



Silloth Primary School Newsletter 26.9.25

Friday 26th September

A message from Miss Mounsey...

*It has been another **busy and enjoyable week** here in school. It's lovely to see the sunshine back with us, even if there's a definite nip in the air now that autumn has arrived! The change in season has brought a real sense of excitement as we prepare for our **Harvest Festival**. The sound of the children practising their songs is filling the corridors and making me feel very nostalgic. Please don't forget that we are collecting **donations for our Harvest Hampers** in support of the local foodbank – every contribution, big or small, will make a real difference.*

*This week also saw the very first **Friends of Silloth Primary School AGM**. It was a fantastic celebration of the hard work and dedication our volunteers put into supporting our school. There was even some added drama when an unexpected fire alarm interrupted the meeting – thankfully all was safe and secure, and the evening continued with smiles all round.*

*Finally, our **Year 6 pupils** attended the Solway and Wigton Careers Fair at Nelson Thomlinson School. They found the event very informative, and I was so proud of the way they represented our school – their behaviour was exceptional.*

Have a lovely weekend!



50/50 club

1st prize £TBC

2nd prize £TBC



Prize money will be decided once we know how many numbers have been sold. The more numbers we sell the bigger the prizes!!!!

Everyone will be notified prior to the first draw.

50% of the money will be used towards prizes and

50% will go to Friends of Silloth Primary School.

The draw will take place on the first 24th of the October and then the 24th of each month going forwards.

The money raised from this is to go towards treats for all the Children in school.

How it works

Each person pays £6.00 for draws (October 2025 to March 2026 only £1.00 per month) and is allocated a number, then once a month we will pick 2 numbers through a number generator for 1st and 2nd place.

If this is something you would like to be part of, please hand the money in a sealed envelope along with your name and telephone number and hand it back to:

- Silloth Primary School Office
- Or you can do via Paypal to nicolahenderson22@hotmail.com (Please use Friends and Family for this and add a contact number to the notes)

Closing date for numbers is: Friday 17th October 2025



Silloth Primary School
 'Where Children Come First!'
SILLOTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
2025/2026

Is your child looking to start
 Nursery in January or April
 2026?

We can take Nursery children, the
 term after their 3rd birthday!
 The application processes to apply
 for next year's places are now open!
 We can offer individual appointments
 for parents to come and see for
 yourselves what makes our school so
 special.

The deadline for January 2026 Nursery starters is 26.9.25 and the deadline
 for April starters is 15.1.26. Contact us on 016973 31243 or
admin@silloth.cumbria.sch.uk for more information or to make an
 appointment.

Visit our website for more information
www.silloth.cumbria.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Thursday 9th October - Harvest Festival @ Christ Church- 1:15pm

Monday 13th October - Nursery Stay & Play Morning

Monday 13th October - Reception - Year 6 Open Afternoon 2pm - 5pm

Wednesday 15th October - Individual and Family School Photographs

Wednesday 22nd October - Nasal Flu - Reception - Year 6

Friday 24th October - Finish for Half Term - 3.05pm

Friday 24th October - FOSPS Halloween Party @ Silloth Rugby Club

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half Term!

Monday 3rd November - Back to school



Solway and Wigton Careers Event

*This week, our Year 6 pupils attended the **Solway and Wigton Careers Event** at Nelson Thomlinson School.*

They had the opportunity to explore a wide range of different careers and to start thinking about the possibilities for their future. The children represented our school brilliantly and were a real credit to us all.

We would also like to thank the organisers for hosting such a valuable and inspiring event.

More photographs on our Facebook page.





Harvest Festival 2025 - Silloth's Harvest Basket!

We would like to welcome you all to join us for our Harvest Festival on Thursday 9th October at Christchurch, 1.15pm.

Our children will be taking you on a journey through the different symbols of harvest, alongside singing all of our harvest favourites!

This year, we are especially keen to support our local food bank. As part of our celebration, we will be creating Harvest Hampers to donate to families in need within our community.

We would be so grateful if you could contribute by bringing along non-perishable food items (such as tins, pasta, rice, cereals, biscuits, tea, coffee, long-life milk and juice). Every single item will make a difference.

Donations can be dropped off at the school entrance in the days leading up to the service, or brought along on the day itself.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness – together we can make a real impact this Harvest.

We hope to see you all there! 🍁



School Council 2025–26

*We are delighted to announce our new **School Councillors** for this academic year!*

*Following class discussions about **democracy**, children were given the chance to put forward their ideas before holding a vote. These pupils have been elected by their classmates to represent their year groups on the School Council.*

*Our **Reception School Councillors** will be announced next week!*

We are proud of everyone who took part in the process and congratulate those who will be wearing their School Council badges this year. We look forward to seeing the brilliant ideas and teamwork from our new councillors.









