

SCHOOL TERM DATES

- 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

14TH DECEMBER 2024

A Message from Head of School

Oh boy it has been a busy week! Key stage 2 have been performing their socks off with no less than three performances and a dress rehearsal to the rest of the school. They all did superbly and once again 12 Days of Christmas was rewritten and belted out by all!

EYFS and Nursery have been busy rehearsing for their concert next week and Key Stage 1 have been practicing their beautiful Nativity. Thank you to so many adults for coming to enjoy these performances.

We also got extra Christmassy yesterday with Christmas Jumper Day which also coincided with the staff going above and beyond and laying on a superb free Christmas Disco for the children. As exhausting as weeks like this are in school, the festive period is always one of my favourites. It is so delightful to see the children excited and joyful.

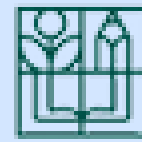
We have another superb Christmas event tomorrow in the form of our wonderful PTA’s Storytime with Santa and Christmas shopping event. Even if you don’t have tickets for the Storytime sessions, do please come along and enjoy the stalls, games and catering. We really do value your support for our PTA events. The PTA have some big plans over the rest of the year and every penny helps reach their funding goals.

I do need to address an ongoing issue in our community that has unfortunately once again impacted a joyful week—irresponsible parking. A few individual parents are causing the school quite a substantial problem. Our school frontage was built in 1929 when most households did not have cars. By 1930 there were only a million cars in the entire UK and sadly the school, much like the rest of the village does not have the capacity to cater for so many more cars today. During the disco parents put themselves in danger and tried to marshal the cars while other parents were shouting at each other—all because a few people chose to park recklessly. When I was made aware of the issue I left the children and came outside to help and marshalled the end of the event. Senior leaders in the school are reflecting on our next events to make sure we are doing all we can as a school to help ease congestion, such as ensuring we open the playground for parking when we can. Please note that while after school events may sit outside of the legal time limitations on the yellow zig zag lines, these should still not be parked on—they are there to help ensure the safety of the children after all.

I regularly field complaints from local residents about individual parents parking in front of driveways inhibiting them leaving or entering their own property at school drop off or pick up. Even more distressing are the reports of these parents then becoming verbally abusive to the residents when asked to move. Scenes like this can only negatively affect the children. I always respond to such complaints with advice to photograph and report cars as there is not a lot I can do about the choices of our parents.

Silver End Academy sits at the heart of the village and I only want its standing in the community to grow and grow. I am in contact with Essex Parking Partnership and you may have noticed more traffic warden visits in recent weeks. I have met with local councilors to discuss the issue. I have a meeting in January with Essex Highways to continue the conversation. In preparation for this meeting I would appreciate any photos or videos of irresponsible parking noticed outside of the school. Please email adminsil@inspiresmat.co.uk.

What I find most frustrating is that the time I have to dedicate to this issue as it takes me away from the children and the development of the school. PLEASE help the school and consider all community members—and most importantly the safety of our children when parking.



SILVER
END
ACADEMY

KS1 NATIVITY

Monday 16th December - 1:30PM

Wednesday 18th December - 4:30PM

ALL KS1 PARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN OUR
CLASSIC NATIVITY PERFORMANCE.

AVAILABILITY LEFT – TO BOOK EMAIL US AT
ADMINSIL@INSPIRESMAT.CO.UK

More information on ParentMail or Dojo
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



Christmas Dates for your Diary

Year 3, 4, 5, 6

Christmas Performances

Monday 9th December-1:30pm

Tuesday 10th December 1:30pm & 6pm

Whole School

Thursday 12th December-

Christmas Jumper Day

School Christmas Disco

Thursday 12th December

EY/KS1-3:15-4:14

KS2-4:30-5:30

PTA Christmas

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Sunday 15th

December

Reception Christmas

Performance

Tuesday 17th December-

2:30pm

Year 1 & 2 Christmas

Performances

Monday 16th December- 1:30pm

Wednesday 18th December-4:30pm

Whole School

Wednesday 18th December-

Christmas Dinner

School Photographs

Thank you to all the parents/carers that have provided feedback regarding the pricing and quality of our recent individual photographs. All feedback has been passed on to Kittle Photographic.

Please be assured the director and the team are currently in discussion regarding pricing, all your feedback has been sent to all management and has been taken very seriously.

If you would like to purchase 3 or more digital downloads, you can receive a 20% discount, please give Kittle a call on 01245 401313 ext: 1015 between 8am - 2.30pm Monday - Friday to receive the discount before making the payment. If you have already placed an order for 3 or more digital downloads, they will of course refund the difference. You can also email: staceyrobson@kittlephoto.com who will be more than happy to help.

Individual photographs with Kittle will not be confirmed for next year until the new pricing has been confirmed and we have reviewed it with parent input.

We have also moved the class photographs to the Spring term on 27th February, so that parents will receive a 50% discount and prices will start from £6.50. Any children that were absent on the 12/11/2024 will have the opportunity to have their individual photograph taken. Year 6 will also receive a Year 6 Leavers Autograph Book, free of charge. These will be given out in the Summer term.

Wear Red for Ruby

Thank you to everybody for your kindness and generosity on our “Wear Red for Ruby” day. We raised an amazing £487.30 for the respective charities!!



Family Hub School aged drop ins

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service and Healthy Family Teams are running school aged drop-in sessions, where parents can drop in for advice and support about their school aged child's health and development. These are running out of the Family Hubs and delivery sites across Essex. For more information about your local school aged drop-in sessions please click the links below and select your local family hub or delivery site to download the timetable:

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Treehouse Family Hub – Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service (essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk)

If anyone has any card or board games that you would like to donate to the school to be used for quiet play at break and lunch times, we would very much appreciate them.





Don't forget Monday 6th
January is a non-pupil day!

Thank you to everybody who
donated to our children in need
day. We raised a fantastic £286!



Our tag rugby team had a fantastic win at their tournament at Witham Rugby
Club on 28/11/24.

The football team also had a great time at their tournament on 19/11.24

Well done Teams!!



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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.



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.

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. All of the application information is available on the website.

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LINKS.**

www.schooltrendsonline.com/uniform/SilverEndPrimarySchoolCM83RZ

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 16/12/2024– 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

CHILDREN'S
CHOICE

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

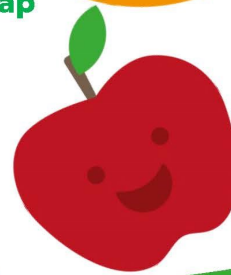
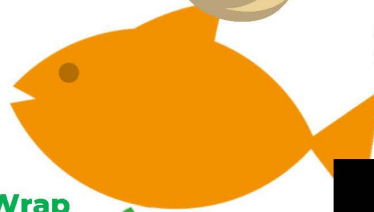
CHILDREN'S
CHOICE

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 6/1/2025– Week 1

Silver End Academy

Week 1

Menu

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

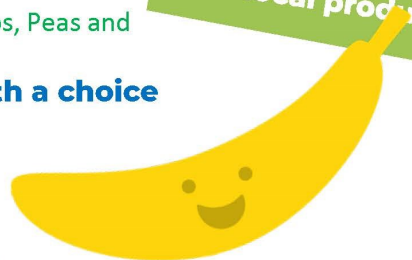
Checked
We always use reputable suppliers and where possible use local produce

Sweet Treat Friday
Cake and Custard

CHILDREN'S CHOICE

Available everyday

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





Connected Learning Term and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2024-2025

| September 2024 | | | | | | | October 2024 | | | | | | | November 2024 | | | | | | | December 2024 | | | | | | |
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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.

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| 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.