



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Anti- Bullying Week and Odd Socks

This was an opportunity for us to remember that we are all uniquely different but still the same. It was lovely to see so many children and adults wearing odd socks. We took time in our classes and assemblies to think about what bullying is and how we can use our **power for good** in being kind and respectful. It was another opportunity to remember our own school values - **compassion, courage and respect**.



Remembrance Day

On Tuesday, our year 5s and 6s joined Reverend Karen and a local ex-marine called Chris for a special service of remembrance.

I was so incredibly proud of the children and the way they conducted themselves. Daniel and Caitlin read the names of the Silchester fallen before placing our wreaths, and our year 5 worship ambassadors read prayers. It was so special to see the children show such respect and maturity throughout.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Winter/Christmas 2025 sessions are now available to book. These fully funded fun and educational activity sessions are to support low-income families. Children eligible for benefit-related free school meals (FSM) can register, book and attend sessions for free using the following link:

[Family Information and Services Hub | Holiday Activities and Food Programme](#)



Ufton Court

Our Year 5s had an incredible residential trip away at Ufton Court this week. For many of them, this was their first experience of two nights away from home and we were so proud of how they all coped. Their time was full of fun activities including team building, woodland games, catapult challenges, sensory trails, campfires and den building. They even made their own cars to travel in and danced the night away at their Big Bash Party! An enormous thanks goes to Mrs Forrester, Mrs Dougall, Mrs Scott and Lizzie West for giving up their time and sleep to enable this experience to happen for our children.



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.

Road Safety Week

This national event begins on the 17th November with the focus 'Safer Vehicles Save Lives'. Through our assemblies, our Junior Road Safety Officers will remind us how to stay safe by following the green cross code, wearing seat belts and using car and booster seats. We will remember how important it is to be seen out and about, especially in these darker months by referring to their 'Time to Shine'!

We're taking part in Road Safety Week to talk about safe vehicles.



Safe vehicles are roadworthy

Prevent crashes

Protect people

SAFE VEHICLES SAVE LIVES. Road Safety Week

www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week #RoadSafetyWeek

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Wellies and Winterwear

Don't forget to bring your pennies should you wish to purchase anything from the PTAs first Muddy Puddles Event after school **TODAY**. Preloved wellies, coats and winterwear will be available and this will be set up in Beech Class and accessed via their fire door.

Huge thanks to Katy for organising.



PTA MUDDY PUDDLES EVENT!
Second-hand outdoorwear sale!

*Wellies, waterproofs and coats!
From toddler to pre-teens.
Come & shop and save your laundry from mud!*

Friday, 14th November, 3pm onwards.
Outside the bike sheds.



JOIN US FOR THE
**SILCHESTER
SCHOOL
PTA
CHRISTMAS
FAIR & MARKET**
SILCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL
RG7 2NJ

**SATURDAY
29TH NOVEMBER
3-6PM**



*TOMBOLA	*SCHOOL CHOIR
*RAFFLE	*2 ND HAND XMAS JUMPER SALE
*SANTA'S GROTTTO	*FACE PAINTING
*MARKET STALLS	*FESTIVE GAMES
*MULLED WINE	*CRAFT SESSIONS
*SWEET TREATS	*REFRESHMENTS
*PHOTO CORNER	

Silchester School PTA Christmas Fair and Market

Only few weeks to go now until our Christmas Fair & Market.

Over 25 market stalls, festive games & crafts, raffle, tombola, Santa's Grotto, mulled wine, sweet treats & gifts, face painting, photo corner, refreshments, 2nd hand Xmas jumper sale..... Come and get festive with us whilst raising funds for our school!

It was a fantastic event last year and we really hope that many of you are able to come along this year to join in the festive fun.

Silchester School PTA
&
Best Buds Florist
invite you to their

Wreath Making Evening

Thursday 4th December
Silchester Primary School
7-9pm
(doors open at 6:30pm)

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>



St Mary-the-Virgin, Silchester, RG7 2HH

Christingle and Toy Service



We'll be collecting new,
unwrapped, toys at the service for
the Salvation Army Toy Appeal



(Toys can be left, up to 7th December, at the back of the church, in the Calleva Arms, Pavilion Café or at Silchester School.)

Sunday 7th December at Silchester School

10.30am - coffee, tea, mince pies &
Christingle making

11.00am - Toy & Christingle service

Upcoming Key Dates

DATE	TIME	EVENT
19/11, 26/11, 3/12, 10/12	am	Hazel Class Forest Schools
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
Friday 5 th December	am	Sycamore Virtual Trip to Antarctica
Friday 5 th December	pm	PTA Christmas Market at school for children
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
Friday 19 th December	am	Reindeer Run for St Michael's Hospice

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

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Head of School



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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**

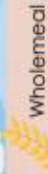
Vegetables of the Day

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