



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

Curlews' Class –Teddy

For imaginative play and being a great friend to everyone! Well done Teddy!

Bittern's Class – Molly

For being such a joy to have in class. Your cheeky smile will take you a long way Molly

Harriers' Class – Kara

For being a kind, caring and considerate member of our class who is always putting others first.

Lunchtimes

We have revamped our lunchtime routines so as to keep the children safe and engaged. We now need magazines, skateboards, boardgames etc. Any donations gratefully received!

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 2 WC 28.10.24

Just two days!



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**.

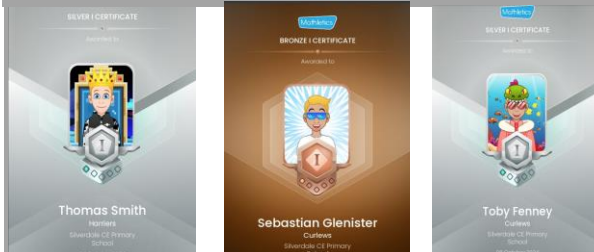
The second session will run from **16:30-17:30**, and will be at a cost of **£3.75**.

(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.

Mathletics



Well done to these children who have got their first 'firsts' in Mathletics for this academic year.

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 Mychildsart 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. Early Bird Discount is available until Midnight on Tuesday 22nd Oct.

Reading Corner

We love having our Stay and Play on a Friday, and nursery children with us and enjoy welcoming them to our school. It is a wonderful age to develop a love of books, please see below some excellent book suggestions to start their journey to reading:
<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/preschoolnursery/>
<https://www.weareteachers.com/preschool-books/>

Fashion Show

The Friends of St John's have a fundraising fashion show with Kitty Brown on Thursday
24th October at the Institute.

WE NEED SOMEONE TO DO THE RAFFLE FOR THIS PLEASE!

Long Hair

We are seeing an increasing number of children coming into school with their hair down. We politely remind parents that children with long hair should wear it tied up for school.

Royal British Legion

The children will be selling poppies, key rings, snap bands etc WC 4th November. Our remembrance service will be at 11am at the memorial.

Friday Thought

To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. Deu 10:14

Destiny Africa

There will be a short, interactive performance on **Friday 22nd November** from Destiny Africa, Children's Choir. All welcome to see these amazing choir all the way from Uganda

Class Blog

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

Next Week...

PLEASE REMEMBER WE START BACK AT SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2024

31.10.24 – Miss Sanderson/ diocesan advisor

01.11.24 – Diwali

05.11.24 – Harriers' parent meeting

05.11.24 – Speech/Language therapist in school

06.11.24 – Miss Sanderson/outdoor play equipment company

06.11.24 – Bitterns parents' meetings

07.11.24 – Curlews parents' meetings

08.11.24 – Educational Psychologist in school

Please check the [school calendar](#) for further diary dates

Attendance

Well done to Curlews' class!

WC 10.10.24 -16.10.24

Curlews – 84.0%

Bitterns – 82.3%

Harriers – 82.4%

Edinburgh Trip

This is going to be amazing! Next May, Harriers will be going to Edinburgh! One night in a Hostel. Return train travel from Oxenholme. Entrance to Edinburgh Castle. Tickets to see Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe at Festival Theatre. Entrance to the National Museum of Scotland and Camera Obscura. Bus tour of Edinburgh. Phew! Please make sure you read the email from Mrs Taylor with regards payments and deadlines. Any concerns about costings for this trip, please chat to Miss Sanderson.

Photographs

This will be on **Wednesday 20th November 2024**. There will be the opportunity for siblings in school to have their photographs taken together during the day. If, however, anyone has a sibling NOT in school or a nursery child who does not come on a Wednesday and you would like to have their photo taken, the photographer will be here from 8.15-9.00am to take family photos.



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fundraising for On going School improvements such as the playground and outdoor areas

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Access Code

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Inesley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



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