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 22.9.25

Monday – Meatballs, Pasta & Gravy

Tuesday - Creamy Chicken Korma & Rice

Wednesday - Roast Chicken, Vegetables & Yorkshire Pudding

Thursday – Cheese and Tomato Pizza & 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.



Attendance Champions!

A huge well done Reception who achieved 98.15% attendance this week!

Our sparkling new trophy will take pride of place in their winning classroom again this week.

Great attendance means great learning — keep it up everyone!



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!



Solway Community School Open Evening

***Solway Community School** has asked us to share details of their **Open Evening** taking place on **Wednesday 1st October, 4.00pm–7.00pm**, with a short presentation from the Senior Leadership Team at **4.30pm**.*

*This event is aimed at **Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their families**. It offers the chance to:*

- *Visit the school site.*
 - *Meet staff and students.*
 - *Find out more about the subjects taught and the wider opportunities available.*
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Families may find this useful as they begin to think ahead to secondary school choices in the future



Open Evening

Wednesday 1st
October

4pm – 7pm

Solway Community School

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!

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.

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, eggs, 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:

- *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!



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.*



Kidsafe Parent Information Session — Thursday 25 September 2025

*A big **thank you** to all the parents and carers who attended our **Kidsafe Parent Information Session** on Thursday 25th September.*

By working together, we can help our children to develop the confidence and skills they need to recognise and talk about their feelings, as well as keep themselves safe in different situations.

Our Year 6 children will be engaging in their first session next week.

Your support is greatly appreciated!



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.
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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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An invitation from our friends at The Good Companions



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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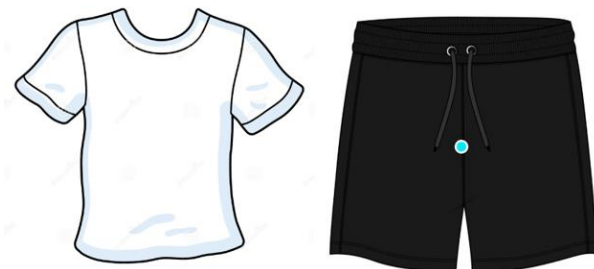
PE Kit Expectations

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.

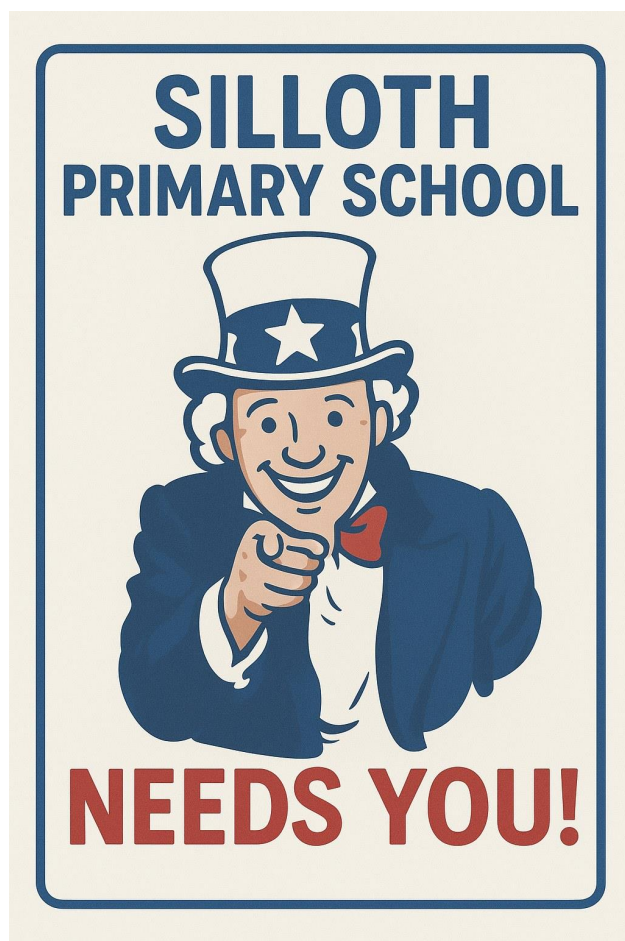


Shout Out for Volunteers!

We are looking for **parents, carers, grandparents and family members** to get involved with school life. We'd love volunteers to:

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- **Accompany children and school staff** at upcoming sports competitions, helping with supervision, encouragement and cheering on our teams.
 - **Support reading in school** by listening to children read and helping to build their confidence and love of books.
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If you're interested in volunteering in either (or both!) of these ways, please contact the school office to discuss this further — we'd love to have you join us.



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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