, tea towels, cushions, candles and much, much more! Every purchase made will be very much appreciated as 20% of all product sales will come directly to the school. Please remember to use the code 'SilverdaleStJohnsX24' during the checkout for 10% off your order. This Early Bird Discount is available for the next two weeks.

Reading Corner

For Black History Month 'The Book Trust' has put together a superb list of historical stories from Black History around the world.

The link below has all the details you need:

https:

www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/b/black-history-month

Son of the Circus: A Victorian Story
Author: E L Norry
Illustrator: Alette Straathof (cover art)
Interest level: 9-11
Reading age: 10+



Katherine Johnson: A Life Story
Author: Leila Rasheed
Illustrator: Sarah Papworth
Interest level: 9-12
Reading age: 9+



Fashion Show

The Friends of St John's have a fundraising fashion show with Kitty Brown on Thursday **24th October at the Institute**. Diane Smillie is asking for models and help with selling tickets. If you can support (money raised goes to school and church) Please can you email Miss Sanderson on head@silverdale.lancs.sch.uk

Open Day



Silverdale St John's
CoE Primary School & Nursery
"A fun, thriving, beautiful school!"
Learning, Community and Faith

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 15th October 2024

- Weekly outdoor learning with forest school accredited teachers
- Creative curriculum
- Educational trips
- Set in an area of outstanding natural beauty
- Before & after school clubs
- Nursery places

Tour times: 09:30 10:45 13:30
please email or call to book an appointment

1. 01524 701467
e. bursar@silverdale.lancs.sch.uk
www.silverdale.lancs.sch.uk

Prospective and existing parents are welcome to join us in school for the day, on **Tuesday 15th October**. Why not check out [our promotional video](#), to gain an insight into life at Silverdale St John's? To join us, book an appointment with Mrs Taylor on bursar@silverdale.lancs.sch.uk

Parent Meetings

A letter should have gone home about this last night. Please return parent meetings slips asap

Class Blog

It's Bitterns' this week! Click [here](#) for an insight to a week in the life of being a Bittern!

Next Week...

14.10.24 – School Council elections today
15.10.24 – Black History month Seminar
15.10.24 – Open Day. Tour times 09:30, 10:45, 1330
16.01.24 – Morecambe Bay Day (see below)
16.01.24 – Movie night
18.10.24 – School finishes for half term, return
31.10.24

CHECK THE SCHOOL [WEBSITE CALENDER](#) FOR FUTURE DIARY DATES

Attendance

Well done to Curlews' class. Amazing attendance this week!

WC 03.10.24-09.10.24

Curlews – 100.0%

Bitterns – 95.4%

Harriers – 98.1%

Attendance has been really good this week, despite lots of coughs and colds.

Well done Team Silverdale St John's

Morecambe Bay Day

Wednesday 16th October 2024

This year marks 250 years since the words 'Morecambe Bay' appeared on a map! To mark the occasion, schools are being invited to celebrate a special 'Morecambe Bay Day'. By taking part, our school will be helping to raise money for local charities Morecambe Bay Partnership and Bay Search and Rescue who help people, nature & heritage around Morecambe Bay. Harriers class are beach combing. Bitterns class, are collecting litter. Curlews class are making Eric Morecambe biscuits.

If you would like to help with this, please contact class teachers.

Friday Thought

"But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King."—[Jeremiah 10:10](#)



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One use only. Excludes VAT and P&P. Valid for 2 weeks from the portal opening date, not the date that you receive this leaflet. Not automatically applied and cannot be added once an order has been confirmed.

Username

Access Code

NB: Username and Access Code are case and space sensitive, so please be careful when entering the details into the portal



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any reckless dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children these techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whejan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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