

SCHOOL TERM DATES

25/26

- 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 2026



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A Message from Headteacher

Dear Families,

It's been another fantastic fortnight here at Silver End Academy, full of joyful learning, collaboration, and community.

Over the past two weeks, we've been reflecting on two of our core values: *kindness* and *honesty*. It's been heartening to see these values brought to life by our children—not only in their words, but in their actions every day.

A real highlight was our wonderful Year 4 Harvest Assembly. The children shared thoughtful messages and performed beautifully. It was especially lovely to welcome so many parents to join us—thank you for being part of the occasion.

In EYFS, we've been thrilled to see such strong family engagement. Our phonics workshops have helped parents learn more about our phonics programme and how to support learning at home. We've also had record numbers of parents attend our story sessions—it's fantastic to see such a shared love of reading growing in our youngest learners.

There's been inspiring learning happening across the school. Year 5 were fully immersed in their science experiment exploring day and night—real curiosity and critical thinking on display! Year 3 have been busy crafting excellent non-chronological reports all about Silver End Academy, while Year 2 impressed me with some thoughtful (and challenging!) questions they wanted me to answer.

Meanwhile, we welcomed visitors from another primary school who came to see our phonics teaching in EYFS and Key Stage 1. It's a real credit to our staff and children that phonics is such a recognised strength at Silver End.

Looking ahead, we have parent consultations next week, and both Mrs Laughlin and I are excited to be reviewing maths teaching and learning across the school. We're continually looking at how we can build on our strengths and provide the very best education for your children.

Thank you for your continued support—it makes all the difference.

Warm regards,
Mrs Meares

Pre loved clothing

If you have any good condition items of socks, underwear, P.E shorts and P.E t-shirts that you no longer require, we would be very grateful for any donations.



School Car Park

We kindly remind all families that the staff car park is not to be used for drop-off or pick-up at any time, including during Breakfast Club and After School Clubs.

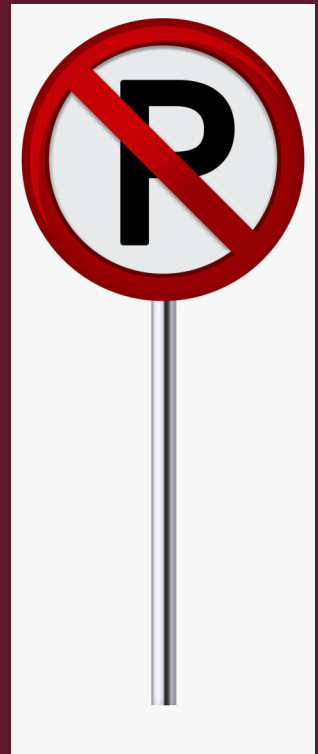
As we have a small car park, it is important that we keep these spaces available for staff and essential deliveries only.

If you have prior agreement from the school office or hold a valid Blue Badge, you may use the designated disabled parking bays.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the car park safe and accessible for those who need it.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Mrs Meares- Headteacher



Healthy Snacks

We have noticed an increase in snacks in school such as crisps and cakes. Children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables for a snack at breaktime if they need something to eat. This is to support a healthy diet but also allows us to continue to be an entirely **nut free school**. After the October half term, children will be only be allowed to have fruit / vegetables as their snack so we'd encourage you to start making these changes. If your child is in Key Stage 1 or EYFS, they are given free fruit every day in school, though can bring in their own if they'd like to.

Thank you for your continued support.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school and you follow the school policy that bottles should only contain water.





Picture News

Teaching resources to engage children in current affairs



Dear Parents,

In our commitment to develop children's critical literacy skills, we have teamed up with Picture News to help develop their understanding and appreciation of the news.

Having age-appropriate conversations with your child about the news keeps them interested and informed about what's happening in the world...and you too!

They move from wanting to know what happens in MY world to what is happening in THE world and their place in it.

By having regular conversations about the news, you are able to share a whole range of topics and together make more sense of different events, issues and stories.

Some significant news stories can be frightening, and you will need to consider what your child can cope with and whether they are developmentally ready to understand certain events. For example, you might decide to listen to the news rather than watch it as there may be [images](#) they might find upsetting.

Talking about the major headlines of the day and current affairs is important for children to grow up as global citizens but it's important too to share a variety of fun and exciting news stories from the worlds of sport, entertainment, music, science, etc. as well as local news closer to home.

Here are some quick tips:

- Initiate discussions about the news using the Picture News resources. Ask them what they discussed in Picture News this week!
- Read and watch some news stories together from different sources.
- Find out what your child knows about the news and explore their understanding.
- Listen to what your child says and value their opinions.
- Explain simply and in a way that makes sense to them.
- Promote a habit of enquiry and make asking questions your child's default setting.
- Help your child to spot fake news and how to fact-check.
- Develop a news habit by accessing the news regularly.
- Defuse bad news and offer reassurance.
- Protect your child from distressing and disturbing news.
- Monitor your child's exposure to the news.

