

Silvertrees Academy Summer 2 Newsletter 2026

Message from Mrs Turvey

It is hard to believe that another school year has come to an end; and what a fantastic year it has been at Silvertrees! Looking back, I am filled with pride when I think about all that our children have achieved. They have shown curiosity, resilience, kindness and enthusiasm, embracing every opportunity to learn and grow.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for the support you give both at home and in school. Your encouragement and involvement play such an important role in our children's success. I would also like to express my thanks to our wonderful staff team. Their dedication, hard work and care ensure that every child at Silvertrees is supported to thrive and be the best they can be.

We wish our Year 2 children every success as they move on to the next stage of their learning journey and look forward to welcoming many of our families back in September. Wishing everyone a happy, relaxing and fun-filled summer break.

Staff News

Many of you will already know that Mr Grant will be leaving us in July. Although we are very sad to be saying goodbye, we could not be more pleased for him as he embarks on an exciting new chapter as a headteacher in Shropshire from September. Mr Grant has been a fantastic teacher and an important member of our leadership team, contributing so much to the life of our school. We thank him for everything he has done for Silvertrees and wish him every success in his new role.

Diary Dates



We have already sent you a letter with important dates for the year and you can also sync your phone to the calendar on the school website but here's another reminder ...

Thursday 16th July, 9.45 or 1.45 Little Acorns and Nursery Family Picnic

Thursday 16th July, 1.45 Reception Family Picnic

Thursday 16th July, 3.30 -5.30 Year 2 Leavers' Party

Thursday 16th July – Last Day for Little Acorns children and for Rainbow Club

Friday 17th July – Last Day – **school finishes at 3.15pm**

Monday 21st July to Monday 31st August– Summer Holidays (school closed)

Tuesday 1st September – School Closed for Staff Training Day

Wednesday 2nd September – Welcome Back – First day of the new school year

Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th September, 3.30 - 4.00 Parent Pop-in Sessions for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents to see their child's new class and teachers

Curriculum Enrichment Days

One of the highlights of our curriculum is our half-termly Curriculum Enrichment Days. These exciting days broaden children's experiences, helping them learn about the world around them while encouraging new interests and talents. We often work with visitors and local community organisations to provide memorable, hands-on learning opportunities that inspire and engage our children. Our final two Curriculum Enrichment Days of the year were a huge success, and it was wonderful to see how much the children learned from these enriching experiences.

Silvertrees The Musical



The children enjoyed an amazing day filled with music, singing and special visitors. We were thrilled to welcome Amy-Lou, who performed her Britain's Got Talent audition for us and we also experienced live music, thanks to a fantastic performance from Mr Fellows and his students from Q3.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the end of the day to watch our very own performance of Silvertrees the Musical and celebrate such a wonderful day together.

World of Dance



Our annual visit from 'Miss Emma' took place this term where the children were immersed in a 'World of Dance'. Both Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a day of dancing from around the world. They visited Spain where they learned how to Flamenco, Cuba and enjoyed a salsa and the favourite of the day the USA where we all side stepped in a line dance. When not dancing the children spent time in the classroom finding out about the language and culture of each country. For the first time Reception also took part in a morning of Line dancing where both children and teachers had a fantastic time.

Learning, Exploring, Growing

At Silvertrees, learning extends beyond the classroom. Alongside our Curriculum Enrichment Days, children enjoy a variety of trips, visitors and special events that help bring their learning to life and broaden their understanding of the world around them. Here's a few highlights from summer term ...

Firefighter Visit



This half term, Nursery and Reception enjoyed a very exciting visit from Blue Watch at Tipton Fire Station. The children were shown the different equipment used during emergencies and even had the opportunity to try the water hose themselves, which was a highlight of the visit! The firefighters also spoke to the children about what to do in an emergency, helping them learn important safety messages in a fun and engaging way. The children had an amazing time and gained valuable knowledge from this memorable experience.

Quack, quack, ducks



This half term, Nursery and Reception had some very special visitors! We were delighted to receive a batch of eggs and were excited to watch them hatch into tiny ducklings in our incubator. The children loved helping to care for them; making sure they had plenty of food and water and even giving them gentle baths. It was a wonderful hands-on experience, and we were all very sad to say goodbye when Nick came to take them back to the farm!

Telford Wonderland



Reception had a fantastic day on their trip last Wednesday to Telford Wonderland. The children loved exploring all the different fairy tale cottages, bringing their favourite stories to life as they discovered each magical setting. We were very lucky to have a guided tour from Alice in Wonderland, who led us through the attraction and helped make the experience even more magical. Throughout the day, we enjoyed singing songs together and making lots of special memories. As an extra treat, we even got to go on the rides, which was a highlight for many of the children. There were lots of smiles, laughter and excitement throughout the day. Fun was had by all!

