

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

25/26

- 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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END  
ACADEMY  
GROW SHINE SUCCEED

27/01/2026

## A Message from Headteacher

Over the past two weeks, our learning has been firmly rooted in our core values, which continue to underpin everything we do at Silver End Academy. Last week, we focused on **respect**, sharing the beautiful story *The Lion Inside*. The children reflected on kindness, empathy and how we treat one another. This week, our focus is **perseverance**, inspired by *The Most Magnificent Thing*. We will discuss the importance of resilience and not giving up when things feel challenging.

On Friday, we marked **International Day of Education** by celebrating learning and curiosity beyond the classroom. Families shared some incredible examples of children's achievements from home, and it was such a pleasure to hear about the many talents, interests and accomplishments our pupils pursue outside of school.

Last week, Mrs Goodey, Miss Cooper and I had the absolute pleasure of taking a group of children to take part in **Young Voices at the O2**. We were completely blown away by their courage in embracing such a new and exciting experience. They represented Silver End Academy beautifully, singing as part of a choir of over 8,000 children. It was a truly unforgettable event, and I very much hope we will be able to repeat this opportunity next year.

All of these experiences link closely to one of our key school development priorities: **to increase experiences for all pupils**. In total, we have eight improvement priorities guiding our work this year:

- Establishing a clear, shared strategic direction with consistent monitoring of teaching and learning
- Embedding the curriculum and adapting it to meet the needs of our pupils
- Increasing attendance and reducing behaviour incidents at lunchtime
- Developing a clear approach to gathering and responding to pupil voice
- Ensuring effective support for pupils with SEND, disadvantaged pupils and those facing additional barriers
- Improving outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2, particularly in writing
- Increasing wider experiences for all pupils, through enrichment and parental engagement
- Embedding the new EYFS curriculum

I will continue to keep you updated on the progress we are making across each of these priorities.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and for the important role you play in your children's learning journey.

Mrs Meares

# PTA NEWSLETTER

Find us on Facebook ~ @silverendacademypta

## ANNOUNCEMENTS


Join us for our Valentine's "Wear What You Love" non-uniform day!


Children are invited to wear their favourite colours, characters, or outfits on Friday 13th February. A £1 donation per child is kindly requested to support PTA fundraising.

Thank you for your support ❤️

 Adults Only Silent Disco 

Join us for a fun night out supporting the school!

 17 Friday 27th February 2026, 8-11pm

 Silver End Village Hall

 Tickets available now:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/silver-end-academy\\_pta](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/silver-end-academy_pta)

Headphones provided. Adults only.

## CONTACT US

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@Silverendacademypta  
[www.facebook.com/silverendacademypta](http://www.facebook.com/silverendacademypta)  
PTA Email  
[silverendpta@gmail.com](mailto:silverendpta@gmail.com)

## NEW BOOKS COMING SOON!

We've started ordering the requested books for KS2. Thanks to our successful fundraising, we've also been able to order books for KS1 & EYFS using the Christmas Bingo money.

## OUR TOTALS

# £755.98

## IMPORTANT NOTICE: PTA SHED

We'd like to make parents aware of ongoing damage to the PTA shed. The PTA uses this shed to store important resources and equipment that support school events and fundraising activities. Unfortunately, the shed has been damaged several times over the past year. We kindly ask that parents remind their children to respect school property and avoid playing near or interfering with the shed. Thank you for your continued support.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
NON-UNIFORM DAY  
WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE
- **SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
SILENT DISCO -  
ADULT ONLY
- **TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
EASTER EVENT

SILVER END ACADEMY PTA

**ADULTS ONLY**

# SILENT DISCO

**Friday 27th February 2026**

**8:00pm – 11:00pm**



**Silver End Village Hall**

3 Broadway, Silver End  
CM8 3RQ

## WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Headphones Provided
- Multiple Music Channels
- A Great Night Out Supporting Silver End Academy

**18+ ADULTS ONLY EVENT!**

Please Note: Only drinks & snacks purchased at the event may be consumed.

*Dance the night away with us!*

## Young Voices at the O2 Arena

17 children in key stage 2 had an amazing opportunity to take part in Young Voices at the O2 Arena, and it truly was a magical experience. Performing alongside thousands of other children, they sang, danced and showcased weeks of hard work on an incredible stage.



