



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

Curlews – Robin W

For always making thoughtful contributions in class discussions.

Bitterns – Ollie C

For excellent spatial awareness when completing symmetry problems and for supporting his friends in their learning too!

Harriers – Thomas S

For always keeping up with homework tasks. Thomas goes the extra mile and work extremely hard. Well done Thomas!

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

Who has done this and carried it through, calling forth the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD — with the first of them and with the last — I am he. — Isaiah 41:4

Outdoor Education

These trips will be taking place next week. They are always such a good opportunity for children to develop their resilience in the outdoors, to work collaboratively and to have new and exciting experiences. We will be working with the team at High Borrans again this year. This outdoor centre comes with a very good reputation. They have climbing walls on site, rope courses and a small lake for canoeing and kayaking. Our first trip will be with Nursery and Reception on Tuesday. Miss Sanderson is driving the minibus. Year 1 and 2 have theirs on Wednesday. Dan Willan is driving us. Year 3/4 are having their overnight stay/trip on Thursday/Friday. Miss Sanderson will be driving the minibus. Year 5s are sailing on 20th June. Letters went home this week. There may just be a little extra treat for our Year 6s later in the year too!

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

Thanks to all who supported this. The children loved it and bought some lovely gifts for their mums. Vicky, Chimene, Carly, Mia, Andy. We will announce how much money we raised next week.

Painting

We need a very small team to help us finish off the painting of the fence. It's just black paint. You don't need to be a skilled decorator. Just have a couple of hours and some old clothes. The paint and the brushes are under the canopy if anyone wants to give up some time over the weekend.

Parent Meetings

Thanks to all who attended these. Curlews' parents' meetings will be on Thursday 3rd April



Newsletter – WC 17th 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.

Wrap Around Care

As we evaluate the quality of our breakfast club and after school club. We ask that all parents take part in this short questionnaire, to help us gain an accurate picture of the wrap around care



needs, ensuring we provide the quality provision going forward. Please scan the QR code or click the link [here](#).

Mathletics



Well done to Abigail and Caspian for getting their first 'firsts' this week!

Art Day

What a fabulous day of colour, creativity and countless new skills. We can't wait to enter our art work into the Spring Horticultural show. Why not go and check it out? Saturday 12th April at the Gaskell Hall.

School Blog

It's an Art Day Blog this week. [Click here](#) to see what all the children did on art day with Ruth and Melanie

Next week in school...

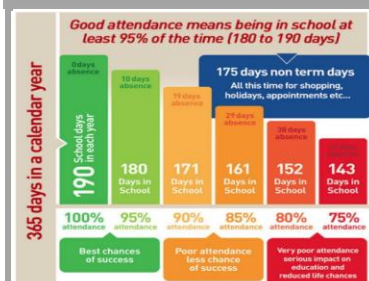
- 24.03.25 – Shortlisting TA2A post
 - 25.03.25 – Nursery and reception High Borrans
 - 26.03.25 – Year 1 and Year 2 High Borrans
 - 27.03.25 – Curlews library books due back
 - 27.03.25 – Year 3/4 residential High Borrans
 - 28.03.25 – Year3/4 return High Borrans
 - 28.03.25 – Big Sing festival at Ashton Hall -choir
- Please don't forget to check the [online calendar](#) for future events

Attendance

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

Curlews	98.8
Bitterns	96.9
Harriers	100.0
Average school	98.8

Attendance



Please bear with us as we seek the most effective way of monitoring attendance and sharing with you. Thank you for your feedback so far.

Did you know? A two week holiday in term time means the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%.

Prayers

Mrs Tetchner says hello to everyone and says she is missing the children deeply. Hopefully, Mrs Tetchner will be back in school on Monday 31st March. We wish her and her family lots of love and prayers at this time.

Lunches

Week 2 WC 24.03.25



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES



While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION



Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME



If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS



For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION



Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS



While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS



You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

#WakeUpWednesday

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/streamers>



Silverdale St John's
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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!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**