

Silsden Primary School

Weekly News – w/c 14th September 2026



September 2026

25th McMillan Coffee
Afternoon

October 2026

5th – 9th Y6 PGL Visit
15th EYFS Phonics Parents
Evening
19th-21st Reception Stay and
Play
20th Topic Showcase
20th & 21st School Discos
22nd Reception 2027
Open Day
23rd Halloween Dress
Down Day
23rd School Closes
23rd Interim Reports Out

November 2026

2nd Return to School
10th Parents Evening
12th Parents Evening
13th Children in Need
16th - 20th Anti-Bulling Week
19th Reception 2027
Open Day
27th SEND Parents
Information Meeting
W/C 30th Assessment Week

Whole School Messages

Dear Parents, Welcome back to the new school year. It has been a very successful first week back. All children have returned and settled into the school routines exceptionally well and I have seen them all getting down to their learning straight away in their classrooms. They have also returned with a very high standard of uniform.

Please keep this up, and keep checking the school policy to ensure that your child's uniform is correct.

It has been lovely to meet lots of new parents who are bringing their children to school for the first time this week out on the playground - especially those with children starting in our nursery and reception. These children have also made a fantastic start and we have all been really impressed with their confidence and happiness when coming into school.

I'd like to thank all of the EYFS staff for helping to make this week so successful. Parents will remember that the last week of term was quite busy as we had our OFSTED inspection. I have received the draft report last week which was much earlier than expected and we will be sharing the final report with parents as soon as we have it sent back to us. I expect that this will happen in the next couple of weeks.

One point to note for parents and children is regarding the morning routine before school. Parents are reminded that their children should not be arriving at school earlier than 8.40am. Some children are on site at 8.20am. It is lovely to see such enthusiasm for getting to school, however this is far too early. Staff are not on duty until 8.45am and therefore your children are not supervised.

On the playground we have had to impose a "no use" policy on the climbing and exercise equipment before school. This is related to health and safety and something that I would ask all parents to respect - even if they are with their children. At the end of the day can parents please keep back from the school building as much as possible so that staff can monitor the collection of children. This week staff have said that parents have been encroaching towards the different class groups and this has made hand over more difficult. If you wish to use the equipment once you have collected your children then please continue to do so. If parents wish to talk to their child's class teacher after school please wait until all the children have been dismissed before asking to speak to them.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing more of you around school over the coming weeks. Kind regards Mr Russell



Whole School Messages

Please find our Online Safety Newsletter attached for September 2026 -

<https://www.silsdenprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Online-Safety-Newsletter-Primary-September-2026-5-Silsden-02-09-2026.pdf>

There is a Bat Walk taking place on Thursday 24th September at 18:45pm at Hayhills Farm Wood, Silsden.

The below link has further information - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bat-walk-beck-wood-tickets-1989210256425?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Year 6 Specific Messages

Please could you ensure that your child has passed on the parents' guide for applying for secondary schools which was sent home earlier this week.

PE days are Mondays and Tuesdays for all year 6 classes and outdoor learning every other Wednesday.

Homework (spelling and maths) is due back in on Mondays throughout year 6.

In Year 6 children have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Please find the attached link with further information. Should you wish to **OPT YOUR CHILD OUT** of the **NCMP** screening, you can do so via the link - <https://www.silsdenprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/NCMP-Y6-Opt-Out-Letter-2026-27.pdf>

Year 5 Specific Messages

General Information: PE Days - Pankhurst and Wilberforce are Thursday and Friday, Churchill is Monday and Thursday. Outdoor Learning Day - Every other Tuesday. Please ensure that students have appropriate footwear for Outdoor Learning - best practice is to leave a pair in school so that they are not forgotten.

Please ensure children have a jacket in school in case of inclement weather.

Year 4 Specific Messages

PE days: Hawking and Anning - Monday (outdoor), Wednesday (climbing) Turing - Tuesday (outdoor), Friday (indoor) Homework goes out on Tuesdays to be returned the following Monday.

All children have been given a reading book and their reading record. Children should be reading at least 3 times a week. Reading records should be handed in every day; there needs to be a record of their reading before they can change their book for another one.

