

SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

PGL

What an amazing week our Year 6s have had down at Osmington Bay! The weather was mostly delightful for them, and we have been so incredibly proud of our Oak Class children. They have totally risen to the challenges set before them. Many of the children had not spent this amount of time away from home, which required a new resilience, yet they have proved just how independent and mature they are becoming.

The abseiling, climbing, raft building and giant swing all required the children to draw upon their courage, but the sense of achievement and rise in self-esteem when accomplished was a joy to behold. They have also shown such improved teamwork and encouragement and respect for each other.

Enormous thanks to Miss Dadral, Mrs Scott, Mrs Dougall and Mrs Sullivan for giving up their time (and sleep!) to enable this to happen for our children.



Parents Evenings

As communications from the office have already conveyed, we have finally graduated to the 21st century with online bookings for parents evening! This term, they will take place on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October between 3:30pm and 6pm. Bookings are now available via the Scopay app by accessing the Parents' Evening Tab from the menu. These bookings will close after school on Wednesday 15th October, however, please feel free to contact the school office or your child's teacher directly should there be any issues.

This year, our SENCO, Mrs Pulford, will also be available for additional appointments. Therefore, should you wish to discuss any SEN needs or concerns, please feel free to make an extra appointment with her too. We really hope that you enjoy hearing how your children are progressing in school.



Hello Yellow!

Today is World Mental Health Day. We have marked this in school by talking about positive mental health with children and explored some ways to help keep our minds healthy. To cement this message in way of a reminder, the children will all come home with a yellow ribbon today in support of the Young Minds charity.

Spy Dogs, Spy Pups and Spy Cats Books

Our Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) has made all schools aware of a safeguarding alert concerning the books above written by Andrew Cope. There is a link within this book that has been compromised and now takes users to an inappropriate website with no age restrictions. We can confirm that all editions of the books featuring this link, both physical and digital, have been removed from all public libraries in the county and from our Schools Library Service stock. We have no copies in school, but are making parents aware should you have, or come across any copies at home, we'd advise these be removed from children's access until the issue is resolved.

Thank You and Reminders

- Many thanks for all the donations for our harvest festival last week. The table was laden, and all proceeds were collected by Basingstoke **Foodbank**. The weight of our produce was equivalent to providing 403 meals for families in need and is a great example of compassion in action.
- Parents of children in Ladybirds Class are invited to stay after drop off on Monday and Wednesday so that they can see the way **phonics** is currently being taught.
- Individual and Sibling **School Photos** will be taking place on Monday 20th October. Should you wish to bring older or younger siblings for a family photo, these will be taking place before school starting at 8.30am.
- Don't forget to order your **PTA Christmas Products** with your child's design. There is a short window (closing on Wednesday 15th October) to get the orders in allowing a 25% commission to go to the PTA.

Thank You

**Silchester C of E
Primary School**
for supporting



with your Harvest Collection

We rely on your donations to continue supporting local families in crisis.



You donated a total of

169kg

which is equivalent to

403 meals

basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England and Wales (1154319)



PTA Meet, Greet, Eat & Treat!
After school next Friday, we will open up the hall for those who wish to stay for a cuppa and a chat! Any donations given will go to the PTA, however, this is less of a fundraiser, and more a chance for parents to meet and greet other parents.

Contributions of cake or toys gratefully accepted, and it is the perfect opportunity for you to rehome any culled toys!




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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!

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
 RESPECTFULNESS
 REFLECTIVENESS
 COMMUNICATION
 RESILANCE
 INDEPENDENCE

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 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](#)

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.



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

Hosted by
 Sam & Hannah

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>

PTA AGM

The PTA are hosting their AGM next week on **Wednesday 15th October** between **8.00pm – 9.00pm**. They are holding this through Google Meet. If anyone would be interested in joining the PTA, please click on the following Video Call link <https://meet.google.com/vru-xhta-ikq>.

Upcoming Key Dates

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesdays: 24/9, 1/10, 8/10, 15/10, 22/10	am	Forest Schools for Sycamore Class
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

Vegetables

Dessert

TUESDAY

88Q 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
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

Vegetables

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

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

Vegetables

Dessert

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
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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