Wild Zoological Park





Year 1 had an unforgettable day at Wild Zoo, where they enjoyed exploring the park and learning all about endangered animals and the habitats they call home. The children discovered fascinating facts about wildlife conservation and how we can help protect vulnerable species around the world. Throughout the day, Year 1 also enjoyed three fantastic shows. Including an action-packed Dinosaur Show and the spectacular Biggest Free-Flying Bird Show in the UK, which left everyone amazed as birds soared overhead.

The children represented the school beautifully and returned full of excitement, having made wonderful memories and learned so much about the animal kingdom. It was a truly wild and wonderful day.

Year 2 Visit Tamworth Castle

Year 2 had a fantastic day at Tamworth Castle. Everyone enjoyed meeting a lady from the castle, who the children had to call “my lady”. She showed us how to lay a table for a banquet and what children would have worn when they lived in the castle.

We also met the squire’s wife, who taught us how soldiers prepared for battle. The children practised using a poleaxe and learnt how armour was put on.

One of the highlights was climbing to the top of the tower. We enjoyed the amazing views and carefully checked to see if any enemies were approaching!

It was a brilliant day and the children learnt so much about life in a castle.





150 Book Award Tea Party

Children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a very special 150 Book Award Tea Party, hosted by Mr Grant and Miss Coombs.

The event celebrated the children who have read 150 books this year, as well as the parents and family members who have supported them with their reading at home.

The children and their families enjoyed tea, cakes, sandwiches and scones with jam and cream. Mr Grant and Miss Coombs also read their favourite stories.

A big thank you to Miss Cox in the office for all her help with planning the party. It is always one of our favourite events of the year!

Well done to all our amazing readers and their families.





Parking Reminder

As we approach the final days of the school year and begin to look ahead to September, we would like to remind everyone to park considerately when dropping off or collecting children.

We recently received a complaint from a local resident after a vehicle was parked across the footpath, making it impossible for pedestrians to pass safely. Situations like this can be particularly difficult for families with pushchairs, wheelchair users and those with mobility needs, who may be forced to step into the road to get around the obstruction.

Please help us to keep our children, families and neighbours safe by parking legally and thoughtfully at all times, avoiding pavements, driveways and access routes.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. By working together, we can ensure our school remains a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

Tipton Green Junior School Ofsted Success

We were delighted to hear that Tipton Green Junior School received a positive Ofsted report, recognising the school's strong personal development programme, ambitious curriculum, positive behaviour and the caring, inclusive environment it provides for pupils. Inspectors also highlighted the extensive enrichment opportunities available to children.

As our main feeder school, we are pleased that our Year 2 pupils will be moving on to such a strong setting. We have worked closely with staff at Tipton Green throughout the year to ensure a smooth and successful transition for our Year 2 children. Congratulations to everyone at Tipton Green on this well-deserved recognition.

You can read the full Ofsted report here: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50302483>

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



Starting Saturday Sat 11th July – 12th September

Visit Tipton Library anytime from Saturday 11 July to start this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

All we ask you to do is visit the library 4 times during the Summer holidays to complete the goals.

Along the way, collect stickers and prizes such as bookmarks, Storytime Magazines and wristbands.

Everyone who completes the Summer Reading Challenge will receive a Certificate and medal to show your new teacher when you return in September.

The first 20 children at each library will also receive a Free Swim for the Autumn Term (donated by Kore Sandwell Leisure)

Staying Safe Online This Summer



With the summer holidays just around the corner, many children will be spending more time on devices that connect to the internet. While the online world is full of exciting opportunities for learning, creativity, and fun, it's also important to help children stay safe.

One of the best ways to support your child is by setting up **parental controls** on their devices. These controls allow you to manage what your child can see and do online, helping to protect them from upsetting or harmful content. When used together with privacy settings, they can also help reduce risks such as inappropriate content, cyberbullying, online grooming, and more.

There's lots of helpful advice available to guide you through setting up these controls. Visit the link below for easy-to-follow instructions for different devices:

👉 [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides | Internet Matters](#)

You can also find more useful tips and support on online safety from the websites below:

- [Parents & Carers | Childnet](#)
- [Internet Matters – Online Safety Advice](#)
- [Kidscape – Help With Bullying](#)

Let's work together to keep children safe and happy online this summer!

Keeping Children Safe During the School Holidays



Even when school is closed for the holidays, **safeguarding children remains everyone's responsibility**. Every child has the right to grow up safe, happy, and free from harm, abuse or neglect, and it's important that we all stay supportive during the break.

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child during the holidays, please follow this advice:

- If a child is in **immediate danger**, please call the police on **999** straight away.
- If you are worried that a child may be at risk of harm, abuse or neglect, but they are not in immediate danger, you can contact **Sandwell Children's Services** on **0121 569 3100** for advice or to report a concern.
- You can also contact the NSPCC Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000 or emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk

Even when school is closed, help is still available. Let's work together to ensure all children feel safe and supported throughout the summer.