

Silsden Primary School

Weekly News – w/c 5th October 2026



October 2026

5th – 9th Y6 PGL Visit
8th EYFS Phonics Parents Evening
13th, 14th & 15th 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

December 2026

3rd Nursery Open Day for September 2027 New Starters
8th Topic Showcase
11th Christmas Jumper Day
14th EYFS and KS1 Pantomime (AM)
14th Yr5 Victorian Christmas Carol service
15th Reception Nativity
16th Christmas Dinner Day
17th Christmas Craft Morning
18th Christmas Party (PM)
18th School Closes

Whole School Messages

Last week, we launched the Junior Dukes award for the third year. Your children should have brought their booklets home and hopefully they are getting excited about which challenge they would like to take on first. In our fast-paced world, as adults, many of us find that it's simplest and quickest to do things for our children rather than giving them the time to learn, try, fail, make a mess then, finally, master the skills. We must embrace the madness and the mess because children aren't little for long! It's also tempting to help children as soon as they look as though they are about to fail because we want them to feel success rather than the frustration of not managing a skill...yet. That is why we are choosing to offer the Junior Duke Award to our pupils.

We would really like your help, time and guidance with it to allow children to get out of their comfort zones to learn to grasp skills like washing their sheets, cooking dinner, doing the shopping and building fires. We know that sometimes it's hard to stand back and allow them to make mistakes (especially if they may be in danger!) and to give them the responsibility to do certain things independently, perhaps failing a few times on the way to success. However, we also know how empowered children feel once they learn new skills and, as we know, future employers look to employ well-rounded people with hard skills as well as the soft skills required for many tasks in the Junior Duke! Once a child has learned a skill such as how to make a cup of tea, it's something they should do regularly forever more. Therefore, we hope you will help by gently pushing your child to learn new tasks and to keep working to improve on them. Who knows, they will hopefully discover they have new passions and talents!

A new feature this year is, that after each challenge is finished, there is a QR code to scan at the bottom of the challenge page. The children will be asked to think about the skills they have used and rate themselves. In order to access this, they will need a school code – this is NFPB9. To earn a certificate and badge, your child will need to complete 10 tasks. We look forward to seeing all the challenges as they are completed and we hope to be able to share these in our celebration assemblies.

Mrs Hazlehurst

Whole School Messages

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - As a reminder, there will be no KS2 Netball Club, Y2 Forest School, KS2 Forest School and Y2&3 Mini Games next week.

Year 6 Specific Messages

No news to report this week.

Year 5 Specific Messages

No news to report this week.

Year 4 Specific Messages

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

Reading books and reading records should in be in school every day and we expect that your child reads at home (and records this in their books) at least 3 times a week.

There will be no outdoor learning this week.

Don't forget, there will be a residential information evening on Monday 12th October in Anning class at 3:45pm and 5:30pm.

Just a reminder - items from home should not be brought in to school - we are seeing an increasing number of notebooks, jewellery and loom bands (which can cause a health and safety risk) in the playground and in the classroom.

Year 3 Specific Messages

No news to report this week.

Year 2 Specific Messages

No news to report this week.

Year 1 Specific Messages

Just a quick reminder this week. Please make sure that you add you children's meals on Arbor, it takes time to ask all the individual children what they are having and log them onto the computer. This time eats into valuable phonics time. Thank you for your understanding. Year 1 Team.

Reception Specific Messages

No news to report this week.

Nursery Specific Messages

Please see Dojo for Nursery Updates.

Welfare / Pastoral Messages

Registration form	Attendance this week	Attendance this academic year
1 Brunel	96.4%	97.2%
1 Stephenson	100.0%	99.2%
1 Whittle	99.1%	98.2%
2 Baird	100.0%	97.8%
2 Bell	98.6%	93.4%
2 Berners-Lee	94.1%	94.4%
3 Elgar	95.3%	97.3%
3 Holst	97.1%	97.5%
3 Lloyd-Webber	98.6%	97.1%
4 Anning	90.0%	93.0%
4 Hawking	98.6%	98.1%
4 Turing	96.8%	97.0%
5 Churchill	93.1%	93.3%
5 Pankhurst	96.3%	96.6%
5 Wilberforce	95.3%	95.6%
6 Drake	98.7%	98.2%
6 Nelson	96.7%	96.6%
6 Tull	98.6%	97.4%
Donaldson	94.1%	94.6%
R Jenner	99.3%	99.3%
R Nightingale	96.6%	96.3%
R Seacole	93.8%	94.5%
	Average: 96.6%	Average: 96.4%