



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

Curlews – Patrick

For always being ready to learn and being so conscientious

Bitterns – Abigail

For always presenting her work so beautifully.

Harriers – Harry

For making super progress in English lessons. Your hard work is paying off with your fantastic writing! Keep it up Harry.

Spring Horticultural Show



Horticultural/Spring Flower show, with a lot of crafts. It's in the Gaskell Hall on the 12th April this year. It's one of the few events in the village which involves all age groups, from 18 months to 100+, all can take part, and there are prizes and trophies to be won and there are no costs involved to enter. All the school children take part and their entry is presented in the Gaskell Hall, which is open for all to view between 2pm and 4pm on the Saturday afternoon. The children will be bringing home a printed programme next week, and you will see that there are other classes that are open to them as individuals. Different classes for different age groups, with topics ranging from drawing and painting, to creating a miniature garden. Prize money is presented at the show, but sadly not later. Prize cards will be presented at school if your child cannot attend on the Saturday afternoon.

Friday Thought

Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.—1 Chronicles 4:10

Communication

We have been exploring how we communicate with parents. We have SCOPAY, the newsletter and email etc. It seems, what we don't have in school is that more informal, impromptu communication. One that's immediate and inclusive. We could reignite the Silverdale Parents Information group, but that relies on parents having Facebook. Another thought, is a class 'parent representative'. Someone who is happy to push out messages to a whatsapp group. We would appreciate your thoughts on this. Equally, if you are a parent that wouldn't mind overseeing a class whatsapp group, and is happy to keep abreast of what is going on school on daily basis, then please contact Miss Sanderson. All parents would need to be happy to share their contact details.

Easter Bingo

Fun for all the family. See attached poster for details, on the Easter bingo. 15:15-16:45 on Wednesday 2nd April in the school hall. Games will be £1 each. There will be a 'Star Prize' game at the end. Refreshments provided.

Mothers' Day secret shop

This will be held on Friday 21st March. If you have any lovely gifts, that you would like to donate to school for this occasion, then please leave them at the office.

Polite reminder

Please can all families remember school starts at 08:45. Children should be in the line on the playground for this time. Learning starts promptly at 08:45 with 'catch up sessions'. Some children are missing this valuable settling in period and time to respond to teachers marking from the day before.

Appointments

If your child has an appointment, please give school as much notice as possible along with any supporting evidence of the appointment if possible.



Newsletter – WC 10th March 2025

Inspiring success through learning, community and faith.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

– Philippians 4:13

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

Reading Corner



As part of our commitment to developing a culture of reading for pleasure and a lifelong love of reading, we are excited to announce that your child will be participating in Accelerated Reader, as from September. This is a program which aims for all children to experience success in achieving their reading goals.

A guide will be shared with parents in the summer term. But for now, we need books! If you have any books on the [AR book list](#), and you no longer want them, then please bring them into school. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Miss Sanderson (English lead) or visit the Accelerated Reader website at www.renlearn.co.uk.

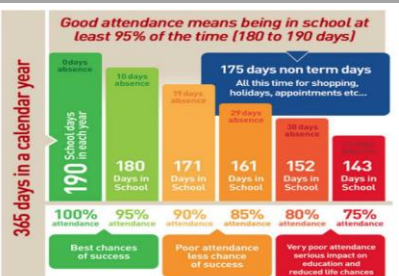
Recruitment

There is an opportunity for someone to come and join our wonderful school family, working with our extraordinary staff and children. Click [here](#) to find out more

Wrap Around Care

As we evaluate the quality of our breakfast club and after school club, we will soon be sending out a survey out to all parents. We ask that all parents take part in completing the survey to help us gain an accurate picture of the wrap around care needs.

Attendance



A note will be going home today to support you in tracking your child's attendance in school.

Class Blog

It's Harriers' class Blog this week. Click [here](#) to see a day in the life of a Harrier!

Next week in school...

- 17.03.25 – Finance officer in school
 - 17.03.25 – Equality, Diversity and Justice training with all staff
 - 17.03.25 – Harriers trip to Arnside
 - 18.03.25 – Horticultural Show Art morning
 - 18.03.25 – Bitterns parent meetings
 - 19.03.25 – Class photos
 - 19.03.25 – Harriers parent meetings
 - 20.03.25 – Curlews parent meetings
 - 21.03.25 – closing date TA post
 - 21.03.25 – Mother Day secret shop
- Please don't forget to check the [online calendar](#) for future events

Attendance

A huge 'well done' to Harriers and Curlews this week. This is fantastic work. Thankyou to all families

Curlews	100.0
Bitterns	95.4
Harriers	100.0
Average school	98.8

Parent meetings

Please make sure you have signed up for these.

- Bitterns on Tuesday
- Harriers on Wednesday
- Curlews on Thursday

You should have had a reply slip confirming your time. If you haven't, then please get in touch with class teachers.

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Prayers

Please say a little prayer for Mrs Tetchner, her father sadly passed away on Thursday. We ask God to give the family peace at this time.

Lunches

Week 1 WC 17.03.25



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



Silverdale St John's
CofE Primary School & Nursery

CHOCOLATE EGGS

to be **WON** and a
'STAR PRIZE' GAME

PLAYING



COME & HAVE LOTS OF FUN ON

Wednesday 2nd April 2025

3.15 – 4.45 pm - in the School Hall

£1 per game.

Refreshments included



Millhead Dynamos U10's fundraiser for CancerCare North Lancashire & South Cumbria

The parents from the Millhead Dynamos U10 team will be undertaking the challenge of the 55 mile Bay Limestone Round as a relay team. Please help us raise much needed funds for CancerCare.



Help us reach our £1,000 target!

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