



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

### Quiet Club

This week we have opened our doors at lunchtimes to start a 'Quiet Club'. Members of SLT will run the club held in Maple Classroom. Children are free to come and go from the playground at lunchtime and can enjoy activities such as Lego, bracelet making, crochet, board games, reading and colouring. We have wanted to do this for a while and are delighted to have it off the ground.

Thankfully, we are all different! Some children delight in running, football, climbing and general outside unstructured play time during the lunch hour. Others can find the busyness of a playground a little overwhelming and prefer a calmer, more structured play time. Now, we have the best of both worlds and children can experience both and choose what they need. As you can see from the photos, it has proven to be very popular and works exactly like we hoped it would!



### NSPCC – Online Safety Workshop for Parents

In line with our safeguarding curriculum, next term we will be introducing the Speak Out, Stay Safe Campaign to our children – more information to follow nearer the time! As part of this, we have asked the NSPCC to provide some further information for parents about keeping safe online. They have shared the following workshop which you may find informative and helpful:

[NSPCC Online Safety Workshop for Parents and Carers](#)

### Sponsored Run

On Friday next week, all children will be taking part in our sponsored run with IRONSAM! As this will be on our school playground, children are all welcome to come to school in their PE Kits on Friday. Our Silchester Relay Team will then join Sam, carrying a 'Baton of Hope,' to Tadley Primary School. The Relay Team will also be in Sainsbury's Foyer on Saturday morning 9am-11am completing a 25 mile cycle ride.



Rather than phaffing with sponsorship forms, please sponsor your child and donate to the 'Supporting Minds and Advocacy for Souls' charity via the following link:

[SAMS - Silchester IronSAMS Relay](#)



## Harvest Festival

We will be holding our annual School Harvest Festival in the afternoon of **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** next week. If you are able, please send your children in with donations for our Harvest Table. All food collected will be donated to the foodbank and given to families in need.



### Prejudicial Language

There have been a couple of incidents this week where children have been using the words 'gay' and 'lesbian' in a negative context either in jest or as an insult. This language is harmful because it perpetuates societal inequalities, fosters a hostile environment, and can lead to exclusion and discrimination. Challenging prejudicial language is essential for creating respectful, inclusive, and safe spaces where everyone is valued. We will address this within school and teach the children the implications of this in line with our value of respect for all, however, if appropriate, please can you also discuss this with your children at home.

## Harvest appeal



### Help support your food bank this Harvest

During the Harvest months of September and October 2024, over 1170 people facing hardship were fed. 12.8 tonnes of food was distributed to individuals, and to our partnering agency emergency cupboards.

#### Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

#### Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

### Shopping list

Tinned Fruit
Tinned Fish
Tinned Meat
Tinned Soup
Coffee
Milk (UHT)
Custard
Tinned puddings
Crisps/Snacks/Treats
Jam/Spreads
Toiletries

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# Silchester

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!

School Lane,  
Silchester,  
RG7 2NJ  
adminoffice@silchester.hants.sch.uk  
0118 9700256

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

COLLABORATION

RESILIENCE

REFLECTIVENESS

COMMUNICATION

RESILIENCE

RESPONSIBILITY

### 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.

## Halloween Alternative

Churches Together Around Tadley are thrilled to announce the return of the Blazing Lights Party – a night bursting with fun, laughter, and glowing adventures! 🌟

This free event is packed full of exciting activities your children will love:

- 🌈 Glow-stick games like bowling and hula hoops
- 🎨 Creative crafts and den building
- 🔥 Cosy campfire stories with gooey s'mores

Every zone offers treats for their trick-or-treat bags! 🍬 ✨

Spaces are limited, so make sure you grab your spot today:

👉 [Sign up here](https://www.ctat.org.uk/blazinglights)

As a positive alternative to Halloween costumes, we'd love for the children to come dressed in something bright and colourful to make the most of the UV lights! 🌟

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We can't wait to see you there – it's going to be a glowing good time! 🙌

Sam + the Blazing Lights Team.



## PTA – Wreath Making Event

✨ Join us on Thursday 4th December for a wreath making class, with an expert guide.

🕒 7pm-9pm (doors open at 6:30pm)

🌲 £45pp includes all wreath making materials, glass of prosecco & mince pie.