Discussing the news of the day doesn't have to be formal but can be done naturally and casually in everyday moments such as on the way to school or when preparing a meal. The important thing is to keep the conversation going about the news and make it a feature of your daily lives.

By working together, we can help children become critical consumers of the news so that they are 'news savvy', articulate and confident citizens.

Yours faithfully,

100 Years of Silver End—Logo Competition

Put your artistic skills to the test with this exciting competition?

Wow! Silver End is 100 years old next year and we need a logo to mark this amazing occasion. The logo will be used for all the events & commemorative merchandise.

This is open to **all** pupils of Silver End Academy from Reception to year 6.

We would like you to draw something related to the village, for example the school, the park, the village hall. We would like the following incorporated into your design:

1926 – 2026
100 years
Silver End



On the back of your design we need the child's name, age and the Parent/ Carers name & phone number.



The closing date is Friday 7th November. Please hand the entries into the school office.

First Aid Procedures

In order to ensure our first aid procedures are as robust and effective as possible, we are introducing a small change. From now on, if your child receives first aid at school, they will be given an “**I’ve been given First Aid**” sticker, in addition to the usual first aid slip.

The sticker will act as a helpful reminder if the slip is misplaced and will also alert any adult in school that your child has received first aid. If your child comes out of school wearing a sticker, you can ask them what happened and check their first aid slip for more details.

Please note that our current system for informing parents about any bumps to the head will remain the same, as it continues to work well.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children safe and cared for at school.



Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the parents that donated to our Harvest Festival, all food items were greatly received by the Braintree Food Bank.

Here are a few photos from our Year 4 Harvest assembly.



Harvest Festival



Thank you! Silver End Academy

For your incredible support of Braintree Area Foodbank this Harvest.

Raising a whopping 77.73kg!

Your dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

**Ending
hunger
together**

Walking Home Alone

In Year 5 upwards, with written permission from parents, children are permitted to walk home on their own.

In Year 4 and below, children must be collected by a known adult. If parents would like a sibling to collect, they should provide written permission and the sibling should be at least 15 years old. The arrangement also needs to be judged safe by school staff.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Meares*



‘Head Lice is not nice’

We have had a few reported cases of headlice in school recently. We kindly ask that you check your child’s hair regularly and treat if necessary, to help prevent further spread.

Head lice are a common occurrence in school settings and nothing to be alarmed about. With everyone’s support, we can manage this quickly and effectively.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Missing Scooter!!



Dear Parents/Carers,

A scooter has unfortunately gone missing from school sometime over the past two weeks. It was last seen in the area where children leave their bikes.

Please see the attached photo for reference.

If you have any information or may have seen the scooter, please let us know at the school office.

Thank you for your support.

The School Office



PTA NEWSLETTER

🌻 Find us on Facebook ~ @silverendacademypta 🌻

PTA ANNOUNCEMENTS

✨ COLOUR RUN ✨

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along, took part, and supported our Colour Run. What an amazing afternoon it was! We had a fantastic time and can't wait for the next one!

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL IN MOUNT ETNA

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 13th October, straight after school pick up. The AGM is our chance to look back at what we've achieved together over the past year, share how funds have been raised and spent, and talk about plans for the year ahead. It's also when committee roles are elected. Everyone is welcome parents, carers, and staff. So please do come along and find out more about how the PTA supports our school.

CONTACT US

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WHAT IS A PTA?

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) works in partnership with our school to create the best possible experience for our children. We raise funds to support projects and resources that go beyond the school budget, such as books, equipment, trips, and events. We help bring families, teachers, and staff together through fun activities and community events that strengthen school spirit. Most importantly, the PTA gives parents and carers a chance to share their ideas and have a voice in shaping the future of our school.

IMPORTANT DATES

**MONDAY 13TH
OCTOBER**

AGM - PM
STRAIGHT AFTER
SCHOOL

**FRIDAY 12TH
DECEMBER**

CHRISTMAS
FAMILY BINGO

**SATURDAY 27TH
FEBRUARY**

SILENT DISCO -
ADULT ONLY



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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



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/>



**Engines
off** when you
drop off



Make your PLEDGE today and help us to become an idling aware school

Let's drive
down air
pollution



www.braintree.gov.uk/dropoffpledge

 **Braintree**
District Council

Lost Property

We are starting to accumulate unnamed lost property.

Please remember to name every item of school uniform and PE kit.

If you are missing any items please feel free to come to the office.



