



Silloth Primary School Newsletter
20.3.26

~ Creativity ~ Respect ~ Honesty ~ Safety ~ Achievement ~

Our Mission Statement

Nurturing, empowering and supporting the 'whole child' today, to flourish into successful, happy and resilient lifelong learners who positively contribute to the global community of tomorrow.

Our Vision

At Silloth Primary School we are committed to nurturing every child's potential in a supportive, safe and inclusive environment.

We aim to cultivate curious, compassionate, and confident learners who are equipped to thrive in a modern global community,

We embrace diversity, encourage critical thinking, creativity and foster a lifelong love of learning.

By integrating innovative teaching practices with a focus on empathy and global awareness, we aim to prepare our students to become responsible, resilient and active citizens of the world.

Together we empower our children to make a positive impact on their communities and beyond.

Friday 20th March

A message from Miss Mounsey...

Spring is finally here, and the lighter evenings are a welcome sign that the Easter holidays are just around the corner. It has been another fantastic week of learning across school as we head into our penultimate week of term. During my visits to classrooms, I've enjoyed hearing about a wide range of topics—from frogspawn and the life cycle of a frog, to the

very first flight, and even investigations into resistance in science. It's wonderful to see such curiosity and enthusiasm in our pupils.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Easter Bingo last night and for your generous donations. It was a brilliant evening enjoyed by all. A special thank you goes to the Friends of Silloth Primary School for their continued hard work in organising such a successful and enjoyable event.

As we approach the final week, please take note of the important events coming up. We would also like to remind families of the importance of school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform helps promote a sense of pride, belonging, and readiness to learn. Please refer to our uniform policy below for expectations, including PE kit guidance.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and see you on Monday!



Tuesday 24th March - Year 5 Science Afternoon at Solway Community School

Wednesday 25th March - Class Photographs (Nursery, Reception & Year 6 only)

Friday 27th March - Finish for the Easter Holidays & our annual Easter Egg-stravaganza!

Monday 13th April - Back to school!

Wednesday 15th April - Year 4 Robinwood Parents' Meeting & Times Table Check
Information - 5pm

Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATs Week (More information to follow)

Thursday 21st May - Year 6 Parents' Evening - RSH Meeting and Manchester Residential -
5pm

Friday 22nd May - Sports Day

Friday 22nd May - Finish for half term at 3:05pm

Monday 1st June - Back to school!



Uniform Expectations

- *Royal blue sweatshirt with embroidered school logo*
- *White polo shirt (school logo optional)*
- *Black or dark grey trousers, skirts, or smart school shorts for summer*

- *Blue and white checked dresses may be worn in the summer*
 - *Plain, low heeled black school shoes must also be worn with socks at all times.*
 - ***No sandals are permitted***
 - ***No tracksuit bottoms are permitted***
 - ***Only black, low heeled boots may be worn in winter***
 - ***No training shoes are permitted (other than for PE)***
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Jewellery

- *A watch may be worn. Smart watches are not permitted.*
 - *ONLY discreet stud earrings can be worn and on the grounds of safety the studs should have no sharp edges. All earrings must be removed (at home) during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.*
 - *The wearing of other jewellery, rings, necklaces, bracelets etc. is not permitted in school for health and safety reasons*
 - *Pupils will be asked to remove any jewellery.*
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Other

- *Long hair must be well tied back at all times. This applies to **girls and boys**.*
 - *Nail varnish and make-up is not permitted.*
 - *A waterproof coat must be brought to school every day.*
 - *Please ensure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.*
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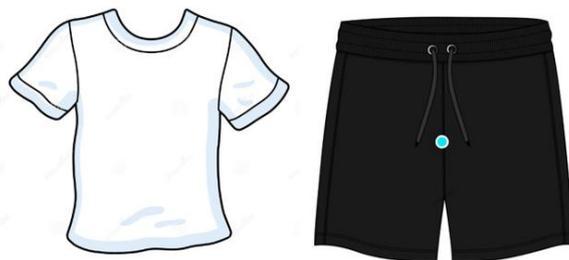
PE Kit Expectations

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit into school every Monday and then it is in school for the week.

