



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Summer has certainly arrived this week! The children have coped extremely well in the heat and most are arriving in sun hats, sun creamed and with lots of water. To make the most of this weather, Our PTA are holding a flash sale after school today: ice-pops 50p and ice lollies £1 so if you'd like to purchase on your way out, please bring coins at pick up.

Silchester Choir at The Anvil

We were exceptionally proud of our Silchester School Choir for taking part in the BSPM Concert this week. The Basingstoke Primary Schools Music Concert is an annual event which takes place at The Anvil for two evening performances in June. This concert brought together over 20 local primary schools, involving over 500 children in a massed choir, orchestra and dance extravaganza. This year, the theme was 'Count on Me' and was a celebration of friendship and kindness demonstrating that we can all count on each other regardless of our differences. The children demonstrated our values of Compassion, Courage and Respect throughout and sang their hearts out! Huge thanks to Mrs Hunter, Helen Bristow and Georgie Calladine for their immense hard work to enable this opportunity.

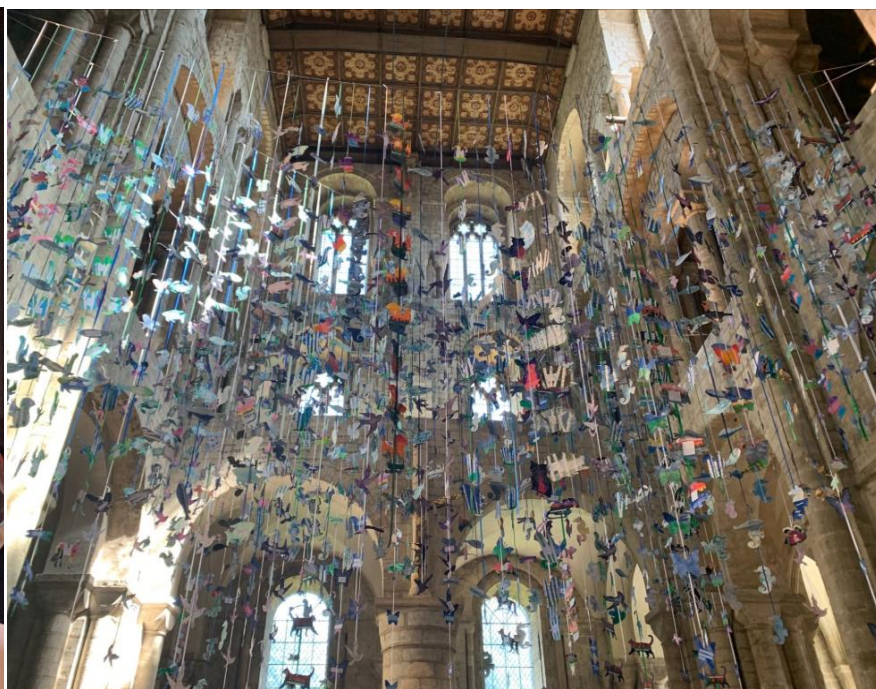


Winchester Cathedral

Speaking of demonstrating our values... Year 6 did just this when they attended their Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral on Wednesday. Another occasion where many church schools from across Hampshire and hundreds of primary school children get together.

As part of the day, the children toured the cathedral, explored their museum and got to visit their art installation which contained an animal made by every pupil taking part. We were most excited to locate the Silchester Animals!

During the service led by the Bishop, some of our children paraded our school banner, received a blessing and we were given a candle to commemorate the occasion which will be lit during our school worships. Thanks to Miss Dadral, Mrs Scott and Mrs Hartwell for enabling this experience.



Drama Workshop

On Thursday, children from Ladybirds, Chestnut and Hazel classes were lucky enough to attend a drama workshop. They loved pretending to be jungle animals, playing drama games and trying out different dramatic techniques.



They also learnt a jungle song which was something about monkey's not liking banana pie! The children were given a leaflet to bring home about attending 'Perform' classes nearby.

