



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

Steve Edge

For doing breakfast club whilst Mia was off school and planting some lovely flowers at the front of school!

Mrs Taylor and Angela

For coming into school over the holidays and opening up

The Leaf Fairy

For tidying up the leaves outside school and being so discreet no one knows who you are!

Trick or Treat Sweets

If anyone has any unwanted sweets from last night, it would be great if these could be donated to the school for our Christmas Fair.

Enrichment Clubs

We have a range of exciting enrichment clubs starting this week.

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 04.11.24



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

BLEASDALE SCHOOL

Destiny Africa

There will be a short, interactive performance on **Friday 15th November** from Destiny Africa, Children's Choir. All welcome to see this amazing choir all the way from Uganda

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**

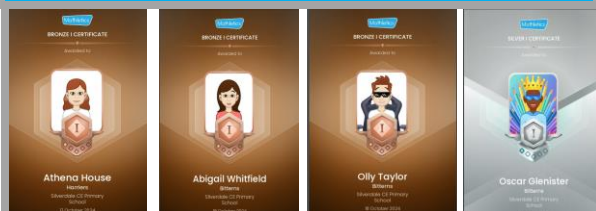
The first session of **after school club** will be extended to **16:30** and will now cost **£4.75**.

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.

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 PDF which provides details of how to log in to Mychildsart to view this. This website has a great variety of gifts for the family.

PTA

Thank you so much to Carly Taylor who has said she will be chair of the PTA and to Andy Fenny who has said that he will be vice chair.

Vicky Cartledge has said she is happy to continue to be treasurer. We just need a secretary now. Our first committee meeting will be next Thursday, where we will be discussing the Christmas fair. 16:30 in school



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SILVERDALE**

**FRIDAY 15TH
NOVEMBER 2024
7.30PM**

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 £2 CHILDREN**



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Silverdale **CHRISTMAS MARKET**



**FRIDAY
29th NOVEMBER**
from 5pm until late

At The Silverdale Hotel
Shore Rd, Silverdale

*Festive games, mince pies, school
carol singers, mulled wine & plenty
of local artisan gifts & crafts*





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

Your child has uploaded a Christmas drawing to our website!

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Geralt from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

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Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for cooing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert

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