



# NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2026

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### MESSAGES FROM MR SAVAGE

Although very belated, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone in school, to wish you a Happy New Year and, although a distant memory, I hope you had a lovely Christmas. I also hope 2026 has got off to the best possible start for you all. The children have certainly seemed to have settled into the new year well too and 2026 has started very positively for everyone here at Silverhill. It was lovely to see how eager the children were to get back to school and resume learning even if the enthusiasm peaked at the thought of school closing 4 days into the new term because of the snow.

It is hard to believe that we are nearly half way through the school year and I have to say the pupils here at Silverhill are nothing but a credit to you and to us. They continue to show their amazing SPIRIT values

and this has been clear in the Merit assemblies we've had so far this year. Having been around the classrooms and speaking to the staff, our pupils have continued to work so hard and the progress we are seeing across the whole school has been great to see. This would not be possible without your support and we all appreciate the help you give towards any reading, spelling and times table practice at home.

We have a very busy couple of months ahead including experience days, school trips and residential so please keep an eye on any messages sent through dojo. A reminder, your first point of contact is either your child's class teacher or, if your query is a more general school related one, the school office.

### PLAYGROUNDS/SURROUNDING

#### AREAS

A quick update regarding the playgrounds and surrounding areas of the school.

Over half term, we have been able to organise Derby City Council/Streetpride to come and sweep the playgrounds and car park with one of their industrial sweepers. This should help remove any debris from the trees that are on the ground.

We have also raised our concerns to the council regarding the state of the drainage around school, as despite our best efforts to keep them clear, when we have heavy rainfall, they just can't cope with the amount of water.

I know there is a growing sense of frustration with this issue and it is one I want to get sorted as soon as possible.

Once we have any further information regarding this, I will let you know.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Kenya Day

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

9:00am - Parent Workshop - Smartphone Free Childhood

National Number Day

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

PTFA Valentine's Disco

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

INSET DAY

Half Term

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Enterprise Day

## **SILVERHILL SPORTING UPDATE**

Firstly, a huge well done to our Year 4 gymnasts who took part in the DCCT competition last week at Derby High School. All the children achieved individual Silver award and, when all the scores were added together, they finished in first place! Gold once again for Silverhill! Great job, girls!

Secondly, a massive well done to our Y5/6 footballers, who won the County Finals this week. They will now represent Derbyshire in the Regional finals that will take place in March. Every single player showed Silverhill SPIRIT values throughout and we are really proud of everything they have achieved already.



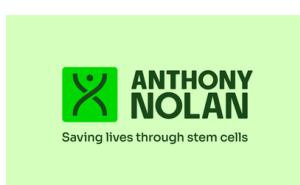
## **LONDON MARATHON**

I just want to say a massive thank you to everyone who has donated/sponsored towards my London Marathon adventure.

All money raised will go towards an amazing charity called Anthony Nolan which makes lifesaving connections between people with blood cancer and blood disorders, and incredible strangers ready to donate their stem cells.

If you would like to sponsor my London Marathon effort please click the link below. Any donation, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.

<https://2026tclsondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/kiran-savage>



## **KENYA DAY**

A gentle reminder that next Monday, 2nd February, is "Kenya Day," when, for a cash donation, the children are invited to come to school in the colours of the Kenyan flag (red, black and green). On this day, I would also like to invite the children to take part in a Kenya-style "Bake Off" competition.

There will be prizes for the top three bakes – Kenyan/African colours and themes are fun but not essential. Baked entries should be brought to the hall doors on the morning of Monday 2nd February in a named container. Please avoid nuts in any baking, and labelling any bakes suitable for food intolerances would be really helpful.

Once judging has taken place by the House Captains, at break time there will then be a cake sale. Children may bring in some change to purchase a cake or a biscuit at 50p each. On Kenya Day, we will have another whole-school assembly to present the winners with their prizes, and I will be announcing another project for the children of Cherish School.



**Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026**

**Cost £25 per child for 5 days**

**We are offering a special price of  
£15 per child if booked before  
9th February 2026**

**For a 30 min lesson each day at  
LONSDALE SWIMMING POOL**

**To book a place please visit our  
website:**

<https://www.lsst.org.uk/bookings/>



**Join us for a relaxed parent talk with  
Silverhill parent and Smartphone  
Free Childhood speaker, Amy Buxton.  
Amy will share practical, down-to-  
earth advice to help families find a  
healthy balance with screens, social  
media and tech – all in a supportive,  
non-judgemental space.**

**It's an open, honest conversation  
about parenting in the digital age –  
everyone's welcome!**

#### **When**

Friday 6th  
February

9am–9.30am

#### **Where**

School Hall –  
come to Main  
Reception

No need to book,  
just turn up.