Please find the following link for information on this year's residential trip -

<https://www.silsdenprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Year-4-residential.-June-27.pdf>

Year 3 Specific Messages

OUTDOOR LEARNING: Please ensure that children have wellies in a bag and waterproof coats with them.
24th September 8th October 22nd October Elgar PE DAYS: Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)
Holst PE DAYS: Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor) Lloyd-Webber PE DAYS: Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor) READING RECORDS: Please can these be returned to school every day alongside any library and reading books in case we need to use them in the classroom. HOMEWORK: Homework will be sent out on a Tuesday and must be returned the following Monday. Homework should take no longer than 15 - 20 minutes and is a short Maths task with the week's spellings.

READING BOOKS - Over the course of Year 3, the children will bring home two books. One is from the School Reading Scheme and the other is their 'Reading for Pleasure' or Library Book. The first they should read with an adult, and the second could either be read independently or to them if it is too challenging.

TOPIC DAY - As part of our topic day, children will have the opportunity to try some different foods. Please make sure your children's allergy information is up to date with the school office

Year 2 Specific Messages

PE Days: Berners-Lee: Wednesday (indoor) Friday (outdoor) Bell: Monday (indoor) Wednesday (outdoor)
Baird: Monday (outdoor) Wednesday (indoor) Outdoor Learning: Tuesday (Alternate weeks - starting 15/9/2026) Please ensure wellies and waterproof coats are in school on these days. Children will keep them in their lockers this year so please send them in a bag.

Year 1 Specific Messages

A warm welcome back to you all, we hope you have had a restful break and are all ready to go in a new Year group. It is lovely to see how settled all the Year ones are, even after just a few days! You should find your child's new timetable in their bags, so you know which days are PE and outdoor learning. Brunel - PE = Monday and Thursday Stephenson - PE = Thursday and Friday Whittle - PE = Tuesday and Thursday All Year 1 Classes - Outdoor Learning - Fortnightly = Friday Please make sure that the children wear their Outdoor PE kits on PE days and Outdoor Learning sessions. This week we have assessed the children's reading in class. You may find that your children have moved boxes, some have remained on the same. We want to make sure that the children are confident and fluent in their own reading, so please don't worry if the children have gone back to books they have read before, they will hopefully soon move on, with lots of support and practice. Please read as often with your children, aim for at least 3 times a week. We change the decodable reading books twice a week. Finally, please make sure to bring your wellies into school in a carrier bag. They will be kept in the children's lockers. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you, The Year 1 Team.

Reception Specific Messages

We have had a fantastic week in Reception and are so proud of all the children and their hard work. A quick reminder that wellies and water bottles need to be in school by Monday, please. Please make sure all shoes, wellies, cardigans and jumpers are clearly labelled with your child's name, as these are often removed during the day and can easily get misplaced. The children have worked hard to learn where everything belongs in our outdoor area and are doing a great job of tidying up and taking responsibility for our resources. We would really appreciate your support by not allowing your children to play in the outdoor area before or after school. We are really looking forward to having full classes back on Monday! Have a lovely weekend.

Nursery Specific Messages

Please see Dojo for Nursery Updates.

Welfare / Pastoral Messages

Registration form	Attendance this week	Attendance this academic year
1 Brunel	95.5%	95.5%
1 Stephenson	99.1%	99.1%
1 Whittle	99.1%	99.1%
2 Baird	93.9%	93.9%
2 Bell	91.7%	91.7%
2 Berners-Lee	92.6%	92.6%
3 Elgar	98.3%	98.3%
3 Holst	97.1%	97.1%
3 Lloyd-Webber	99.0%	99.0%
4 Anning	94.6%	94.6%
4 Hawking	97.9%	97.9%
4 Turing	97.9%	97.9%
5 Churchill	92.6%	92.6%
5 Pankhurst	96.6%	96.6%
5 Wilberforce	97.4%	97.4%
6 Drake	100.0%	100.0%
6 Nelson	98.7%	98.7%
6 Tull	96.6%	96.6%
Donaldson	100.0%	100.0%
R Jenner	100.0%	100.0%
R Nightingale	100.0%	100.0%
R Seacole	100.0%	100.0%
Average: 96.8%		Average: 96.8%