A few comments from the children really capture how special the day was.

Roxanne described it as “a really fun 10 out of 10 experience,” adding that it felt *magical*, especially “when the lights went out and the torches looked like little stars.”

Rowenna said it was “so much fun” and that she would “love to do it again,”

while Daley shared how lucky he felt to “sing in front of thousands of people.”





Others loved different parts of the experience, from learning the songs and dance moves, to seeing the conductor and even sitting in the VIP suite. It was clear that every child took something special away from taking part.

It was a truly inspiring event that built confidence and unforgettable memories. We are incredibly proud of all the children for representing our school so brilliantly.





## 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.

# VALENTINE'S WEAR WHAT YOU LOVE

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Wear your fave colours, character, etc!



£1 donation  
per child

Friday 13th February

# NSPCC



Dear **Parents/Carers**,

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 6 February 2026**.

**Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow.**

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that’s always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Half a million children a year suffer abuse or neglect in the UK. That means 7 children in a classroom experience abuse before they turn 18.



**NSPCC Number Day** makes maths meaningful and is a great way to make numbers fun and bring about a positive, ‘can-do’ attitude towards mathematics.

The children are invited to come into school in non-uniform with a number or shape as part of their outfit. Please see attached poster for more information.

Year 2-Year 6 we will once again be taking part in the NSPCC Rocks competition on TT Rockstars. Make sure you have your log in details ready for Number Day.

### **It all adds up**

We’re really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Silver End will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

**Mrs Laughlin**

You can find out more about the NSPCC’s work at [nspcc.org.uk](https://nspcc.org.uk)

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)



**NSPCC**



# Number Day 2026

IT'S MATHS, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT.

**Friday 6 February**

We are asking for voluntary donations, this could be 50p on the day or a £1 donation through ParentMail.



**Have fun and Dress up  
for Digits**



Tag us online:

**#NumberDay**

**EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR**

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Have you seen the new club that we are running? It is a fantastic after school club, to support your child's calm, confidence and resilience and comes highly recommended. Follow the link to get signed up.



**Calm. Confidence. Resilience.**

**Supporting children with tools they can use for life.**

We teach powerful mindfulness and mindset techniques in a fun and innovative way. Through Mentoring 4 Kids by Kids™ meditations, movement, stories, games and creative activities.



**SILVER END ACADEMY**

**WEDNESDAYS, 3:00-4PM**

**BOOKING: [HTTPS://MINIME-MINDFULNESS-BRAINTREE-DISTRICT.CLASSFORKIDS.IO/TERM/91](https://minime-mindfulness-braintree-district.classforkids.io/term/91)**

**BOOK NOW**



**[www.minimemindfulness.co.uk](http://www.minimemindfulness.co.uk)**

MiniMe Mindfulness® – teaching positive mindfulness and mindset techniques in a fun and innovative way. Because little eyes are always watching.™



## Celebrating your Child's Birthday



Don't forget to book in for lunch to celebrate your child's birthday!

- One adult can book in to have lunch, on or near, your child's birthday.
- Go to Parentmail and buy an adult lunch, priced at £3.20 you can also have a packed lunch if you wish.
- Email the school office at least a week in advance so we can book you in and we can let our catering team know.
- If you have missed your child's birthday (September – now), please don't worry – find a convenient day and book to have lunch this term or next term.
- When you come to school (12pm), your child will meet you at the office and you'll be taking to the hall to have lunch. Once you've finished eating, you'll be brought back to the school office.





## TESCO STRONGER STARTS COMMUNITY GRANT

**If you shop at Tesco, vote  
for us with your tokens!**

Look out for our school project which aims to ensure children have an opportunity to promote their oracy skills and open ended learning opportunities.

The project with the highest number of votes will receive up to £1,500, second place up to £1,00 and third place up to £500.

You can find votes for our project in 5 Tesco stores:

Braintree Superstore CM7 3HQ

Braintree Great Notley Superstore CM77 7WW

Braintree Marks Farm Superstore CM77 8AA

Braintree Coggeshall Road Express Express CM7 9EL

Halstead Superstore Superstore CO9 2JN



## Parking Reminder

Please be careful when parking your car at school drop off and pick up. We have been made aware that cars are blocking

residents driveways. Please be considerate when parking .