Parking Reminder

Please be careful when parking your car at school drop off and pick up. We have been made aware of an incident in which a car reversed into 2 different cars last week.

If you see an incident please report it to: <https://north.parkingpartnership.org/enforcement-requests/>

North Essex Parking Partnership will respond to every report and the more reports they get the better informed they are on how they can support the local area and the school improve parking issues.



Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 21st- October - Parent Consultations

Thursday 23rd October - Parent Consultations

Tuesday 11th November - Year 5 Remembrance Assembly @ 2.20pm
(YEAR 5 PARENTS ONLY)

Friday 14th November - Children in Need 2025- Children to wear spots.

Monday 17th November - Individual photos

Tuesday 9th December - IROCK Christmas Assembly

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th December - KS1 Christmas Production @ 1.30pm

Tuesday 16th December - EYFS Christmas Production @ 2pm

Tuesday 16th December - KS2 Christmas Production @ 3.30pm

Wednesday 17th December - Headteachers Award Assembly

Wednesday 17th December - KS1 Christmas Production @ 3.30pm

Thursday 18th December - KS2 Christmas Production @ 1.30pm





Silver End Academy

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Parent Tour Dates

Was your child born between September 2021 and August 2022 and is now due to start school in September 2026?

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

- Wednesday 15th October at 9am
- Friday 17th October at 9am
- Tuesday 11th November at 9am
- Tuesday 25th November at 5pm

Please call the school office on 01376 583353 to book a space or by emailing adminsil@inspiresmat.co.uk

Mid Essex START WELL Roadshows



IF YOU'VE GOT A LITTLE ONE UNDER 5, THESE DROP-IN EVENTS ARE FOR YOU!

Whether you're getting ready for preschool or just looking for a bit of support, the **Start Well Roadshows** are here to help.

You'll find **friendly faces**, **expert advice**, and **loads of useful info** on things like *toilet training*, *speech and language*, *SEND support*, *starting school* and much much more.

There'll be fun activities to keep little ones busy while you chat with professionals and peer supporters who really understand what it's like.

It's all free, drop-in, and relaxed – just turn up and see what's on offer!

Dates, times & locations of the roadshows

Maldon Area

- Wed 15th Oct
1-3 PM
Maldon Library
- Tues 28th Oct
10 - 12 PM,
Dengie Family Hub
Delivery Site

Braintree Area

- Wed 22nd Oct
2-4 PM
Carousel Family
Hub
- Wed 29th Oct
Time 11-1pm,
Witham Library

Chelmsford Area

- Sat 18th Oct
10:30-12:30,
Chelmsford
Library

For more information:

Visit: www.tlc-essex.info/resource/mid-essex-start-well-roadshows/

Or scan
the QR
code



MID ESSEX CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP

Working together to ensure all children & young people in Mid Essex get the best start in life

If you have any questions please email:
C&FPartnershipLeads@essex.gov.uk

Menu for week commencing 13/10/2025 Week 1

Silver End Academy

Week 1

Monday

Pasta Bar

With a choice of Sauces,
Pepperoni, Cheese or Tomato - V

Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings



Tuesday

Chicken Curry

served with Rice, Naan Bread and Salad

Veggie Bolognese - V

served with Pasta mixed leaf salad

Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings



Wednesday

Roast Turkey

served with Roast potatoes, cauliflower, carrot and Gravy

Roast Quorn Fillet - V

served with Roast potatoes, cauliflower, carrot and Gravy

Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings

Fresh

All our food is cooked fresh each day

Thursday

Homemade Bolognese

Served with Pasta, Garlic Bread and Salad

Quorn Chilli

Served with Rice and Salad

Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings

Healthy

Our pasta, rice and breads are healthy wholemeal products

Friday

Fillet of Fish

served with crispy chips and petit pois

Quorn Dippers - V

served with crispy chips and petit pois

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



Menu

Revised Menu for week commencing 20/10/2025 Week 2

Silver End Academy

Monday

Homemade Pizza with a choice of toppings

Pepperoni or Cheese and tomato – V

Served with Salad

Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings

Tuesday

Picnic Day

A choice of Ham, Cheese - V or Tuna in a Baguette served with crunchy vegetable sticks, Crisps, Raisins, choice of Fruit and Choice of drink

Wednesday

Brunch Lunch

Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown Bites, Baked Beans and Egg

Vegetable Frittata

Served with Hash Brown Bites and Baked Beans

Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings

Thursday

Jumbo Fish Fingers

served with Crispy Chips, peas and Baked Beans

Halloumi Wraps

Served with Crispy Chips Peas

Jacket Potato with a choice of toppings

Sweet Treat Thursday

Friday

Non-Pupil day

Available everyday

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

Week 2



Menu

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





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
		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.