



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families of Silchester,

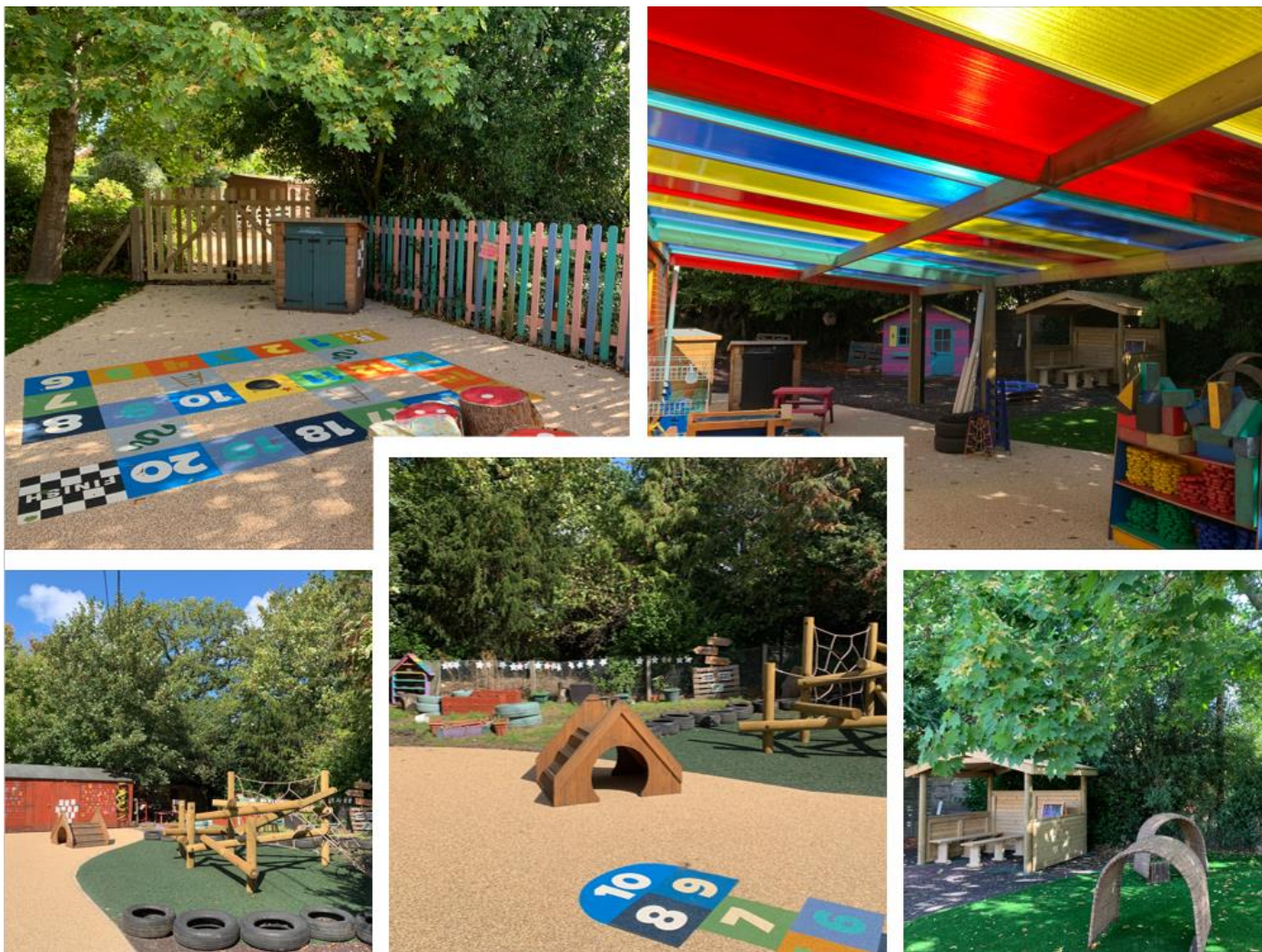
Happy New School Year and a warm welcome back to everyone! I hope that you've all had a wonderful summer break, filled with fun and relaxation. It's been so nice to see your children again and to welcome new faces. It is fantastic to have our school buzzing with excitement once again as we begin another year of learning together.