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



## Silver End Academy Pantry

**Now by appointment only**

If you would like a pantry bag please let Mrs Gigg know via DOJO, email [adminsil@inspiresmat.co.uk](mailto:adminsil@inspiresmat.co.uk) or via the school Office. We are well stocked at the moment and are able to support with a range of products.

Kind regards Mrs Gigg



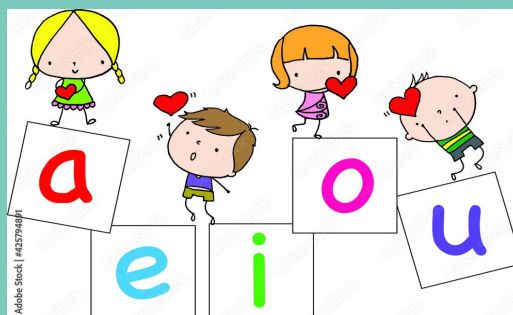
# Phonics

## EYFS parent Phonic lesson

Tuesday 27th January 2026

Parents to attend at 2.30pm.

Please arrive at the office 10 minutes before.





## Children's medical appointments

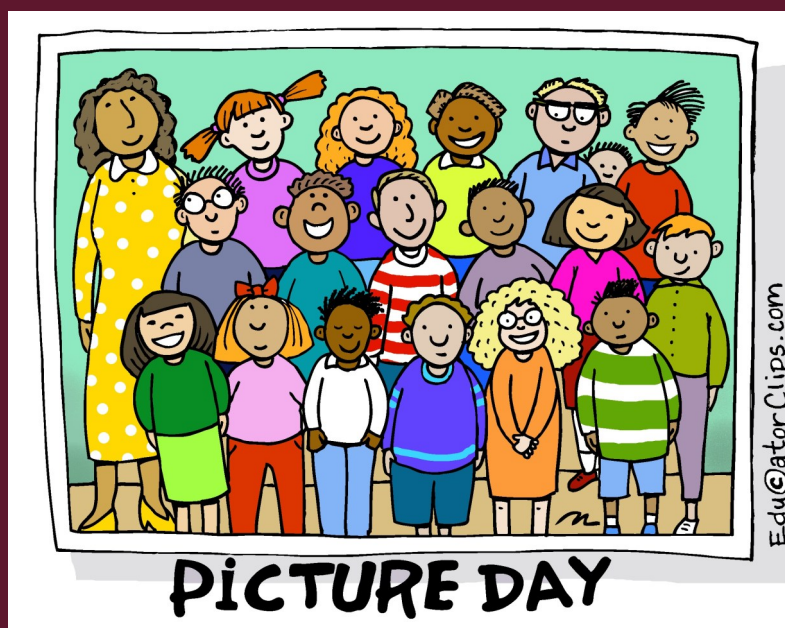
If your child needs to attend a medical/dental appointment during school time.

Please email [adminsil@inspiresmat.co.uk](mailto:adminsil@inspiresmat.co.uk) your proof of medical appointment.



## Date for your diary—Class Photographs

26/02/2026



# School Crossing Patrol Officer Vacancy

Are you looking for an opportunity to support your local community?

Come and join Essex County Council's School Crossing Patrol Team,  
We currently have a vacancy serving:

## Silver End Academy

**£13.00 per hour**  
**Term Time Only - Part Time Hours**

To apply visit [www.workingforessex.com](http://www.workingforessex.com), or call the Resourcing  
Team on **0333 013 5888**.



**INSPIRED TO DO MORE**



# School Crossing Patrol (SCP) Vacancies

**Are you looking for  
an opportunity to support  
your community?**

There are around 160 School Crossing Patrol sites across the county of Essex. Sometimes known as Lollipop People, SCP Officers work on school days for approximately 40 minutes each morning and afternoon. Hourly rate from £13.00 ph.



Positions available across Essex, including:

Scan this QR code for a  
direct link to the role:



Or for more information and to apply please visit:

[www.workingforessex.com](http://www.workingforessex.com)

Email – [resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk](mailto:resourcing.team@essex.gov.uk)



Essex County Council




Parent Consultations will take place on :

**Tuesday 10th February  
2026  
Thursday 12th February  
2026**

Bookings will open on Parent Mail soon for you to book a time slot.


