



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Sponsored Run

Today, we held the incredible IRON Sam challenge. This morning, IRON Sam ran around the playground, covering 4 miles! Our wonderful classes took turns in joining inspirational Sam with this running challenge. We were so delighted to see the resilience of our Silchester children and are very proud of them indeed!



After this, the sensational Mrs Ridout and our relay team of 5 - Rory, Charlie, Aria, Austin and George – ran with Sam to Tadley School! Our running superstars enjoyed hot chocolate upon their return to school – a very well-deserved treat.

The Relay Team will also be in Sainsbury's Foyer on Saturday morning 9am-11am completing a 25-mile cycle ride. If you're around, please pop in and give them a cheer!

If you haven't already, 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

This afternoon, we enjoyed celebrating harvest with Harvest Festival worship. Thank you so much to everyone who kindly and generously donated food for harvest festival foodbank. These wonderful donations are stacked high and shall be taken to the foodbank next week.

St Mary the Virgin, Silchester, RG7 2HH

HARVEST CELEBRATION

With Tadley Concert Brass
11am, Sunday 5th October
Silchester Village Hall

Followed by a Harvest Lunch
with entertainment!

Everyone is welcome to join us at midday for a lunch prepared by our very own village chef Peter Allison. Only £10 a head.

Bookings can be made using the QR code or through the Calvea Arms or Pop-Up Café at the Sports Pavilion.



PGL

Wishing all of our year 6s and their team the best time away on residential next week. They will be leaving from school on Monday morning and returning on Friday. The week will be full of firsts and adventure. We can't wait to hear all about it!



Silchester Open Days

The poster for Silchester Open Days features the school's logo and the motto 'Compassion, Courage and Respect'. It lists three dates: Tuesday 14th October (9:00am - 10:15am), Wednesday 22nd October (9:00am - 10:15am), and Thursday 6th November (9:00am - 10:15am). It asks if children are starting school in September 2026 and invites parents to come for a presentation and tour. Contact information for the school office is provided, along with a note that individual tours can be arranged if dates are missed. At the bottom, there are icons for various skills: Collaboration, Resilience, Reflections, Communication, Resilience, and Independence, each with a corresponding animal illustration.

Compassion, Courage and Respect

Silchester

Church of England Primary School

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!

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Silchester,
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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.

COLLABORATION
RESILIENCE
REFLECTIONS
COMMUNICATION
RESILIENCE
INDEPENDENCE

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 15th 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](#)

The poster for the Blazing Lights Party features a dark background with colorful lights and a star. It includes the text 'CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY PRESENTS', 'BLAZING LIGHTS PARTY', 'October 30th | Thursday | 5:00PM - 7:00PM', 'Tadley Common Methodist Church, RG26 4HN', 'Year 1 - Year 6', 'Crafts, sweets, glowsticks and more', 'Sign up online: www.ctat.org.uk/blazinglights', 'NO HALLOWEEN COSTUMES, INSTEAD WEAR SOMETHING BRIGHT', 'TRICK OR TREAT BAGS PROVIDED', and 'Hosted by Sam & Hannah'.

CHURCHES TOGETHER AROUND TADLEY
PRESENTS

BLAZING LIGHTS PARTY

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Tadley Common Methodist Church, RG26 4HN
Year 1 - Year 6

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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
Saturday 4 th October	9:00 – 11:00	IRON Sam – Cycle Challenge in Sainsburys
Sunday 5 th October	11:00	St Mary's Church Harvest at Silchester Village Hall
Monday 6 th October – Friday 10 th October	All week	Year 6 PGL Residential
Monday 13 th October	9:00	Year R Parents invited to watch phonics
Monday 13 th October	All day	School Nurse Checks – Yr6 height and weight and Autumn Born Yr Rs hearing and vision.
Tuesday 14 th October	9:00 – 10:15	Open Day for 2026 intake
Tuesday 14 th October	9:00 – 14:30	AWE Ada Lovelace STEM Day (selected pupils)
Wednesday 15 th October	9:15 – 10:15	The Hurst Open Morning for Year 6s
Wednesday 15 th October	9:00	Year R Parents invited to watch phonics
Friday 17 th October	15:30	Meet, Greet, Eat and Treat!
Monday 20 th October	am	Individual and sibling school photos

Wednesday 22 nd October	9:00 – 10:15	Open Day for 2026 intake
Tuesday 21 st October	15:30 - 18:00	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 rd October	15:30 - 18:00	Parents Evening
Thursday 23 rd October	All day	DT Trip to QMC – Sycamore Class
Friday 24 th October	All day	DT Trip to QMC – Oak Class
Thursday 30 th October	17:00 - 19:00	CTAT Blazing Lights Party - Blazing Lights Party 2025 (30-Oct-2025) · ChurchSuite Events
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	All week	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 3 rd November – Friday 6 th November	All week	WOW Week for Design & Technology
Friday 6 th November	9:00	Bags2School Collection for the PTA
Friday 6 th November	9:00 – 10:15	Open Day for 2026 intake
Friday 7 th November	All day	DT Trip to QMC – Beech Class
Monday 10 th November	am	Chestnut Class Virtual Victorians
Wednesday 12 th November – Friday 14 th November	3 days	Year 5 Residential to Ufton Court
Thursday 13 th November	am	KS1 Drama Workshop
Friday 14 th November	All day	DT Trip to QMC – Chestnut Class
Monday 17 th November	All day	DT Trip to QMC – Hazel Class
Saturday 29 th November	15:00 - 18:00	PTA Christmas Fair
Thursday 4 th December	19:00 - 21:00	PTA Wreath Making Evening
Friday 5 th 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

Rachel Moir
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

Option One

Tomato and
Lentil Pasta

Option Two

Vegetables of the Day

Apple
Lapack

Dessert

TUESDAY

88Q Chicken Pizza
with Salads

Cheese and
Tomato Pizza
with Salads

Vegetables of the Day

Summer Lemon
Cake

Dessert

WEDNESDAY

Sausage, Roast
Potatoes & Gravy

Roasted Quorn,
Roast
Potatoes, & Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit
Platter

THURSDAY

Spaghetti
Bolognese

NEW Chefs Special
Chickpea Curry
with Rice

Vegetables of the Day

Strawberry Jelly
with Mandarins

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

Option One

Cheese and
Tomato Pizza
with Salads

Option Two

Vegetables of the Day

Iced Vanilla Sponge

Dessert

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

Dessert

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

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

Option One

Classic Vegan
Bolognese

Option Two

Vegetables of the Day

Pear & Cocoa Upside
Down Cake

Dessert

TUESDAY

Beef Burger Patty
wedges

NEW Chefs Special
Five Bean
Jollof Rice

Vegetables of the Day

Cheese and Crackers

Dessert

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey, Stuffing,
Roast Potatoes
& Gravy

Veg Wellington,
Roast
Potatoes & Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Medley

THURSDAY

Macaroni Cheese

Spinach and Cheese
Whit 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.

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