

SCHOOL TERM DATES

24/25

- 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

SCHOOL TERM DATES

25/26

- Monday 1st September—Non-pupil Day
- Tuesday 2nd September—return to school
- Friday 24th October - Non-pupil day
- Monday 27th October—Half Term
- Monday 22nd December—Christmas Holidays
- Monday 5th January—Non-pupil day
- Tuesday 6th January—Return to school
- Monday 16th February—Half term
- Monday 30th March -Easter Holidays
- Monday 13th April—Return to School
- Monday 25th May—Half Term
- Monday 1st June—Non-pupil Day
- Tuesday 2nd June—Return to School
- Monday 20th July Non-Pupil Day
- Tuesday 21st July—Start of school holidays



A Message from Head of School

I hope this message finds you well, having enjoyed the sunshine over the weekend. I was hoping that it signaled the end of winter and the start of spring, but today has served to remind me that we are not out of the wintery woods yet.

Last week we celebrated my favourite day of the year—world book day! Thank you to all the parents and carers for putting so much effort into helping the children to recreate their favourite characters or words. Please check out our Instagram page for some of the spectacular costumes!

The Importance of Maintaining High Standards in School Uniform

At Silver End Academy, when we are not celebrating a dress-up day, we believe that high standards in uniform are more than just a set of rules—they are part of what creates a positive and purposeful school culture. When students wear the correct school uniform, they are showing pride in themselves and their school, reinforcing a strong sense of identity and belonging within our community. It helps to foster equality, as everyone is dressed the same, reducing distractions and potential pressures linked to fashion trends or branded clothing. This creates a more focused learning environment where students can concentrate on what really matters—their education.

Wearing the uniform correctly, including correct PE kit, also promotes discipline and personal responsibility, preparing children for expectations they will encounter beyond school life. It encourages a mindset of readiness and respect, and we consistently see how this translates into positive attitudes in the classroom and around the school.

One area we are currently focusing on is ensuring all students are wearing the correct black school shoes as part of their uniform. Black school shoes are an important part of our uniform policy as they contribute to a smart, consistent appearance and but also ensure that children's feet are supported correctly as they grow and develop. Similarly, appropriate black footwear for PE lessons is essential for students' safety and comfort, as well as their ability to fully participate in physical activities.

We fully understand that our younger children often wear what their parents or carers provide for them. In these cases, where children are not in the correct uniform due to circumstances beyond their control, we will not apply consequences, but will communicate our expectations with parents. Our priority is always to work with families in a supportive and understanding way.

However, where we feel that a child is making a choice not to follow our uniform expectations—such as wearing items that are not school colours, or clothing that includes large logos or images—we will get in touch with parents or carers to clarify what their child is wearing. If the issue continues, we will follow our behaviour policy. This includes children being asked to reflect on their choices with a senior leader at lunchtime, as part of helping them understand the importance of following our shared expectations.

We do understand, however, that maintaining uniform standards can sometimes be difficult for families, whether due to financial pressures or other circumstances. As a school, we are committed to supporting our families in any way we can. We have a uniform exchange program in place, where good-quality pre-loved items are available at no cost. If any family is finding it hard to access the correct uniform, we encourage you to reach out to us in confidence—we are here to help.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that our students continue to uphold the high standards that make Silver End Academy such a special place to learn and grow.

SPRING TERM KEY

DATES

- Monday 10th March—Ben Nevis Open Door 2pm
- Monday 17th March—Mt Fuji Open Door 2pm
- Tuesday 18th March—PTA meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 19th March—SEN and Attendance coffee Morning 9am
- Thursday 20th March—Y5 trip to Science Museum
- Friday 21st March—Sports Relief
- Friday 21st March—EYFS Arks farm visit
- Monday 24th March—Kilimanjaro Open Door 2pm
- Tuesday 25th March—Save our Pool Meeting 6pm
- Tuesday 25th March—Parents Evening
- Thursday 27th March—Year 1 Theatre visit in school
- Thursday 27th March—Parents Evening
- Monday 31st March—Mt Rushmore Open Door 2pm
- Tuesday 1st April—Mt Olympus Open Door 2pm
- Tuesday 1st April—EYFS & Year 3 Dental talk and check
- Wednesday 2nd April—Head Teacher Award Assembly 2.30pm
- Thursday 3rd April—Year 3 Spring Performance 2.15pm
- Friday 4th April—Open Gallery Art Day
- Friday 4th April—Year 6 cake Sale

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.

BRANDED UNIFORM CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE FROM SCHOOL TRENDS AND PERSONALISE ONLINE USING THESE LINKS.

www.schooltrendsonline.com/uniform/SilverEndPrimarySchoolCM83RZ

www.personalise-uk.co.uk/products/school-shop

Inspires MAT Uniform Policy

(Complete policy available from our website)

1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Set out our approach to requiring a uniform that is of reasonable cost and offers the best value for money for parents and carers
- Clarify our expectations for school uniform

5. Expectations for our school community

5.1 Pupils

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times (other than specified non-school uniform days) while:

- On the school premises
- Travelling to and from school
- At out-of-school events or on trips that are organised by the school, or where they are representing the school (if required)
- Pupils are also expected to Mrs Wightman if they want to request an amendment to the uniform policy in relation to their protected characteristics.

