

- SCHOOL TERM DATES**
- Monday 28th October - Half Term •
  - Monday 4th November— Non pupil Day
  - Tuesday 5th November— Back to School
  - Monday 23rd December—Start of School holidays
  - Monday 6th January—Non pupil Day
  - Tuesday 7th January— return to School
  - Monday 17th February - Half term
  - Monday 24th February - Return to School
  - Monday 7th April -Easter Holidays
  - Tuesday 22nd April—Return to School
  - Friday 23rd May—Non Pupil Day
  - Monday 26th May—Half Term
  - Monday 2nd June—Return to School
  - Wednesday 23rd July— School Holidays



# Silver End Academy

## Grow ♦ Flourish ♦ Succeed

22ND NOVEMBER 2024

### A Message from Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers

As we embrace the final stretch of the year, I'd like to shine a spotlight on a vital skill that empowers our students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally: **creative and positive thinking**. These qualities are not only essential for solving problems but also for building resilience and fostering a love for lifelong learning.

#### CULTIVATING CREATIVE AND POSITIVE THINKING AT SCHOOL

At our school, we believe creativity isn't just for art —it's a way of approaching challenges with curiosity and innovation. Positive thinking goes hand in hand with creativity. A growth mindset—believing abilities can develop with effort—helps students approach challenges with optimism. Here's how we nurture creativity and promote positivity:

- **Inquiry-Based Learning:** Students are encouraged to ask "why" and "what if" questions in all subjects, sparking curiosity and exploration.
- **Collaborative Projects:** Group work allows students to exchange ideas, think critically, and learn the value of diverse perspectives.
- **Flexible Classrooms:** By creating spaces where students feel safe to experiment and fail, we help them learn that setbacks are stepping stones to success.
- **Mindfulness Practices:** Activities like deep breathing and gratitude journaling encourage a calm and focused mind.
- **Celebrating Effort:** We recognise and reward persistence and hard work, not just outcomes.
- **Modeling Resilience:** Teachers share real-world examples of overcoming challenges, reinforcing the message that obstacles can be opportunities.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME

Parents and guardians play a pivotal role in reinforcing these values. Here are some ideas to encourage creative and positive thinking at home:

- **Ask your child open questions to help them reflect on the best bits of their day:** asking open questions such as "what made you smile today?" or "tell me something new you learnt today" or "what were you best at today?"
- **Encourage Problem-Solving:** Let children brainstorm solutions to everyday problems, from organising their bedroom or an activity. Try asking "ok, what do you think we should do about that?"
- **Promote Positivity:** Share stories about how challenges in your life turned into opportunities. Encourage phrases like, "I can try again," or, "What's another way to look at this?"

#### A SHARED GOAL

Together, we can create an environment where children see possibilities instead of problems and opportunities instead of obstacles. Let's work hand-in-hand to build a community that fosters creative and positive thinkers who are ready to shape the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our students' success.

## Our school motto—'Grow Flourish Succeed'

With our discussions in school about positive thinking and how we can promote good mental health strategies with our children, we have been reflecting on our school motto. School council members felt that the motto could do with an update as they were unclear what it meant to them. Our core values are clear and referenced with the children every day and we would like our school motto to really spearhead our aims and desires for our learners.

Some AI generated ideas are:

- "Learn, Grow, Shine!"
- "Dream Big, Work Hard, Be Kind!"
- "Every Day a New Adventure!"
- "Helping Each Other, Learning Together!"
- "Respect, Kindness, and Learning for All!"
- "Together We Reach New Heights!"
- "Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow!"
- "Be Curious, Be Brave, Be You!"
- "Small Steps, Big Dreams!"
- "Believe in Yourself, Believe in Each Other!"

Please follow the link in the email sent with their newsletter to add your ideas to our discussion.

<https://forms.office.com/e/GRkmsRoseM>

### Children In Need 2024- Friday 15th November.

**Huge thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need, the children looked fantastic in their non-uniform and spotty clothes! Even Pudsey bear made a special appearance at Silver End Academy.**

**We will let you know how much we have raised, as soon as possible !**



## Flu- Immunisations

Flu Immunisations have been booked for Tuesday 10th December. A parental consent link will be sent this week, please check your parent mail.

