

SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

As this is the penultimate newsletter of the year, as well as sharing news from our week, we are also using it as a chance to share what your children have been learning in their curriculum this term.

Mrs Dowling says...

Wow how have we got to the end of the year already? Ladybirds have been, once again, super awesome and made me so proud.

They have learnt how to read, how to write sentences, how to work collaboratively, subitise numbers and how to be resilient learners, to name just a few. We have had a jam packed half term with our cycling proficiency, forest school day, pop up cafe visit, water play afternoons and teddy bears picnic. They have grown each and every day and are now ready to fly into Year 1. Miss Dodson is one very lucky teacher! Have the BEST summer!

Miss Dodson says...

What a full, busy, and truly special year it's been! We've finished on such a high, with the children embracing the warm weather and pouring their creativity into fantastic fact files and posters about

ocean creatures, along with their stunning underwater jellyfish weavings. We've celebrated all their hard work with well-deserved treats like our fun-filled water afternoon and refreshing ice lollies.

I've been genuinely amazed by how much they've learnt, how much they've remembered, and the incredible progress each and every child has made. It has been an absolute joy and privilege to get to know them all individually - their unique personalities, curiosity, and kindness have made every day a pleasure. I'll miss them more than they know, and I wish each of them all the very best as they continue their journey. I'll definitely be popping in to see how they're doing, and I'll still be there each morning with a smile and a wave at the same door, ready to cheer them on as they take their next steps in Year 2/3.



Mrs Hunter and Mrs Rolph say...

What an end to the year. The children have loved our last topic learning about the weird but wonderful Egyptians! We have found out about the geography of the area and the river Nile, added to our chronological knowledge and completed timelines and then began to find out about the cultures and customs of ancient Egypt.

We have enjoyed music, singing (although not possibly entirely historically accurate!) and researching the gods and goddesses. We have made our own papyrus paper and also costume jewellery and cat canopic jar craft during Egyptian day. We hope you enjoyed our mini performance. We have definitely earned our treat picnic on Monday and are really looking forward to sharing with each other.



Mrs Cook and Mrs Forrester say...

As we wrap up a fantastic year, it's been wonderful to reflect on all the learning and fun we've shared in Year 4.

Our reading journey has taken us through exciting books that inspired brilliant writing—from imaginative stories to persuasive speeches and thoughtful diary entries. The children especially impressed us with their creative first-person narratives inspired by *Flotsam* and *The Animals of Farthing Wood*. In maths, we've tackled tough challenges and celebrated many lightbulb moments. The children have shown great resilience, independence, and resourcefulness—core values of Silchester Primary.

Beyond the classroom, Year 4 has been busy in so many exciting ways! From splashing around in swimming lessons to exploring the great outdoors at Forest School, the children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and curiosity. We wrapped up our year by learning all about the five food groups, trying out new ingredients, and getting ready to make our delicious cheesy courgette pinwheels – perfect for a summer picnic!

We're so proud of everything the children have achieved and can't wait to see what they'll do in Year 5. Have a happy and restful summer!

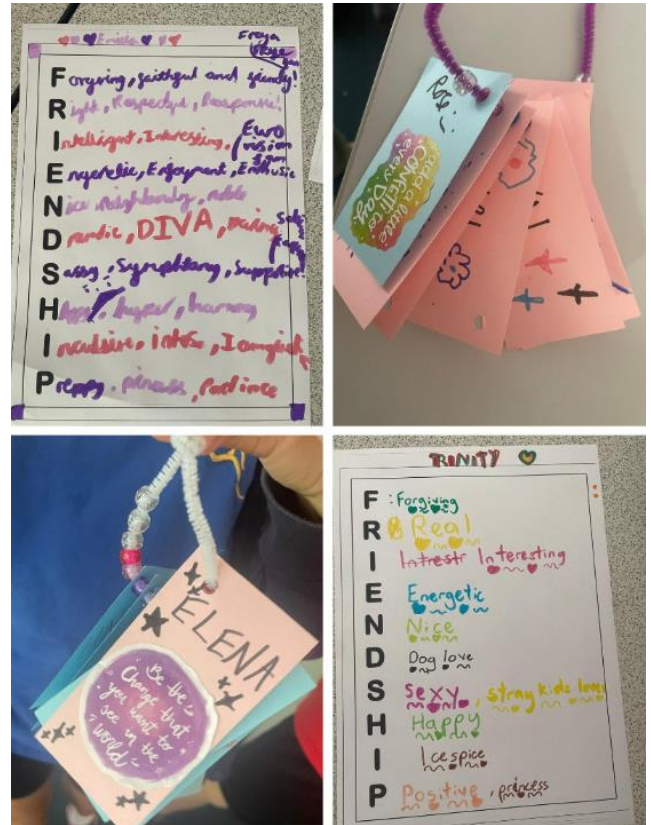


Mrs Pulford says...