Our PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt and black/navy shorts or jogging bottoms.

Nike Pro shorts are not permitted.

All earrings must be removed (at home) during PE, games and swimming for health and safety reasons.



Friends of Silloth Primary School - Easter BINGO!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Bingo evening on Thursday 19th March. It was wonderful to see so many families, friends, and members of our school community come together for such a fun and lively event.

The evening was filled with excitement from the very first “eyes down,” with plenty of laughs, great prizes, and lots of egg-citement throughout! It was fantastic to see children and adults alike getting involved and enjoying the friendly competition.

We would like to extend a special thank you to FOSPS for organising and running such a successful event. Your time, effort, and enthusiasm made the evening possible and truly memorable for everyone who attended.

Thank you also to all who supported the event by purchasing tickets, donating prizes and attending – your continued support is greatly appreciated and helps make events like this possible.

We look forward to seeing you at future events!







Easter Egg-travaganza!

*We are excited to announce that on the **last day of term, Friday 27th March**, we will be holding our annual **Easter Egg-stravaganza!***

Children are invited to take part in several egg-citing activities:

 **Easter Bonnet Parade** – Children are invited to create and decorate their own **Easter bonnet** at home to wear in our whole-school parade. We can't wait to see your creative designs!

 **Storybook-Themed Egg Decorating Competition** – As this year celebrates **The National Year of Reading**, children are invited to decorate a **boiled egg inspired by a favourite storybook character**. Easter eggs to be won! Some fun ideas could include:

- *The Gruffalo*
 - *Harry Potter*
 - *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*
 - *Paddington Bear*
 - *The Cat in the Hat*
 - *The BFG*
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Children are also invited to bring **one extra hard-boiled egg** to take part in “**Silloth's Biggest Egg Dump!**” – a much-loved and very egg-citing tradition! Easter eggs to be won!

And who knows... **I wonder if there will be a special guest appearance from the Easter Bunny this year?**

We look forward to a fun-filled and creative end to the term!



Class Photographs

*A reminder that class photos for **Nursery, Reception and Year 6** will take place next Wednesday. Please ensure children come to school in full, smart uniform on the day. We look forward to capturing these special moments for the children.*



Meningitis & Vaccination Resources

You may have heard the recent news regarding cases of meningitis in Canterbury. We understand that this may be concerning, and we would like to reassure our school community while also sharing some helpful information and guidance.

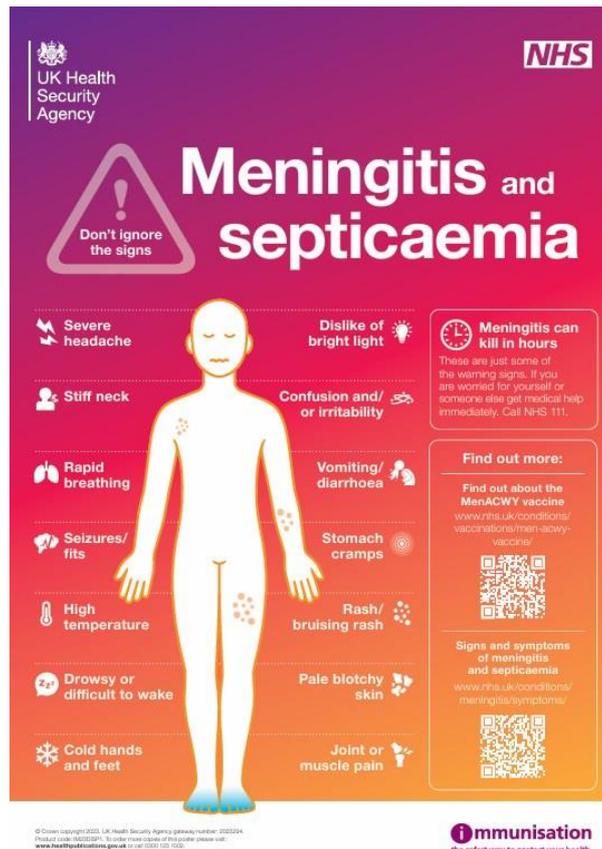
Public Health teams are encouraging schools to signpost families to trusted sources of information about meningitis, vaccination, and general student health. We strongly encourage parents and carers to ensure that children and young people are up to date with their routine immunisations, in line with the NHS Childhood Vaccination Schedule.