With the exception of Mount Cook (Mrs Turner)  
which they will take place instead on

**Wednesday 11th February 2026**



**East of England  
COOP**

**Local Giving**



**We've been chosen by the East of England Co-op's Silver End food store  
as their Local Giving charity for winter.  
Over the next three months, they'll be:**

- 👛 Collecting donations for us
- 📣 Raising awareness of our work

Pop in store to get involved and donate!

**#LocalGiving #SupportingCommunities #SupportLocal**



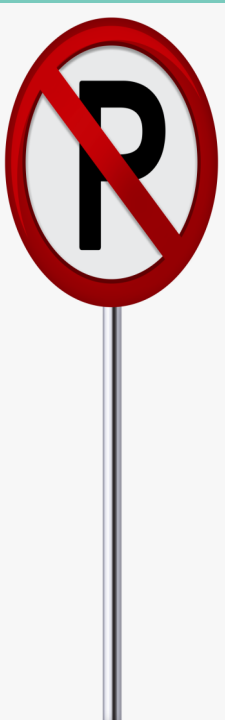
## 'Head Lice is not nice'

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.



## 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**



## 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.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	75 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 <i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i>	55 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	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.



# Inspires MAT School Term and Holiday Dates

## Academic Year 2026-2027

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

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Tuesday 1 September 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026 <i>Half Term 26 October – 30 October</i>	74 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Monday 4 January 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027 <i>Half Term 15 February - 19 February</i>	54 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027 <i>Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday - 3 May</i>	67 days
		195 days

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# Menu for week commencing 26/01/2026 Week 1

## Silver End Academy

### Monday

#### **Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce**

served with pasta and salad

### Tuesday

#### **Minced Beef Chilli**

served with fluffy wholemeal rice and Sweetcorn

### Wednesday

#### **Roast Chicken**

served with crispy roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli and gravy

### Thursday

#### **Spaghetti Bolognese**

Served and salad

### Friday

#### **Salmon Fish Fingers**

served with  
crispy chips and peas

#### **Sweet Treat Friday**

Kitchens Choice

Available everyday  
A vibrant salad bar, fresh fruit and yoghurt Bread, milk, lactose reduced milk and water

Week 1

**Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce**  
served with pasta and  
Salad

**Jacket Potato with a  
Choice of toppings**

**Curried Samosa**  
served with fluffy wholemeal rice  
and Sweetcorn

**Jacket Potato with a choice of  
toppings**

**Vegetarian Tart**  
served with crispy roast potatoes,  
carrots, broccoli and gravy

**Jacket Potato with a choice of  
toppings**

**Macaroni Cheese**  
Served with sweetcorn and salad

**Jacket Potato with a choice of  
toppings**

**Quorn Dippers**  
served with crispy chips and peas

**Jacket Potato with a choice of  
toppings**

**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 02/02/26 Week 2

## Silver End Academy

Week 2

# Menu

### Monday

#### Pasta Bar

Pasta with a choice of toppings  
Pepperoni, Cheese or Tomato  
served with mixed leaves and five  
bean salad

### Tuesday

#### Chicken Curry

served with fluffy rice  
and Naan Bread served with  
Kachumber salad

### Wednesday

#### Roast Chicken

served with crispy roast potatoes,  
carrots and peas

### Thursday

#### Sausage Roll

Served with Diced potatoes and  
sweetcorn

### Friday

#### Fish Fingers

served with chipped potatoes  
and peas

#### Sweet Treat Friday

Kitchens Choice

Jacket Potato with a choice of  
toppings

#### Veggie Chilli

served with Fluffy rice and Nachos

Jacket Potato with a choice of  
toppings

#### Cheesy BBQ Quorn Fillet

served with crispy toast potatoes,  
carrots and peas

Jacket Potato with a choice of  
toppings

#### Vegetarian Roll

served with Diced potatoes and  
sweetcorn

Jacket Potato with a choice of  
toppings

#### Vegetable Frittata

served with chipped potatoes and  
peas

Jacket Potato with a choice of  
toppings

### 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

Available everyday

A vibrant salad bar, fresh fruit and yoghurt Bread, milk, lactose reduced milk and  
water

