



# SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

Being the start of a new term, our teachers have been busy planning an engaging way to deliver the curriculum. Therefore, please have a look through the learning overviews and home learning grids for this term accessed via our website on the links below:

Learning Overviews for Autumn 1 2025 = [download.asp](#)

Home Learning Grids for Autumn 1 2025 = [download.asp](#)



### Election Day

Today was our annual election day! The Department for Education promotes teaching Core British Values in schools, one of which is democracy. To conceptualise this for the children, we held elections for School and Eco Council members and House Captains today. Many congratulations to those who were elected. We have huge respect and great admiration for everyone that stood up to make a speech today. It takes courage to put yourself forward and we were very proud of you all.

### PE Days

Last week we shared the PE Timetable. Due to some staffing switch rounds we've made, please note that **Sycamore Class has now changed PE Days** to the below:

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

### IRON Sam and Silchester

As a school, we have been lucky enough to have benefitted from working alongside the local charity SAMS (Support and Advocacy for Minds and Souls). This charity has worked with us via our compassionate researchers and offer 1:1 sessions in local schools running a mentor programme called Transforming Lives for Good. The work that they do to support children through positive relationships and promoting mental health is inspiring. To support this charity and teach hope and compassion to our children, Silchester School will be joining Sam in his upcoming relay. This will involve all children joining Sam for part of a 4-mile run around our playground. A small group of students have also been chosen to run a leg of the relay from our school to Tadley School and then collectively cycle 25 miles in Sainsbury's foyer!

More information overleaf and sponsorship forms to follow next week.



**This year, hope runs on young legs.**

IronSam returns with a mission far greater than distance: to inspire a movement powered by hope, justice and compassion. Over five schools, he will run more the distance of a marathon (26.2 miles) — but the true strength of this challenge lies in the hands — and hearts — of the children running beside him. **Hundreds of students** will take on personal running goals, each one choosing to take a step, to move, and to believe in their own potential. Among them, **five extraordinary relay teams** will carry something more than just momentum — they'll carry **Batons of Hope**, passed from school to school like torches of literal hope, unity, and belief for a connected and compassionate community.

Every step these young runners take is a declaration: **We are the future, and we choose hope, justice and compassion.**

**Day 2**, the challenge shifts — but the mindset deepens.

IronSam will take on a punishing **125-mile solo bike ride**, driven not by ego, but by compassion for the children and young lives in his community. At the same time, those same student teams will return, stepping up once more to complete a **125-mile relay ride** — all within the confines of their local **Sainsbury's foyer**. They'll ride through fatigue, cheer each other on, and prove that hope isn't just an idea — it's alive and beating at the heart of our community.

This isn't about breaking records.

It's about **passing hope** from one child to another — from one school to the next — and watching it grow.

This challenge isn't just running or cycling, it's **empowering a generation to believe that compassion is strength, that hope is alive, and that even the smallest runner can carry something powerful enough to change their world.**

[SAMS - Silchester IronSAMS Relay](#)

## Silchester Open Days

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.

## Hurst Open Day

Those in year 6 who would like to attend The Hurst Open Days this year will have noted that they are happening during our Year 6 PGL Residential.

We have been in communication with The Hurst who have been ever so kind in rearranging an alternative date just for Silchester Parents. Therefore, should you wish to attend, this is now happening at The Hurst on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October from 9:15am-10:15am**. All year 6 children attending will have their absence authorised from school.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Welcome back to the new school year and a special welcome to all the new Silchester families.

The PTA are busy planning our

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Church of England Primary School

# Open Days

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October: 9:00am – 10:15am**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: 9:00am – 10:15am**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

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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.





fundraising events for this year - some new and of course some very popular regulars.

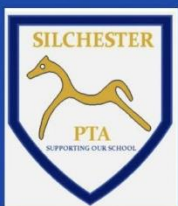
With this in mind we would like to invite & encourage you to come to our first PTA meeting of the year.

🔔 Your PTA needs you!!  
Want to make a difference to our school, connect with other parents, support the children and teachers/staff and build a stronger community?  
Whether you have a little time or a lot, we'd love to have you!

📅 Next meeting: Wed 17th September @8pm

📍 The Calleva Arms

📧 Questions:  
silchesterpta.chair@gmail.com



# SILCHESTER PTA NEEDS YOU!!!

The PTA's purpose is to fundraise through fun activities and events to further improve the learning environment and opportunities for our children.

Every parent is automatically a PTA member but we are always looking for new committee members to help organise and run our fundraising events.

## Upcoming Key Dates

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	20:00	PTA Meeting – Calleva Arms
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	15:30	PGL Meeting for Year 6 parents
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Flu Immunisations
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	pm	School Harvest Festival
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	am	IRON Sam – Sponsored Challenge Run
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00 – 11:00	IRON Sam – Cycle Challenge in Sainsburys
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	11:00	St Mary’s Church Harvest at Silchester Village Hall
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	All week	Year 6 PGL Residential
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00	Year R Parents invited to watch phonics
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00 – 10:15	Open Day for 2026 intake
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00 – 14:30	AWE Ada Lovelace STEM Day (selected pupils)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	9:15 – 10:15	The Hurst Open Morning for Year 6s
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00	Year R Parents invited to watch phonics
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	am	Individual and sibling school photos
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	9:00 – 10:15	Open Day for 2026 intake
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	15:30 – 18:00	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	15:30 – 18:00	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	-	DT Trip to QMC
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	-	DT Trip to QMC
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	17:00 – 19:00	CTAT Blazing Lights Party - <a href="#">Blazing Lights Party 2025 (30-Oct-2025)</a> · <a href="#">ChurchSuite Events</a>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	All week	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	All week	WOW Week for Design & Technology
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00	Bags2School Collection for the PTA
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00 – 10:15	Open Day for 2026 intake
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	-	DT Trip to QMC
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Hazel Class Virtual Victorians

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	3 days	Year 5 Residential to Ufton Court
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	am	KS1 Drama Workshop
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	-	DT Trip to QMC
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	15:00 18:00	PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	19:00 21:00	PTA Wreath Making Evening
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	am	Ladybirds Theatre Trip

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*

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Head of School

Spring Summer 2025		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b>  21/4 12/5 9/6 30/6 21/7 1/9 22/9 13/10	<b>Option One</b>	Cheese and tomato pasta	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Salads	Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b>	Tomato and Lentil Pasta	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Salads	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Chefs Special Chickpea Curry with Rice	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b>	Apple Iapjack	Summer Lemon Cake	Fruit Platter	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	Chocolate Brownie
<b>WEEK TWO</b>  28/4 19/5 16/6 7/7 8/9 29/9 20/10	<b>Option One</b>	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Pork or Chicken Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Chefs Special Chicken and Chickpea Korma with Rice	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b>	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
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b>	Iced Vanilla Sponge	<b>NEW</b> Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Peaches and Ice Cream	Vanilla Shortbread
<b>WEEK THREE</b>  5/5 2/6 23/6 14/7 15/9 6/10	<b>Option One</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Salads	Beef Burger Patty wedges	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Breaded Fish and Chips
	<b>Option Two</b>	Classic Vegan Bolognaise	<b>NEW</b> 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
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b>	Pear & Cocoa Upside Down Cake	Cheese and Crackers	Fruit Medley	Jam and Coconut Sponge	Oaty Cookie
<b>MENU KEY</b>		Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	
<b>Available Daily:</b> - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection - Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt						<b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> 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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