Just when we thought this year couldn't get any busier, Year 5 have experienced an incredibly hectic final term.

Our half term began with our Whole school spiritual WOW where we took the time to create pictures of our inner and outer selves, we decorated pebbles to give ourselves time and space to connect with ourselves, others and nature and enjoyed our whole school walk.

Mrs Pulford was really proud of all of us for all taking part in part in sports day and trying our best. In English we have shared the book 'The Explorer' and enjoyed creating our own survival guides. Linked to this, we have enjoyed building our own dens in Outdoor Learning. During our history lessons, we have made connections with what we know about the Ancient Greeks, Mayans and Romans and linked this to life in Ancient Sumer. We also had a go at writing Cuneiform in clay. In Maths, we have been diligently preparing for Year 6, ensuring our maths skills are solid for the challenges that await us.



Finally, the Year 5s have enjoyed working hard to learn the songs for 'I'm a Year 6 get me out of here'. I wish all the Year 5s the very best of luck next year and I am confident that they will excel in all they do.

Miss Dadral says...

Year 6's final year in primary school has been truly unforgettable. From exciting trips and fun-filled events to the laughter shared with friends, every moment has been a celebration of how far the students have come. They've worked hard, shown incredible resilience, and grown into confident, capable individuals ready for the next chapter.

Whether it was their outstanding performance in the school play, their leadership across the school, or the joy of attending many sporting events, this year has been filled with pride and lasting memories. It's been a perfect ending to their primary school journey.

I will truly miss all of you and I hope to see you all again thriving in the future. Year 6... it's been a blast!



Year 5 and Year 6 Performance

What a treat we were all in for this week attending the Year 5 and 6 end of term performance! The children absolutely loved performing and showcased their confidence, talent and courage throughout both performances. Many thanks to their team for the hard work that goes into producing these events.

They are 11 year olds, and they are very nearly ready to get themselves out of here!



Academic Outcomes 24/25

In amongst the many transition events planned for our leavers, they also received their SATs results this week. We know that these results are just a snapshot, and that there is immeasurably more to children's talents and achievements than a result. However, I wanted to share just how incredibly proud we are of the hard work they put in.

All measured assessment outcomes for end of year 24/25 for Silchester read as follows:

Whole School Markers						
	Sch 23	Sch 24	Sch 25	Nat 24	Sch Diff 24 to 25	Nat Diff 24 to 25
EYFS	73%	83%	85%	68%	+2%	+17%
Phonics	91%	91%	94%	80%	+8%	+14%
MTC	20	20.6	19.3	20.2	-1.3	-0.9
KS2 Reading	58%	67%	97%	73%	+30%	+24%
KS2 Writing	50%	63%	73%	72%	+10%	+1%
KS2 Maths	35%	63%	88%	73%	+25%	+15%
KS2 Combined	31%	48%	70%	60%	+22%	+10%

KS2 Outcomes															
Reading				Writing				Maths				Combined			
SCH 23	SCH 24	NAT 24	SCH 25	SCH 23	SCH24	NAT 24	SCH 25	SCH 23	SCH 24	NAT 24	SCH 25	SCH 23	SCH 24	NAT 24	Sch 25
58/23	67/30	73/29	97/55	50/8	63/19	72/13	73/12	35/0	63/11	73/24	88/30	31/0	48/3	60/8	70/6

As you can see, there has been a significant improvement to attainment over the last few years. This is down to the hard work of the children, staff and the positive direction and trajectory of our school – I am immensely proud of them all.

