



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

DT WOW Week

What a wonderful way to begin our term with a WOW Week! This week, the children have been spending time off curriculum to immerse themselves in design, creation and technology. Every child has had the opportunity to do some cooking, sewing, woodwork and mechanics as well as the trips to QMC to explore design. It has been a week of creativity, mastering tools and understanding how things work. As ever during a WOW Week, there are many people to thank and too much to share for one newsletter so, when technology allows, we will share a montage!



IT Switch Over

As you may have been aware! We are currently in the throes of an IT provider switch over. This has occurred as we need to update all devices to be prepared for the new Windows 11 software. As such, the children and staff will soon have access to updated laptops. Whilst we are sure that this will be beneficial in the long run, it has not been without disruption to anything computer, email, internet, printing or phonenumber related. We do apologise for any substandard communication, response time and inconvenience whilst this is all ironed out. Please know that we share your frustrations! Pray for our teachers during this time!!



Remembrance Day

Tuesday 11th November is Remembrance Day. To mark this occasion, the children in year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a special service at Silchester's Memorial Stone. This service will be led by Reverend Karen and military veterans. Some of our children will be reading out the names of the fallen and saying prayers. Anyone is welcome to join, and the service will begin at 10:45am.

We also have poppies and other badges, keyrings, wrist bands etc. for sale at school. These can be purchased via a donation at the front office. We will also be taking these out onto the playground next Monday and Tuesday so should your child wish to purchase anything, please send them in with a coin and this will be available to them.

Bags2School

A huge thanks to everyone who collated clothing for Bags2School this week. The total collected PTA have managed to raise £140.70



Ufton Court

Wishing all our Year 5 children a wonderful time at their first residential trip to Ufton Court next week. They have a timetable full of fun activities including team building and woodland games, catapult challenges, sensory trails, campfires and den building. We are confident that they will gain so much from spending this time together and embracing the outdoors.



Rugby Champions

Miss Dadral and parents took some of our Year 6s to take part in a tag rugby tournament this week. We were so incredibly proud of our children who showed great resilience, encouraged each other throughout and worked together really well as part of a team. It was so lovely to hear the heroes welcome from their classmates this morning and the team have also inspired others to join them for their next match. Well done everyone!

Anti-Bullying Week starts on Monday 10th of November with Odd Sock Day! This is an opportunity for us to remember that we are all uniquely different but still the same. If possible, please encourage your children to wear odd socks with their normal school uniform on Monday (and throughout the week if they'd like!) We shall be talking more about anti-bullying with our children throughout our worships next week.



Children in Need also occurs next Friday. We will share some information with the children about this day but as we have several 'events' coming up, we will not be doing anything additional/non-school uniform related this year. Should you wish to donate to this wonderful cause, you may do so via [Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)

Silchester Magazine Competition

The Silchester PCC have invited the children of Silchester School to design the cover for the December/January cover of the village magazine. The deadline for receipt of entries is **Friday 14th November**. As yet, we haven't received many entries so are really hoping to do so before the deadline.

As well as the winning entry being on the cover, the runners up will also feature somewhere in the magazine with a prize and village notoriety on offer!

There are no 'rules' apart from the design needing to be A4 in size and portrait in orientation. Any entries can be sent into the school and collated in the office.



Christmas Tree Walk

On Saturday 22nd November the wonderful Rich Edwards will be leading us on a walk into the woods to select, chop down and bring back our school Christmas Tree! We will meet outside school at 11am. All families and dogs are welcome to join us for this special festive tradition.

Wellies and Winterwear

On Friday, the PTA will be holding their first Muddy Puddles Event. After school, there will be a stall available for you to purchase items.

WANTED: Any donations of wellies, coats & waterproofs (toddler to pre-teens) would be greatly appreciated to enable us to make this new PTA event a success!

Hopefully, we can kit out our little ones without having to buy anything new this year!



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
5/11, 12/11, 19/11, 26/11, 3/12, 10/12	am	Hazel Class Forest Schools
Monday 10 th November	All week!	Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10 th November	am	Chestnut Class Virtual Victorians
Tuesday 11 th November	10:45	Remembrance Service at the memorial stone
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
Friday 21 st November	All day	Non-School Uniform for PTA Tombola Items
Saturday 22 nd November	11 am	Christmas Tree Walk
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
Sunday 7 th December	10am	Christingle Service held at School
Tuesday 9 th December	13:30	Yr 1/2 Nativity Dress Rehearsal for school children
Wednesday 10 th December	14:15	Yr 1/2 Nativity for school parents
Thursday 11 th December	9:15	Yr 1/2 Nativity for school parents
Friday 12 th December	14:30	Year R Christmas Show
Wednesday 17 th December	All day	Christmas Jumper/Dinner Day
Wednesday 17 th December	14:30	Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 18 th December	18:00	Christmas Carol Concert

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

Rachel Moir

Rachel Moir
Head of School



JUDO

is at your school

BOOK FOR THIS TERM!!!

Wednesday mornings 8.00 - 8.45am

07/01, 14/01, 21/01, 28/01, 04/02, 11/02

Half term 18/02

25/02, 04/03, 11/03, 18/03

£85 for the term (inc jacket hire)

Scan QR to register or

[Click here for form](#)



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Silchester

Church of England Primary School

Open Days

9:00am – 10:15am

Wednesday 22nd October

Thursday 6th November

Extra date
added!

Thursday 8th January 2026

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!