## Parents Evening Dates

Tuesday 26th November and Thursday 28th November

We are aware of a technical issue with Parent Mail and are in communications with them. Some of the classes have the wrong teachers name on them. Please be assured that your appointment will be with the correct teacher.

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service are contracted to deliver the National Child Measurement Programme to all Reception and Year 6 children from the start of the school year in September 2024.

Our checks will be on Tuesday 19th November . Reception children will be having their vision checked and Year 6 will be having their height and weight checked.



# Christmas Dates for your Diary

**Year 3, 4, 5, 6**

**Christmas Performances**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December-1:30pm

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm & 6pm

**Whole School**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December-

Christmas Jumper Day

**School Christmas Disco**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

EY/KS1-3:15-4:14

KS2-4:30-5:30

**PTA Christmas**

**Fayre**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

December

**Reception Christmas**

**Performance**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December-

2:30pm

**Year 1 & 2 Christmas**

**Performances**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December- 1:30pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December-4:30pm

**Whole School**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December-

Christmas Dinner



## Remembrance Assembly

Thank you to everyone that attended the Year 5 Remembrance Assembly and donated to the Royal British Legion poppy appeal.



Thank you to Clark and Carter for their generous donation which has paid for the Year 6 revision books!

### The '48 hour rule'

Please be reminded it is recommended that any child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away from the school or early years setting until they have been free of symptoms for **48 hours** (the '48 hour rule') and feel well enough to return.

Please be aware that children are not to be running around the staff car park before the gate has opened in the morning.

Please do not enter the school grounds until the gates are about to open.





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## Parent Tour Dates

**Was your child born between September 2020 and August 2021 and is now due to start school in September 2025?**

Come and take a look around our school by visiting us on one of our tour dates:

- Tuesday 15th October at 9am
- Friday 18th October at 9am
- Wednesday 13th November at 2pm
- Wednesday 27th November at 5pm

Please call the school office on 01376 583353 to book a space or by emailing [adminsil@inspiresmat.co.uk](mailto:adminsil@inspiresmat.co.uk)

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opens on **Monday 4 November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025. The closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**. Even if you already have a sibling at our school, you still need to apply if you have a child due to start Reception next September 2025.

You can apply online for your child's reception place via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). All of the application information is available on the website.

Please see the attached poster if you would like to book a tour.

## Wrap Around Care

Our Hang Out Club will run between 3 & 5.30pm Monday—Thursday. It is currently £8 for 3-5pm and £12 until 5.30pm. **To book please do so via ParentMail the week before you require the service.**

## Breakfast Club

**Monday-Friday 7.40 - 8.30am**

Breakfast Club runs every morning (term time) throughout the year and is open to all pupils at Silver End Academy. The cost per day is £3.50, payable on the day or in advance. The purpose of the Breakfast Club is to provide the opportunity for children to eat breakfast within a safe and friendly environment

## Wear Red for Ruby

To honor Ruby, the beloved child of Mrs Turner, who passed away in July we would like to invite the children to come into school on Thursday 5th December wearing non-uniform including something red. This event is not only a way to express our heartfelt support and solidarity with Mrs Turner and her family but also an opportunity to contribute positively in Ruby's name. All funds raised on the day will be distributed evenly between Great Ormond Street Hospital and also Luton & Dunstable NICU as chosen by Mrs Turner.

This day is a reflection of the compassion and unity that make our school community so special. Together, we can honor the memory of Baby Ruby.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



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[www.personalise-uk.co.uk/products/school-shop](http://www.personalise-uk.co.uk/products/school-shop)

## Uniform

### Dress

It is the expectation of the school that all children who attend the school, wear the correct uniform.

Boys and girls are welcome to wear:

- ◆ Plain grey or black trousers, tailored shorts, tunic dress or skirt
- ◆ Red gingham dresses for Summer uniform
- ◆ Plain white or grey shirt/polo shirt
- ◆ Maroon sweatshirt/jumper, with or without the school logo
- ◆ Plain black, grey, maroon or white socks
- ◆ Plain black trainers with black soles or black school shoes



### P.E. Outfits

- ◆ Plain white T-shirt/polo shirt [no logos]
- ◆ Plain black shorts [no logos or stripes]
- ◆ Plain black plimsolls or plain black trainers
- ◆ Plain Tracksuit for outdoor activities – Black, navy or dark grey with no logos



### Jewellery & Hair

The only jewellery permitted is a watch and plain ear studs which your child must be able to remove for PE lessons. If they are unable to do so, please leave earrings out for PE days.