For clear, reliable information about meningitis, including symptoms to look out for and advice on prevention, please visit:

<https://www.meningitisnow.org/>

[Meningitis: signs and symptoms leaflet and poster - GOV.UK](#)

As always, if you have any health concerns about your child, please seek advice from your GP or NHS services. Working together, we can help keep our school community safe and well.



Easter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Easter Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme launched on Wednesday 4th March. HAF provides funded holiday activities for children and young people in receipt of means tested free school meals and other groups identified by Cumberland Council, these include:

- Cared for or care experienced.*
- Young carers.*
- Child or young person on a Resettlement Scheme or seeking asylum.*
- Home educated.*
- Child or young person who is classed as SEND or on a EHCP but not on free school meals, up to the age of 18.*

If you are working with a child that does not meet the eligibility criteria but would benefit from attending an activity, please contact HAF@cumbria.gov.uk to discuss booking options.

We have a wide range of activities taking place including family trips to Walby Farm Park and Greenland's Farm facilitated by our Family Hubs, these launched on Monday 9th March.

The Cumberland offer is available to view here: [Cumberland HAF](#) · Eegu To find out more about the HAF programme and eligibility visit: [Holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme | Cumberland Family Hubs](#)



Packed Lunches

At Silloth Primary School, we promote healthy eating to support children's growth, development, and concentration throughout the school day. To help with this, we kindly ask that all **packed lunches follow our healthy lunchbox guidelines**.

A healthy packed lunch should include:

- **A portion of starchy food** – such as bread, rolls, wraps, pasta, rice, couscous, or potatoes.
 - **At least one portion of fruit and/or vegetables** – fresh, dried, tinned (in juice), or frozen.
 - **A source of protein** – lean meat, fish, beans, pulses, hummus, or meat alternatives.
 - **A dairy item** – like cheese, yogurt, or a milk-based dessert.
 - **A healthy drink** – preferably water, or milk/100% fruit juice in moderation.
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Please do not include:

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- *Chocolate bars or confectionery.*
 - *Sweets.*
 - *Fizzy or energy drinks.*
 - *Nuts or nut products (we are a **nut-free school**).*
 - *Eggs or egg-based products (we are an **egg-free school**).*
 - *Hot food in flasks (due to health and safety concerns).*
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To keep all children safe:

- ***Lunchboxes must be clearly labelled** and may include a small ice pack, as we cannot refrigerate them.*
 - *Children must **not share food** to avoid allergic reactions or cross-contamination.*
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Special Diets:

We understand that some children may require special diets for medical, religious, or cultural reasons. Please inform school if this applies to your child, and we will support you in providing a healthy, balanced alternative.

Monitoring:

Packed lunches are monitored by staff. Healthy choices are praised, and we will always work sensitively with families to support improvements where needed.

Thank you for helping us keep lunchtime healthy and safe for everyone!



Water Bottles & Fruit - PLEASE READ VERY CAREFULLY



Nursery - Just a reminder that all children get fresh water, milk and fruit daily. Therefore children do not need to bring water in their own bottles. **No juice/water should be brought into school.**

Reception & Key Stage 1 - Children are to bring **empty water bottles** into school each day and fill them up in school from our water dispensers. **It is very important that this is followed for safeguarding reasons. No juice or water should be brought into school. If there are medical reasons why your child cannot drink water, please speak to Miss Mounsey regarding this.** Also, children get fruit daily and, therefore, there is no need to fetch snack.

Key Stage 2 - Children are to bring **empty water bottles** into school each day and fill them up in school from our water dispensers. **It is very important that this is followed for safeguarding reasons. No juice or water should be brought into school. If there are medical reasons why your child cannot drink water, please speak to Miss Mounsey regarding this.** Children can bring a piece of fruit into school for the morning breaktime. Please ensure that grapes are cut in half, lengthways.

Parking on School Lane and in the school carpark

We kindly ask that parents and carers **do not park on School Lane or on the school carpark** during drop-off and pick-up times.