What a fun morning!!



AWE Angels!

Silchester School were visited by some angels this week in the form of 6 volunteers from the AWE. They worked exceptionally hard, on the hottest day of the year, and managed to achieve lots of jobs to help our school. We are hoping to undertake a project during the summer holidays to revamp our EYFS area as well as replace the flooring in the quiet area. In order to prepare for this project, the AWE Angels cleared an entire gravel pit into the skip, painted a fence, and managed to do lots of other tidying, clearing and decorating jobs to our outside areas.

We are incredibly grateful to them all for giving their time for this community project and special thanks to James Calladine who orchestrated the whole thing.



Shuffle-Up

Next Friday, we will be having our Shuffle-Up morning at school where the children will get to spend some time in their new classrooms getting to know their teachers for September. We will write to all parents on that day to share information about our staffing plans for the next academic year. Careful thought goes into planning our transition process and as well as the children getting to know their teachers, handovers will occur between current and new staff and additional transition activities to build relationships will be built in. I really hope that all children enjoy their morning and come home excited to tell you all about it!

The Willows

As mentioned, we will be starting up in-house provision of wraparound care from September. Should you be interested in joining The Willows Staff Team, please see information about the positions advertised below:



<https://south.education-jobs.org.uk/jobs/job/Wraparound-Care-AssistantSupervisor/6457>

Upcoming Key Dates

Wednesdays – 18/6, 25/6, 9/7, 16/7	Beech Class (Year 5) Forest School Sessions
Friday 27 th June	Shuffle Up Day
Friday 4 th July	PTA Inflatables Fun Day
Friday 11 th July	PTA Rainbow Run
Tuesday 8 th July and Wednesday 9 th July	Year 5 and 6 Production (6pm)
Tuesday 15 th July	M&M Productions – Treasure Island (PTA funded)
Wednesday 16 th June	Year 6 Leavers Party
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Trip to Paulton's Park
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service in school 9am (parents welcome)
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of School
Amazon Wish List	https://amzn.eu/diet9uj
INSET DAYS 2025/2026	Wednesday 3 rd September, Thursday 4 th September Monday 5 th January, Monday 23 rd February Wednesday 22 nd July

I hope that you and your families have a great weekend, enjoy SilFest if you make it there, and I'll look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Rachel Moir

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Head of School

MORTIMER WEST END & DISTRICT
Produce, Art & Crafts

ANNUAL SHOW

MORTIMER WEST END VILLAGE HALL



Saturday 23rd August 2025

Mortimer West End Show has been a regular fixture in the August calendar for many years, the first of which was held way back in 1902. It is a traditional village show of vegetables, fruit, flowers, handicrafts, photography, art, domestic skills and children's craft, exhibited by local people in friendly competition for the enjoyment of all.

Anyone can enter and you'll see from the details of the various categories in this schedule summary that there is a wide variety to choose from. We do hope that you feel inspired to enter and urge you to have a go; it really is great fun to be involved.

A summary of our classes and items are in the following pages, but please refer to our full schedule for more details and/or recipes where an item is marked *.

If you need any help or guidance or you have any questions please do get in touch via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mweshow and the committee team will be very happy to help.

Mortimer West End & District Show **Timetable**

8:30 – 10:45	Staging
10:45 – 2:30	Judging (in private)
2:30	Doors Open
4:00 – 4:30	Prize giving

There is a small entry fee of 40p per exhibit (children's are free) and entry in the afternoon from 2:30pm is £1, both of which go towards the costs of holding our wonderful event each year. Tea, refreshments and homemade cakes will be served throughout the afternoon.

Don't Forget:

- Fill in BOTH SIDES of your entry ticket for each exhibit
- Only one entry per category per person
- Entries to any class must not have been previously shown in The Show

Check our facebook page www.facebook.com/mweshow for the full schedule, with more details, all the recipes you need and entry tickets to download (also available on the door at staging).