No earrings or jewellery whatsoever may be worn during P.E. or Games sessions. (Should your child be having their ears pierced please consider having this done at the start of the summer holidays so that they do not miss P.E. or swimming lessons).

Hair should be neat and tidy. Extreme or “Attention seeking” styles or adornments such as extra large bows are not suitable.

# Menu for week commencing 25/11/2024– Week 3

## Silver End Academy

Monday

CHILDREN'S CHOICE

### **Pasta with a choice of Sauce Topping**

Pepperoni, Cheese or Tomato served with Salad

### **Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings**

Tuesday

### **Beefburger in a bun**

served with Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn

### **Breaded Halloumi Wrap**

Served with Potato Wedges

### **Jacket potato with a choice of toppings**

Wednesday

### **Butchers Sausage**

served with Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli and Carrots

### **Vegetarian Cottage Pie**

served with Broccoli and Carrots

### **Jacket potato with a choice of toppings**

Thursday

### **Homemade Chicken Pie**

served with Crispy Diced Potatoes and Green Beans

### **Quorn Chilli**

Served with Wholemeal Rice and Salad

### **Jacket potato with a choice of toppings**

Friday

### **Jumbo Fish Finger**

served with Crispy Chips, Peas or Baked Beans

### **Quorn Dippers**

served with Crispy Chips, Peas or Baked Beans

### **Sweet Treat Friday**

Angel Delight

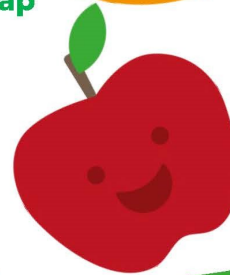
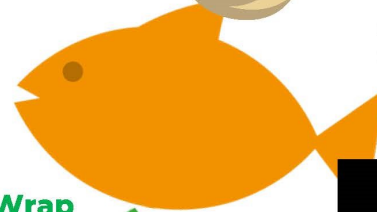
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### **Jacket potato with a choice of toppings**

Available everyday

A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit, and yoghurt, water and milk

Week 3



Fresh  
All our food is cooked  
fresh each day

Healthy  
Our pasta, rice and  
breads are healthy  
wholemeal products

Checked  
We always use  
reputable suppliers  
and where possible  
use local produce



# Menu

# Menu for week commencing 02/12/2024– Week 1

## Silver End Academy

Week 1

Monday

CHILDREN'S  
CHOICE

### Homemade Chilli

served with Baked Jacket Wedges and sweet crunchy coleslaw

### Cheese and Red Onion Quiche

served with Baked Jacket Wedges and sweet crunchy coleslaw

### Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Tuesday

### Chicken Curry

served with Wholemeal Rice, Naan Bread and Salad

### Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce & Pasta

served with Salad

### Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Wednesday

CHILDREN'S  
CHOICE

### Honey Roast Gammon

served with Roast Potatoes Carrots and Cauliflower.

### Quorn Sausage

served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cauliflower.

### Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Thursday

### Meatballs in an Italian style tomato sauce

served with Wholemeal Pasta and Salad

### Halloumi Burger in a Bun

served with Coleslaw and Salad

### Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Friday

### Fish Fingers

served with Crispy Chips, Peas and Baked Beans

### Vegetarian Sausage Rolls

served with Crispy chips, Peas and Baked beans

### Sweet Treat Friday

Cake and Custard

CHILDREN'S  
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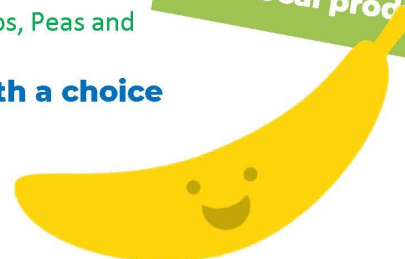
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## Connected Learning Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2024-2025

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- = Schooldays
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Weekends
- = Inset Days

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024 <i>Half Term 28 October – 1 November</i>	75 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 4 April 2025 <i>Half Term 17 February - 21 February</i>	60 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Tuesday 22 July 2025 <i>Half Term 26 May – 30 May, and May Bank Holiday - 5 May</i>	60 days
		195 days

**Please note:**

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.

You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.