To help keep everyone safe, please **park on Skinburness Road, by the tennis courts**, and walk down to school with your child. This keeps the lane clear for residents, delivery drivers, and emergency vehicles, and ensures a safe environment for our children walking and cycling to school.

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school community safe and considerate.



Chance Camp

CHANCE CAMP Keep your child Active, Confident, Smiling & Healthy in 2026
WWW.CHANCECAMP.CO.UK

DATES

INVASION GAMES	17 th Feb - 19 th Feb
MULTI SPORTS	30 th March - 2 nd April
	21 st July - 24 th July
OLYMPICS (Individual)	27 th July - 31 st July
OLYMPICS (Team)	3 rd Aug - 7 th Aug
STRIKING & FIELDING	10 th Aug - 12 th Aug
INVASION SPORTS	17 th Aug - 19 th Aug

SCAN TO BOOK
Ages 4 - 14. DBS checked & fully qualified coaches

FLEXIBLE BOOKING SYSTEM IN PLACE



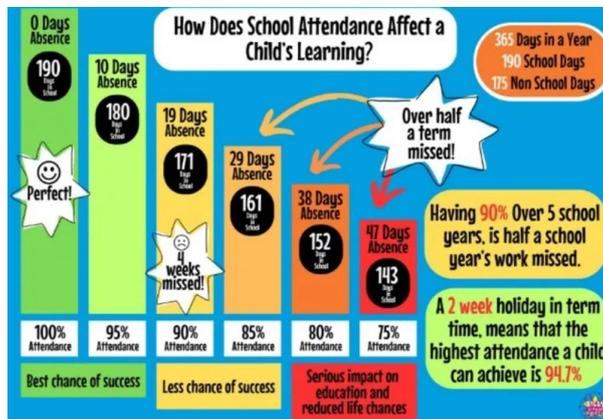
Attendance Champions!

A huge well done to Year 3 who won the attendance award this week with 100%!

Great attendance means great learning — keep it up everyone!



Attendance Reminders...



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

1 FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent per child if paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days

The changes to Penalty Notice Fines will come into force for those issued after **19th August 2024**

2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:
£160 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered

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3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Ref: DfE Working Together to Improve School Attendance document

Punctuality Matters

*It is essential that children are in school **on time, every day.***

- **Doors open: 8:30am**
 - **Registration begins: 8:35am**
 - **Registration closes: 8:45am**
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*After this time, children must enter through the **main entrance** and will be marked as **late**. Persistent lateness not only disrupts your child's learning but also affects the whole class. Patterns of lateness are carefully monitored and reviewed half-termly alongside attendance.*

Please support your child by ensuring they arrive on time and ready to learn. A prompt start helps them settle quickly, feel confident, and make the very best of every school day.

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Poor attendance or frequent lateness can significantly affect life chances. Missing even a few days each term quickly adds up to large gaps in learning, making it harder for your child to keep up. Arriving late has the same impact — children miss vital teaching and the start of the school day, which sets the tone for learning.

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Cycling & Scootering to School – A Reminder about Road Safety

*As we are encouraging more children are choosing to cycle or scooter to school, we would like to remind families about the importance of **road safety** and being considerate of others. Please take a moment to talk with your child about safe cycling and scootering so that every journey to and from school is as safe as possible.*

Key Road Safety Rules for Cyclists

-  Always wear a properly fitted helmet.
 -  Ensure bikes are roadworthy with working brakes and lights.
 -  Use cycle paths where available and keep to the **left-hand side** of the road.
 -  Look carefully before turning or crossing a junction and signal clearly with hand signals.
 -  Obey traffic lights, road signs, and crossings.
 -  Stay visible by wearing **bright or reflective clothing**.
 -  Never cycle more than two abreast, and ride in single file on narrow or busy roads.
 -  Avoid distractions such as headphones or mobile phones.
 -  Do not ride on pavements unless a shared cycle path is clearly marked.
 -  Be cautious around parked cars – check carefully before moving out into the road.
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On the School Grounds

*For the safety of **all children, staff, and visitors**, riding bikes or scooters is **not permitted on school premises**. We kindly ask that children **dismount and walk** with their bikes or scooters once they enter the school gates.*

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe.