5.2 Parents and carers

We believe that one of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform and PE kit, and that it is clean, in good repair and that the child's name is written on all items. If a parent has difficulties for any reason with fulfilling this request they are asked to speak confidentially to a senior member of staff to discuss the issues. Parents should be assured that we do all we can to help. Children who arrive at school wearing non-school uniform clothing will be loaned an appropriate item from a stock of donated clean uniform to wear for that day. For children who do not have a PE kit in school, the teacher will ring the parent to see if the PE kit can be brought into school in time for the lesson. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example on religious grounds, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform, the school will consider such requests sympathetically. If any parent would like to request a modification to the uniform policy they should, in the first instance, contact the Head of School.

5.3 Staff

Staff will closely monitor pupils to make sure they are in correct uniform. They will give any pupils and families breaching the uniform policy the opportunity to comply, but will follow up with the Head of School if the situation doesn't improve.

In cases where it is suspected that financial hardship has resulted in a pupil not complying with this uniform policy, staff will take a mindful and considerate approach to resolving the situation.

Ongoing Breaches of Uniform Policy

Initially when a breach of school uniform is noticed, the class teacher will contact parent/carer reminding them of the uniform policy. If appropriate, the child will be asked to remove the item to have back at the end of the day – for example an unauthorised necklace. Spare school uniform may be offered for the child to wear during the day – for example a child may be given school plimsolls to wear if they attend in trainers that do not meet the expectations outlined above.

If the issue is not rectified in a timely manner the issue will be raised with the Family Liaison Officer, who will then contact the parent/carers to further explain school expectations. The school may offer assistance in meeting the school policy if necessary.

If the issue continues despite intervention by the class teacher and Family Liaison Officer the issue will then be raised with the Head of School.

Where it is deemed that a child is choosing to ignore the uniform policy, despite the communication and support listed above, the school will then exercise its behaviour policy.

4.1 Our school's uniform

Our school uniform colour is a combination white/black/grey/marron/red. Most items can be bought from High Street shops.

Uniform Expectations

Maroon/red pinafore dress/skirt

Long grey or black trousers

Short grey or black trousers

White polo shirt with or without school logo

Maroon sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with or without school logo

Maroon fleece with or without school logo (optional)

Black, white, or grey socks/tights (*please note this is a change and **does not** now include navy*)

Plain black shoes (no logos or sparkly bits), no high heels/wedges/platform shoes

Hair bands/accessories should be maroon, black, white or grey only

Warm coat (Winter)

Scarf, hat, gloves (Winter)

Dress in maroon/red gingham or stripes

Hat or baseball cap (essential sun protection)

Please note skirts should be an appropriate length and of a style which allows children to sit comfortably on the floor. If shorts are worn, even when these are worn over tights, they should also be of an appropriate length. Three-quarter and calf length trousers and leggings should not be worn.

Shoes should be flat, black and appropriate for school. If trainers are worn these should be all black including the soles. Your child should wear shoes which he or she can manage to do up independently. Please do not send your child to school in shoes which prevent them from running in the playground.

Jewellery, Hair Ornaments, Make-up and Nail Varnish

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears (lobes only) and small objects of religious significance. No other form of body piercing is acceptable. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.

Children with newly pierced ears will not be able to participate in physical activities until they are able to remove the earrings. Please consider this when getting your child's ears pierced – recommend the start of the summer holidays so that the children do not have to miss out on activities while at school. Please note: Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings and our health and safety policy does not allow taping.

Hairstyles and haircuts – parents are asked to use their discretion when deciding hair styles/cuts for their children and what is appropriate for school. Hair should be of a natural colour. Long hair should be tied back for designated activities. Hair bands, ribbons / bows or 'scrunchies' should be in school colours and small in size so that they do not cause a distraction to learning. Hair bands should not have large flowers attached.

Make-up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

Footwear

For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear shoes with platform soles, high heels, or backless shoes, such as sandals or flip flops. All children are required to wear plain black shoes or trainers as stated in the uniform list. If boots are worn these should also be plain black. If boots are large and prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor they may be asked to change into PE shoes whilst inside the building.

PE Kit

All school uniform and PE kit MUST be named. Children can become upset as a result of lost clothing, please help us by naming everything.

PE Kit expectations:

Plain white or grey t-shirt (no logos)

Plain black shorts (no logos or markings)

Plain black plimsolls or plain black trainers (including logos and soles)

Plain black tracksuit with no logos for outdoor PE in winter

We have a number of parents and carers with significant mobility issues that we support by offering disabled parking for drop off and pick up. Our disabled parking spaces are in the small carpark in the front of the school. It has been agreed that entering and exiting this carpark can only be between the below to times.