Colour Run

Please do join us for the annual colour run after school **TODAY** – below are all of the details from our PTA:

*We'd love you to join us for some good old fashioned PTA colour powder throwing on **Friday 11th July** from 3.30pm to 4.30pm by **The Silchester Pavilion**. It won't be too far for little legs to run round as we plan our regular short course around the Green and the school field.*



Entry on the day is £5 and you'll have five colour stations plus a lovely finishers' bracelet too. White t-shirts and sunglasses are highly advised (just to show up the colour and protect your eyes) and we promise a bar, BBQ, ice pops, gladiators, loads of colour run accessories for your purchasing pleasure, super soakers galore and a heavily 80's power ballad biased playlist 😊

Thanks so much and any questions please let us know!

Wildlife Rescue Sale

As you know, we have compassionate children in Silchester and three of them would like to demonstrate their courageous advocacy for positive change! Elina, Meri, Elina, Nuala, Eva and Charlotte have approached with an idea to try and raise money for a local charity that rescues wildlife. They have therefore initiated and engineered an ice-pop and cookie sale to be held after school on **Monday 14th July**. Any proceeds they make will go directly to Katie's Wildlife Rescue Charity. If you're able, please do support them in this venture and come and buy a treat!



Rocksteady Concert

On Wednesday 16th July at 14:30, the children who do RockSteady in school will be performing their first rock concert! Concerts are a great way for the children to put everything they've learned into practice in front of a friendly and supportive audience! Their band leader will be helping them prepare for their performance and will be there to support them on the day.



Any parents of those performing are very welcome to come and join us to watch. There is no need to book a ticket, please just arrive via the school office at 14:20 for the concert to start in the hall at 14:30.

104 LIBRARY BOOKS STILL MISSING!

If you have a library book still at home, please bring it back as soon as you can – we're still missing 104 books!

Can't find it? That's okay!

If you'd like to replace it, we'd love more **NON-FICTION BOOKS** – especially ones about nature, animals, science, history, or the world around us.

Thank you for helping keep our library growing!

The poster features several illustrations: a globe on the left, a fox sitting on the right, a stack of three books (green, orange, green) at the bottom left, an open book at the bottom center, and a small green heart at the bottom right. There are also decorative green leaves scattered throughout the text.

Bags & Books

Towards the end of next week, we will be preparing for closing down the school for the summer and moving the classrooms around. As such, the children will be clearing their trays in preparation. If you remember, please can you send your child to school with a bag-for-life type bag next Thursday?

Also, please see attached the poster regarding missing library books from our librarians.

Upcoming Key Dates

Friday 11 th July	PTA Rainbow Run
Monday 14 th July	Treat Sale for Local Wildlife
Tuesday 15 th July	M&M Productions – Treasure Island (PTA funded)
Wednesday 16 th July	Beech Class (Year 5) Final Forest School Session
Wednesday 16 th July	Rock Steady Performance – 2:30pm
Wednesday 16 th July	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 9:30am (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, and I’ll look forward to seeing you to start our final week of the year on Monday.

Rachel Moir

Rachel Moir
Head of School

IMPERIAL

Georgina Mace Centre for the Living Planet

Discover an amazing natural world

**Bugs, Birds and Beasts Day
at Silwood Park**

Tuesday 29 July 2025
12.00–17.00
Silwood Park Campus

Imperial College London



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Bugs, Birds & Beasts Day is an outdoor celebration of the natural world, packed with exciting activities and discoveries for everyone.


Meet the experts!


Get hands-on with nature through interactive activities and fascinating facts—all delivered by the scientists and students who study and work at Imperial Silwood Park.

Learn how the wildlife around us enriches our lives:

- Watch live bird eggs hatch
- Marvel at thrilling falconry displays
- Get involved in hands-on activities and uncover fascinating facts about local creatures
- Try your hand at pond dipping and see what lives below the water's surface.
- Join a guided butterfly walk and spot these beautiful insects in action.

With even more exhibitions and experiences added this year, there's something for everyone—come and explore the wonders of nature!

 **Food & Drink:** Enjoy a variety of delicious options from local food vendors (available for purchase throughout the day), or feel free to bring your own picnic.

 **Travel:** On-site parking is limited, so we kindly encourage visitors to use our **free half-hourly shuttle bus service** to and from Ascot Station whenever possible.

Everyone's welcome – register now to secure your free ticket!