Stars of the Week!

A huge well done to all of our Stars of the Week! Each of these children has shone brightly, showing great effort, kindness, and enthusiasm in their learning and around school. We are so proud of the positive attitudes they bring to school every day – keep up the fantastic work!



School Meals

School meals are £2.90p per day (£14.50 per week), which represents very good value for money.

All food is freshly made & prepared each day on site by our own kitchen team.

Please remember to pay your child's dinner money (Nursery & Year 3 – 6 ONLY) using +Pay.

Main Meal Choices W/C 23.3.26

Monday - Pork Meatballs, Pasta & Gravy

Tuesday - Chicken Korma with Rice

Wednesday - Hot Dog & Chips

Thursday – Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges

Friday – Breaded Fish & Chips

Nut & Egg Free School

Please remember that we are a nut & egg free school.

Your child may not bring any eggs or nuts into school as part of their packed lunches or as snacks. Breakfast bars for break time snacks are not permitted as they usually contain nuts or have been made in factories where there are nuts.



Times Table Rockstars of the Week!

A huge congratulations to our amazing mathematicians who rocked their times tables this week! These awards go to the children who, on average, spent the most time per day practising their times tables — your dedication and effort really paid off! Let's see who will top the leader board next week... keep practising, Rockstars!



Year 4 Times Tables Challenge!

Our Year 4 children are taking on an extra challenge in Times Table Rock Stars - their goal is to make their board go green!

Each child has a grid of times tables to practise. As they answer questions quickly and accurately (in under 4 seconds!), the squares turn green – showing they have truly mastered those facts.

It's a big challenge that takes focus and determination, and we are so proud of their hard work!

You can do it Year 4! Keep rocking, Year 4!



Names in clothes, please!

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Jumpers, cardigans and coats love to go on little adventures around school – but sometimes they forget where they belong!



To help them find their way back, please make sure your child's name is written clearly in *every* item of clothing, including PE kits, hats and shoes.



It makes life much easier for everyone and helps lost clothes get back home safely. Thank you for your help!

Eco-Champions!

This week's 'Eco-Champions' are Year 5!

Well done for showing excellent eco-friendly habits and leading the way for others! Keep it up!

I am so sorry, I forgot to take a photograph today! Well done Year 5!



Be Ready For The Weather!

*As the weather is becoming increasingly unpredictable, please ensure that children bring a **coat to school every day**. We aim to get outside in the fresh air as much as possible, even if it's a little chilly or damp, so having a suitable coat means your child can enjoy playtimes and outdoor learning comfortably.*

**Don't Forget
Your Coat!**

**Bring a
coat to
school every day.**



Living Streets' WOW - The Walk To School Challenge - Starts on Monday!

Living Streets' WOW – the walk to school challenge is back to help encourage as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking and wheeling to school.

As you know, WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least twice a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. This is for Year 1-Year 6 children... but everyone can get involved! It's that easy!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

- *Children feel happier and healthier*
- *They arrive to school refreshed and ready to learn*
- *Helps reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates*

What if we can't walk to school?

If driving, 'Park and Stride' to help your child earn their WOW badges. Park at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.

If using public transport, hop off at least ten minutes away and walk the rest (recorded as 'other' on the WOW Travel Tracker).

What is a WOW badge?

There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2025 – July 2026. Each badge has been designed by a pupil as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if pupils walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride at least twice a week.

WOW 2025/26 encourages pupils to Walk with Joy, with badges depicting everything from jumping in puddles to painting.

The badges are made in Cornwall from material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit:

livingstreets.org.uk/recycling

Last year, around 2,100 schools and over 540,000 pupils enjoyed the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

If you have any questions about the programme, please find more information and useful videos at: livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch



Smoking & Vaping

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers: smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited on school premises at all times. This policy is in place to ensure a safe, healthy environment for all our children, staff, and visitors. Please refrain from smoking or vaping anywhere on school grounds, including car parks and entrances. Your support helps us maintain a clean, respectful space where all children can thrive. Thank you for helping us keep our school a smoke-free zone.



Contact Us

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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