Please be mindful of moving cars through the small carpark at that time. If you wish to use the disabled parking spaces please contact Mrs Wightman via admins@inspiresmat.co.uk

Non-entrance and exit times:

8.15am-8.35am

2.55pm-3.15pm





**SILVER
END**
ACADEMY

2pm Open Door Afternoons

We'd like to invite parents to come in and join the fun in your child's class for the afternoon. This will be a fantastic opportunity to come and take part, see your child's work. We will even have some tasters of our delicious school lunches on offer. Please see dates below for your child's 'Open Door' session.



MONDAY 3RD MARCH - TABLE MOUNTAIN
MONDAY 10TH MARCH - BEN NEVIS
MONDAY 17TH MARCH - MT FUJI
MONDAY 24TH MARCH - KILIMANJARO
MONDAY 31ST MARCH - MT RUSHMORE
TUESDAY 1ST APRIL - MT OLYMPUS



Parking Outside School

When dropping off/picking children from school, please can we remind you that you must not park or stop on the yellow lines outside school between 8-9.30 am and again 2.30-4pm.

We have recently had several incidents where children have been put in danger by drivers stopping, reversing and clearly ignoring the yellow lines and the highway code - Please be considerate and Keep our children safe!! We have invested over £300 for new signage to help remind drivers to keep our children safe.

If you are concerned that poor parking has caused a safety issue, has blocked your drive, is not following the law or has caused the blockage of the road for emergency vehicles, please follow the links indicated in this website from Essex Police and report the car in question.

<https://www.essex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/asb/asb/antisocial-behaviour/nuisance-parking/>



Going forwards, should anyone notice a car endangering our children, please send in photographic evidence so that I can publish it in the newsletter.

SAVE SILVER END POOL!

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
TUESDAY 25TH MARCH 6PM
AT SILVER END ACADEMY**

**WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE PEOPLE TO
HELP US MOVE FUNDING FORWARDS TO
GET OUR POOL BACK UP AND RUNNING!**

**DID YOU SWIM IN THE POOL WHEN YOU
WERE A CHILD?**

**DO YOU BELIEVE SWIMMING IS A VITAL
SKILL?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE THE POOL TO BE A
COMMUNITY RESOURCE?**

CAN YOU HELP?

**THIS MEETING WILL BE IN PERSON AND ONLINE. IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, OR WOULD LIKE THE
MEETING LINK, PLEASE EMAIL
ADMINSIL@INSPIRESMAT.CO.UK**



NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

Lost Coats

We have accumulated a lot of unnamed lost property over the autumn term including many coats.

If you are missing any items please feel free to come to the office and have a look.

Please remember to name all School uniform and P.E kit.



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

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.

When dropping off and collecting your children please can you wait along the path not in the car park area.





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ACADEMY**

We have created a pantry at school to help local families. If you would like to donate any non perishable items, please leave at the school office. The Pantry will be open for browsing at the below times. We are well stocked so do please take what you need.

PANTRY

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

2.45 - 3.15pm



Menu for week commencing 10/03/2025– Week 3

Silver End Academy

Monday



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



Roast Chicken

served with Roast Potatoes, Broccoli and Carrots

Vegetarian Cottage Pie

served with Broccoli and Carrots

Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Thursday

Homemade Sausage Roll

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

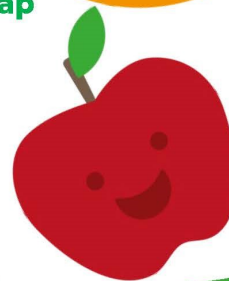


Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Available everyday

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

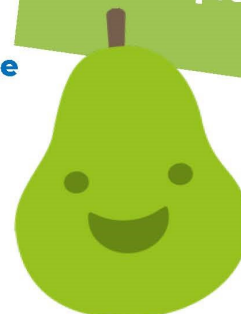
Week 3



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 17/03/2025 – Week 1

Silver End Academy

Week 1

Monday

CHILDREN'S
CHOICE

Homemade Chilli

served with Baked Jacket Wedges and sweet crunchy coleslaw as well as tortilla chips

Cheese and Red Onion Quiche

served with Baked Jacket Wedges and sweet crunchy coleslaw

Jacket potato with a choice of toppings



Tuesday

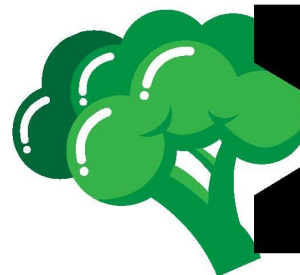
Chicken Curry

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

Fresh
All our food is cooked
fresh each day

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

Healthy
Our pasta, rice and
breads are healthy
wholemeal products

Friday

Fish Fingers

served with Crispy Chips, Peas and Baked Beans

Vegetarian Sausage Rolls

served with Crispy chips, Peas and Baked beans

Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

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

Available everyday

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





Connected Learning Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2024-2025

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

Autumn Term:	Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024 <i>Half Term 28 October – 1 November</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 4 April 2025 <i>Half Term 17 February - 21 February</i>	60 days
Summer Term:	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.



Inspires MAT School Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2025-2026

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- = Schooldays
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Weekends
- = Inset Days (non-pupil)

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

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 <i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i>	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i>	65 days
		<u>195 days</u>

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.