



Silloth Primary School Newsletter 8.11.25

Saturday 8th November

A message from Miss Mounsey...

*It's been another lovely and busy week here at **Silloth Primary School**, with so many exciting things happening across the school!*

*Our **Nursery and Reception children** had a fantastic time last week enjoying their very own **bonfire morning**. They've been learning all about **fire safety** and used what they'd learnt to help keep everyone safe during the fire. The children were absolute superstars — listening carefully, staying behind the safety rope, and joining in beautifully as we sang songs and enjoyed a hot chocolate and biscuit together. It really was a special morning!*

*Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week**, and our theme this year is "**Power for Good**." The children have been working hard on their presentations, which they'll share in assembly on **Friday**. We'll be starting the week with **Odd Sock Day on Monday** — a fun way to celebrate that everyone is unique while reminding us all to be kind and stand up for one another.*

*We're also looking forward to welcoming families to our **Book Fair**, which will run from **Monday to Thursday, 3:05pm–4:00pm in the school entrance**. It's a great chance to pick up some new stories — and maybe even a few **Christmas presents!** Please remember that payments are **electronic only**, using the QR code provided at the fair.*

*The **Friends of Silloth Primary School** are busy preparing for the return of our popular **Bottle Bingo** event later this month. Tickets will be available to buy via **ParentMail from Monday 10th November**, and we're also collecting **bottle donations** of any kind — these can be handed into the school office. Thank you for your continued support with this brilliant community event!*

*Finally, a reminder that we'll be holding our **Nursery Open Morning on Wednesday 12th November** for families looking for a **Nursery place for 2026**. Please do **share this with friends and family** who may be interested — we'd love to show them what makes our Nursery such a warm and welcoming place to begin their child's learning journey.*

*We know there's been a **nasty sickness bug** going around school recently, and we hope that everyone who's been unwell is starting to feel **much better**. Thank you to families for keeping*

poorly children at home to help stop the spread — your support really helps us keep everyone safe and healthy.

*Tomorrow, our **School Council** will be representing **Silloth Primary School** at the **Remembrance Service**, joining the wider community to pay their respects. We are incredibly proud of them for taking part in this important event on behalf of our school.*

Thank you, as always, for your support and positivity. It's been wonderful to see so much teamwork, enthusiasm, and joy around school — we really do have such a special community here at Silloth Primary.



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

The poster features several circular images: a lighthouse on a hill, a child in a pink coat playing with a red bucket of water, a child in a blue coat playing with a red bucket of water, a child in a blue coat playing with a red bucket of water, and a child in a blue coat playing with a red bucket of water.

Diary Dates

Monday 10th November - Thursday 13th November - Book Fair in school

Wednesday 3rd December - Times Table Rock Star Day! (More information to follow)

Thursday 4th December - FOSPS Christmas Bottle Bingo! (More information to follow)

Tuesday 9th December - 'A Hygge Christmas with Early Years' (More information to follow)

Thursday 11th December - FOSPS Christmas Treat 'Winter Wonderland' (More information to follow)

Tuesday 16th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity (More information to follow)

Tuesday 16th December - KS2 Christmas Carols at Christ Church - 1:30pm



Book Fair - Next Week!

We're excited to announce that our **Book Fair** will be in school **from Monday to Thursday, 3:05pm – 4:00pm**, in the school entrance. It's a fantastic opportunity for children and families to browse a wonderful selection of books and nurture a love of reading — and it's also a **great idea for Christmas presents!** 📖

Please note that **all payments will be electronic only — no cash will be accepted**. To make a purchase, simply scan the **QR code provided at the fair** to complete your payment quickly and securely.

Come along, find your next great read, and maybe tick a few gifts off your Christmas list too!

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Come to our
BOOK FAIR

to spot the books you'll
LOVE to read!

Every book you buy earns
FREE BOOKS
for our school!

Come and find me!

My brand new book!

NORA NIGHTSKY
REBECCA LEWIS-CHALKS
Illustrated by Andy Ross

BLUEY
2 stories
AMAZING STORIES!
Illustrated by Sarah Horne

DOG MAN
BIG TIM BEGINS
DAVE PILKES

TOM GATES
PESKY PETS PARTIES
LIE PITCHER

DATE: 10th-18th November
TIME: 3.05pm — 4pm
LOCATION: Sillioth Primary School — Main Entrance

MORE NEW BOOKS
to look out for!

Books from
£2.99

DISCOVER MORE BOOKS ONLINE!

www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases

All books subject to availability.

Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.5M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organizer or Scholastic Book Fairs for details. All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. * Warning: Not suitable for children under 5. Small parts.

Anti Bullying Week 2025 - Odd Sock Day Monday 10th November

Next week we will be taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week** and our theme this year is **"Power For Good."** Children have been working really hard on presentations and activities in class, and they will be sharing these in **assembly on Friday** to celebrate how we can all use our voices and actions for good.

Monday will be Odd Sock Day!