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



COLLABORATION



RESOURCEFULNESS



REFLECTIVENESS



COMMUNICATION



RESILIENCE



INDEPENDENCE

Donations of items for PTA Christmas Fundraisers

As we approach Christmas we have a number of PTA fundraising events that we'd love you to help towards.

Tombola at the Christmas Fair – 29th November

We are holding a ***Non-Uniform day on Friday 21st November*** – all we ask in return is that the children bring a donation suitable as a tombola prize (for either adults or children).

Year R: Sweet Christmas treats

Year 1: Sweet Christmas treats

Year 2/3: Savoury Christmas treats

Year 3/4: Alcohol (must be brought in by adults)

Year 5: Small children's toys/teddy (not babies)

Year 6: Bath/beauty products

Children's Christmas Market- 5th December

This is much loved tradition for the children of Silchester Primary and something they look forward to each year. It will take place on Friday 5th December. As this is for the children only it takes place during the school day.

It is a lovely opportunity for children to do their own Christmas shopping and surprise their family on Christmas morning with their chosen gifts. Information about what the children need on the day will be sent out nearer the time.

Donations for this event can be new or good, used condition - be prepared for the potential to be gifted what you have donated!

Dropping off donations

PTA representatives with collection boxes at the entrance to school at the beginning and end of the day on the following dates:

Friday 24th October, Friday 7th November, Friday 21st November, Friday 28th November

To enable the children to enjoy this event as much as they have in previous years we need your help. Please can we ask for donations for the Market and make the following suggestions for each year to bring in (please make sure all donations are in good condition):

Year R - Pet gifts

Year 1 - Dad/male gifts

Year 2 - Children's gifts (not baby gifts)

Year 3 - Mum/female gifts

Year 4 - Dad/male gifts

Year 5 - Mum/female gifts

Year 6 - Dad/male gifts

The above list is just a suggestion, and all donations are gratefully received.

Autumn Winter
2025 2026

WEEK ONE

3/11,
24/11,
15/12,
19/1,
9/2,
9/3

MONDAY

Option One

Plant Balls in Tomato
Sauce with Rice

Option Two

Autumn Vegetable
Lasagne

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

Dessert

Cheese and Crackers

TUESDAY

Beef Lasagne with
Garlic Bread

Cheese & Tomato Pizza
with wedges

Vegetables of the Day

NEW Apple Crumb Cake
with Custard

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken, Stuffing,
Roast Potatoes and
Gravy

Vegetarian Wellington
with Roast Potatoes and
Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Medley

THURSDAY

Chicken Biryani

BBQ Vegan Sausage
Pasta with Garlic
Bread

Vegetables of the Day

Jelly with Mandarins

FRIDAY

Fishfingers or Salmon
Fishfingers with Chips &
Tomato Sauce

Cheese and Bean Pasty
with Chips and Tomato
Sauce

Vegetables of the Day

Syrup Sponge with
Custard

WEEK TWO

10/11,
1/12,
5/1,
26/1,
23/2,
16/3

Option One

Classic Cheese and
Tomato Pizza
with Wedges

Option Two

Mild Mexican Chilli with
Rice

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

Dessert

NEW Gingerbread
Cookie

Spaghetti
Bolognese

Vegan Spaghetti
Bolognese

Vegetables of the Day

Chocolate and Beetroot
Brownie with Chocolate
Sauce

BBQ Chicken with
Seasoned Potatoes
and Sweetcorn Salsa

Quorn with Seasoned
Potatoes and
Sweetcorn Salsa

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Salad

Meatballs in Tomato
Sauce with Rice

Creamy Chickpea and
Coconut Curry with Rice

Vegetables of the Day

Sticky Toffee Apple
Crumble with Custard

Breaded Fish or
Fishfingers with Chips &
Tomato Sauce

Cheese Whirl with Chips
and Tomato Sauce

Vegetables of the Day

Vanilla Shortbread

WEEK THREE

17/11,
8/12,
12/1,
2/2,
2/3,
23/3

Option One

Macaroni
Cheese

Option Two

NEW Chefs Special
Lentil Curry with Rice

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

Dessert

Oaty Cookie

NEW Chicken 50%
Enchilada Bake with
Paprika Wedges

Tomato Pasta

Vegetables of the Day

Pear Crumble with
Custard

Sausage with Roast
Potatoes and Gravy

Vegan Sausage and
Roast Potatoes
with Gravy

Vegetables of the Day

Fruit Salad

BBQ Chicken
Pizza With wedges

Cheese & Tomato Pizza
with wedges

Vegetables of the Day

NEW Jamaican Ginger
Cake with Custard

Fishfingers with Chips &
Tomato Sauce

Red Pepper Frittata with
Chips & Tomato Sauce

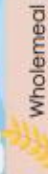
Vegetables of the Day

Comflake Tart

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.



Christmas Events

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 22 nd November	11am	Family woods walk to select our Christmas Tree
Saturday 29 th November	3pm – 6pm	PTA Christmas Fair and Market
Thursday 4 th December	7pm – 9pm	PTA Christmas Wreath Workshop
Friday 5 th December	pm	Children's Christmas Market
Sunday 7 th December	10am – 11am	Church Christingle Service at School
Tuesday 9 th December	1:30pm	Nativity Dress-Rehearsal for children in school
Wednesday 10 th December	2:15pm	Year 1&2 Nativity for parents
Thursday 11 th December	9:15am	Year 1&2 Nativity for parents
Friday 12 th December	2:30pm	Year R Christmas Show for parents
Wednesday 17 th December	School day	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	6pm – 7pm	School Christmas Carol Concert for all