As a school team, we have had two days of training this week which has been a great opportunity to set the year off with purpose and direction. We think that the school may have been hit by lightning in the storm! After an almighty flash and clap of thunder, all systems went down! No internet, phone lines, emails, server – the lot. Apologies that this has set back our communications a little, but we are now up and running again and the team coped brilliantly going back to the 'dark ages'!

The training was also a great opportunity for us to reflect on how far the school has moved on and I couldn't be prouder of our superb team. It is a joy to see new leaders step up and professionals take charge and demonstrate their expertise in education, and I'm grateful for and impressed with them all.

Throughout the summer, everyone has been working hard to be ready for the new year. The team have done a great job of transforming their new classrooms. We have also had a fair bit of work done at the school over the summer holidays. Our EYFS area has been transformed, we have a new floor in the quiet area, updated library and a new canopy area to extend the continuous provision for Chestnut Class. It was so nice to see every area used and enjoyed by the children today.





I'd also like to say a special thank you to our very own 'Nana Ju', Julie Reynolds. She has deep cleaned the school to such a standard that every wall, window, carpet, floor and chair are sparkling, brighter and renewed. It was an immense amount of work but has made such a difference to our environment and we are all so grateful.

Walking around the school today has brought back all of the 'warm and fuzzies'! The school has been alive with smiles, friendship, and an eagerness to learn, which is truly heartening to see. It's a testament to the resilience and adaptability of our young learners, and I couldn't be prouder of how they've embraced the new term, new class and new teachers.

It has also been so lovely to welcome our new Ladybirds to school! Both the children and the parents have shown courage in taking their first steps into primary school life. I very much look forward to watching them grow and develop as they journey through the school.

School Website

Just a reminder that our school website has a new name and can now be found at the following:

www.silchestercofeprimary.co.uk

Most of the content has transferred successfully, but there are still a few glitches that we will work to rectify as swiftly as possible.

Pupil Voice – We will be holding elections for our House Captains (year 6) and School and Eco Councillors (Yrs1-6) on **Friday 12th September**. You child will have the chance to work on a speech during school time, but you are also welcome to help them at home should they chose to stand for election.

Open Days

Yes, it is day one of our new school year, however, we are always looking forward and have planned our open days for those starting school in 2026! If you have a child who is due to start reception next year, or know someone else who has children this age, please come along and spread the word about our upcoming Open Days.

Timings of the School Day

Just a little reminder that the timings of the school day:

8:30am – early starters welcome as prearranged with class teachers

8:40am – school gates open for all of the children (close at 8:50am)

8:45am – register opens

8:55am – register closes and lessons begin

3:15pm – end of school day

PE

A fresh reminder about PE Kits. On their PE days, children can come into school wearing a round neck coloured t-shirt that corresponds to their house colour:

Chichester, **York**, **Salisbury**,

Winchester. Ones with the school logo printed on them are available from Skoolkit from £6.50 but these are not essential, and any plain non-logoed round neck t-shirt (amazon/supermarket) equivalent is also fine. No football kits or other slogans/logos/writing please.

PE will start next week, and the PE Days are as follows:

Class	PE Days
Ladybirds Class (YrR)	Friday - to start later in the term <i>Mrs Dowling will let parents know when PE begins</i>
Chestnut Class (Yr1)	Tuesday
Hazel Class (Yr2/3)	Tuesday
Sycamore Class (Yr3/4)	Thursday and Friday
Beech Class (Yr5)	Monday and Friday
Oak Class (Yr6)	Wednesday

All children have two sessions of PE a week. If you child only has one PE day, this is because their teacher has chosen to do both sessions in one afternoon.

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Open Days

Tuesday 14th October: 9:00am – 10:15am

Wednesday 22nd October: 9:00am – 10:15am

Thursday 6th November: 9:00am – 10:15am

Is your child starting school in September 2026?
We invite you to come and have a look around our wonderful school. Our Open Days will consist of a brief presentation, followed by a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask any questions. We hope to welcome you soon!