Children are invited to wear **odd socks** to school to celebrate that everyone is unique. (School uniform as normal, just odd socks!)

Thank you for supporting our work on kindness, respect and standing up for others ❤️



Nursery & Reception Bonfire Fun!

*Last week, **Nursery and Reception** came together to enjoy their very own **Bonfire Morning!***

*In Reception and Nursery, we have been learning all about Bonfire Night and particularly about **fire safety** — how to stay safe around fire and what to do in the event of a fire at home. The children used everything they had learnt to help keep everyone safe during our bonfire, and they were all **absolute superstars!***

*We created a **safety circle** around the fire with a rope to remind everyone to stay back and listen carefully to instructions. Using the **fire pit from the Reception playground**, Miss Agnew built and lit the fire, adding wood to keep it going. The children talked about what was needed to make a fire and how to put it out safely using water or sand.*

*Everyone enjoyed **hot chocolate or juice and a biscuit**, and we even sang some songs around the fire together.*

It was a lovely morning full of learning, teamwork, and fun!











Important Information - “Spy Dog”, “Spy Cat” & “Spy Pups” Books

*We wanted to make you aware of an important update regarding some children’s books by **Andrew Cope**, including the popular “Spy Dog”, “Spy Cat” and “Spy Pups” series.*

*It has recently been brought to our attention that in the **front and/or back pages of some editions** of these books, there is a web address (URL) that has been **hacked** by an unrelated third party. The domain is now being used to host **inappropriate adult content**.*

*While this website is **not part of the story, nor linked to Puffin Books or the author**, we strongly advise that children **do not attempt to visit the website listed in these books**.*

What we are doing:

- We are **checking our school copies** of these titles and **removing any affected books** from circulation.
 - Penguin Random House (Puffin Books) has confirmed they have **paused sale and distribution** of the books while they work to resolve the issue.
 - The publisher is actively pursuing legal action to have the inappropriate site removed, but this process will take some time.
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*If you have copies of these books at home, we recommend that you **check them carefully** and **remove any pages containing the old website link**, or temporarily remove the books from use until the issue is resolved.*

Thank you for your support in helping us keep children safe online.



Friends of Silloth Primary School – Bottle Bingo Is Back!

*Get ready for one of our favourite festive events – **Bottle Bingo is back!***

***Tickets** will be available to purchase from **Monday 10th November** via **ParentMail**.*

*The **closing date** for tickets is **Friday 28th November**, and tickets will be sent home on this day (unless sold out before).*

*We are also asking for **bottle donations of any kind** — from drinks to bubble bath!*

*All donations can be handed into the **school office**.*

Thank you for your support — we can't wait for another fantastic school community event!



Nursery Open Morning – Wednesday 12th November

*We're delighted to invite families who are looking for a **Nursery place** for their child starting in **2026** to our **Nursery Open Morning** on **Wednesday 12th November** at **9:15am**.*

Come along to meet our friendly staff, explore our wonderful learning environment, and find out more about what makes our Nursery a fantastic place to begin your child's education.

*Please **share this information with your friends and family** who may be looking for a Nursery place — we'd love to welcome them too!*

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing what makes Silloth Primary School Nursery so special.



Children in Need - Friday 14th November 2025

*Children are invited to **wear their Pudsey ears** (if they have them) along with their usual school uniform. We'll be spending time in class learning about the important work that Children in Need does to help others and celebrating the theme of kindness and community.*



KS1 Pyjama Drama Workshop!

KS1 had an amazing time with Sarah from Pyjama Drama this week!

Through lots of fun and imaginative drama, we learnt how to cross the road safely and sensibly with our 'pet dog' at different types of crossings – zebra, pelican and puffin crossings. We also discovered one of the most important safety rules: always wear a helmet when using our scooters and bikes!

A huge thank you to Sarah for such a fun and important session – we're all road safety stars now!









Parking on School Lane

*We kindly ask that parents and carers **do not park on School Lane** 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.



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.



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 3.11.25

Monday – Meatballs, Pasta & Gravy

Tuesday - Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice

Wednesday - Roach Chicken with vegetables

Thursday – Fish Goujons & Potato Waffles

Friday – Sausage & 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 & Stars of the Week

*As we cancelled **Celebration Assembly on Friday** to help reduce large gatherings of children, our **Stars of the Week** and **Attendance Champions** will now be announced **on Monday** instead.*



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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.*



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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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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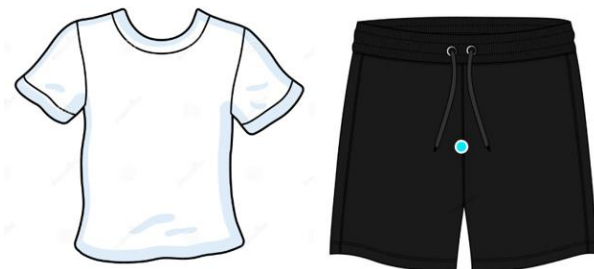
PE Kit Expectations

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.



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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