☕ Tea, coffee & snacks also available during the evening or BYO alcoholic drinks

🎫 Ticket sale opens on Sunday 14th September



Book via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/silchesterschoolpta/?event=event&eventId=102528>

## Upcoming Key Dates

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesdays: 24/9, 1/10, 8/10, 15/10, 22/10	am	Forest Schools for Sycamore Class
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	-	<b>DEADLINE</b> for returning PTA Christmas Card designs
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	pm	School Harvest Festival – <b>food donations accepted</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	am	IRON Sam – Sponsored Challenge Run – <b>all in PE kit please!</b>
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
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	School Nurse Checks – Yr6 height and weight and Autumn Born Yr Rs hearing and vision.
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
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	15:30	Meet, Greet, Eat and Treat!
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	All day	DT Trip to QMC – Sycamore Class
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	DT Trip to QMC – Oak Class
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	17:00 19:00	CTAT Blazing Lights Party - <a href="#">Blazing Lights Party 2025 (30-Oct-2025) · 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	All day	DT Trip to QMC – Beech Class

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	am	Chestnut 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	All day	DT Trip to QMC – Chestnut Class
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	DT Trip to QMC – Hazel Class
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

WEEK ONE

21/4 12/5  
9/6 30/6  
21/7 1/9  
22/9 13/10

MONDAY

Cheese and tomato  
pasta

Tomato and  
Lentil Pasta

Vegetables of the Day

Apple  
Jalapak

TUESDAY

BBQ Chicken Pizza  
with Salads

Cheese and  
Tomato Pizza  
with Salads

Vegetables of the Day

Summer Lemon  
Cake

WEDNESDAY

Sausage, Roast  
Potatoes & Gravy

Roasted Quorn,  
Roast  
Potatoes, & Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit  
Platter

THURSDAY

Spaghetti  
Bolognese

**NEW** Chefs Special  
Chicken & Chickpea  
Curry  
with Rice

Vegetables of the Day

Strawberry Jelly  
with  
Mandarin

FRIDAY

Fishfingers or Salmon  
Fishfingers with Chips &  
Tomato Sauce

Cheese & Bean Pasty  
with Chips & Tomato  
Sauce

Vegetables of the Day

Chocolate Brownie

WEEK TWO

28/4  
19/5  
16/6 7/7  
8/9 29/9  
20/10

MONDAY

Lentil and Sweet  
Potato Curry  
with Rice

Cheese and  
Tomato Pizza  
with Salads

Vegetables of the Day

Iced Vanilla Sponge

TUESDAY

Pork or Chicken Hot Dog  
with Wedges & Tomato  
Sauce

Vegan Hot Dog with  
Wedges &  
Tomato Sauce

Vegetables of the Day

**NEW** Strawberry and  
Apple Crumble with  
Custard

WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day,  
Stuffing, Roast Potatoes,  
& Gravy

Vegetable Soya Roast,  
Stuffing, Roast Potatoes  
& Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Freshly Chopped  
Fruit Salad

THURSDAY

**NEW** Chefs Special  
Chicken and Chickpea  
Korma with Rice

Spaghetti and  
Meatballs

Vegetables of the Day

Peaches and  
Ice Cream

FRIDAY

Battered fish with Chips  
& Tomato Sauce

Cheese and Tomato  
Quiche with Chips

Vegetables of the Day

Vanilla  
Shortbread

WEEK THREE

5/5 2/6  
23/6 14/7  
15/9 6/10

MONDAY

Cheese and  
Tomato Pizza  
with Salads

Classic Vegan  
Bolognese

Vegetables of the Day

Pear & Cocoa Upside  
Down Cake

TUESDAY

Beef Burger Patty  
wedges

**NEW** Chefs Special  
Five Bean  
Jollof Rice

Vegetables of the Day

Cheese and Crackers

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey, Stuffing,  
Roast Potatoes  
& Gravy

Veg Wellington,  
Roast  
Potatoes & Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Medley

THURSDAY

Macaroni Cheese

Spinach and Cheese  
Whirl with Rice, Greek  
Salad and Tzatziki

Vegetables of the Day

Jam and Coconut  
Sponge

FRIDAY

Breaded Fish  
and Chips

All Day Vegetarian  
Breakfast

Vegetables of the Day

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.