School Lane,
Silchester,
RG7 2NJ
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If you can't make any of the above dates, please do contact our school office to arrange an individual tour.

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and



St Mary the Virgin
Silchester

Silchester Methodist
Church

Invite you to join us at

NEW BEGINNINGS

A family service for our school
and new school year

Sunday 7th September

at 10.30am

In the Marquee

Silchester Playing Field, RG7 2ND



A Special Service for Our School

Message from Reverend Karen:

We would love to see as many pupils, their parents and families as possible at this special service. We will welcome Dave, the amazing rowing and fund-raising Dad, and also a special visit of the Open the Book team who will bring to life our Bible story.

Upcoming Key Dates

Amazon Wish List	https://amzn.eu/diet9uj
INSET DAYS 2025/2026	Monday 5 th January, Monday 23 rd February Wednesday 22 nd July
Saturday 6 th September	Silchester Village Fete
Sunday 7 th September	New Beginnings Church Service

There are plenty more upcoming key dates that I will be in a position to share with you in next weeks, newsletter. However, here is an overview of the key dates for the whole school year:

Assessment, Monitoring, SEN, CPD, School Events Yearly Overview – 2025-26

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	
Autumn 1	INSET 1&2	LO & Hwk Grids Pupil Voice Elections	EYFS Baseline	EYFS Baseline	EYFS Baseline Autumn Assessments	Yr 6 PGL	ISP Update Open Day	Curric NL Parents Evening Open Day	Oct Half Term
Autumn 2	LO & Hwk Grids WOW Week Open Day	Yr 5 Ufton					Curric NL Yr R Show Yr 1/2 Nativity Values Awards		Christmas
Spring 1	INSET 3 LO & Hwk Grids		Spring Assessments		ISP Update	Curric NL Parents Evening			Feb Half Term
Spring 2	LO & Hwk Grids INSET 4 WOW Week				Curric NL Yr 3/4 Easter Performance Values Awards				Easter
Summer 1	LO & Hwk Grids			Bank Holiday	Yr 6 SATs	Curric NL ISP Update			May Half Term
Summer 2	LO & Hwk Grids Yr4 MTCs WOW Week	Yr4 MTCs Phonics Screen Summer Assessments	Sports Day		Transition Meetings	Yr 5/6 End of Year Production	Curric NL Reports Home Values Awards	Last 2 days Yr 6 Leavers Worship INSET 5	Summer

I hope that you and your families have a great weekend, and I'll look forward to welcoming you back on the gate on Monday.

Rachel Moir

Rachel Moir
Head of School

Spring Summer 2025

WEEK ONE

21st April 2025
12th May 2025
9th June 2025
30th June 2025
21st July 2025
15th September 2025
6th October 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Option One	Tomato and Lentil Pasta	Macaroni Cheese with Chickpea Topping	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option Two	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Salads	Macaroni Cheese	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	NEW Chefs Special Chickpea Curry with Rice	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
Dessert	Apple Flapjack	Summer Lemon Cake	Fruit Platter	Savoury Cheese Scone	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins

WEEK TWO

28th April 2025
19th May 2025
16th June 2025
7th July 2025
1st September 2025
22nd September 2025
13th October 2025

Option One	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Pork or Chicken Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	NEW Chefs Special Chicken and Chickpea Korma with Rice	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option Two	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Salads	Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Vegetable Soya Roast, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti and Meatballs	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge	NEW Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Peaches and Ice Cream	Vanilla Shortbread

WEEK THREE

5th May 2025
2nd June 2025
23rd June 2025
14th July 2025
8th September 2025
29th September 2025
20th October 2025

Option One	Classic Vegan Bolognaise	NEW Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Greek Macaroni Pastitsio with Greek Salad and Tzatziki	Breaded Fish and Chips
Option Two	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Salads	NEW Chefs Special Five Bean Jollof Rice	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Rice, Greek Salad and Tzatziki	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast
Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
Dessert	Pear & Cocoa Upside Down Cake	Cheese and Crackers	Fruit Medley	Jam and Coconut Sponge	Oaty Cookie

MENU KEY

Added Plant Protein Wholemeal Vegan Chef's Special

Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

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