



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Many thanks one and all for your tombola donations for our PTA today. It was great to see the children arrive in their 'mufty' and they have certainly enjoyed the novelty of a day without uniform! All contributions will be used for the extravaganza that will be the Silchester School PTA Christmas Fair and Market. More information below but be sure to save that date Saturday 29th November.

Junior Road Safety Officers

This week, our JRSOs stood up in front of the whole school to teach children about how to stay safe by following the green cross code, wearing seat belts and using car and booster seats. They talked about how important it is to 'Be Bright and Be Seen,' especially in these darker months by referring to their 'Time to Shine!' I was so very proud of their confidence in speaking and the important message of safety that they spread.



Christmas Tree Walk

On Saturday 22nd November, tomorrow, 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. On return, we may begin the decorating to some Christmas tunes! All families and dogs are welcome to join us for this special festive tradition, the more the merrier!

Silchester Library

This week, the librarians from the School Library Service came to complete an audit and overhaul of our school library. It has been replenished with plenty of exciting new books that we are keen our children borrow and read. Please may we put out a polite request that school library books are looked after when at home. We have had several gone missing or returned in a bad condition (ripped/water damaged from leaking water bottles) and have therefore lost money in removing or replacing these. We are incredibly grateful to Lizzie West (our chief and marvellous librarian) for keeping all things running and encouraging our young readers.



Rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady

We currently partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at Silchester! These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun. It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time – all at school!

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills. Additionally...

- There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- Watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing just how far they have come.
- Children learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills, whilst playing songs they love.
- Children can achieve an Ofqual-regulated Music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam.
- You'll receive regular progress updates, including photos and videos.

There's a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time. Sign your child up for band lessons online at rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents If you have any questions about Rocksteady, call 0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate) or email info@rocksteadymusicschool.com.

For all existing Rocksteady Members – their next concert will be in school on Wednesday 17th December at 2:30pm.

Roblox Safeguarding

We have been made aware of a pop-up that is appearing on Roblox, encouraging children to download an app called pollybuzz (or pollyfuzz in some spelling cases). The app seems quite simple where children are asked questions, and it generates an Artificial Intelligence 'friend' – this starts off quite innocently but then begins to show extreme content much of which is unsuitable and unsafe for children to view. It may be helpful to remind your children about not clicking on pop-ups in games and to report anything that is worrying or inappropriate to a trusted adult. Roblox does have parental controls and instructions of how to put these on can be accessed via this link: [Parental Controls Overview – Roblox Support](#) . However, whilst this parental controls stop some pop-ups, they do not stop all, so appropriate supervision is still required.



JOIN US FOR THE
**SILCHESTER
SCHOOL
PTA
CHRISTMAS
FAIR & MARKET**
SILCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL
RG7 2NJ
**SATURDAY
29TH NOVEMBER
3-6PM**



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

Silchester School PTA Christmas Fair and Market

Just over a week 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 and much more.

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.



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>

The poster below was designed by two of our Year 6s, Alesia and Emilia, who have taken it upon themselves to create a multitude of crafts to sell to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Please do support them in their compassionate endeavour.

Charity Christmas crochet and craft sale!

Wednesday 3rd December

3:15pm outside Yr 6 classroom



Small crochet £1
 Large crochet £2
 Handmade Christmas Cards £1
 Snowflake ❄️ decorations 50p
 Tree 🎄 decorations £1
 Crochet scrunchies 50p
 All money to Cancer Research

Hello! After school on Wednesday 3rd December we will be selling crochet animals, crochet tree decorations and handmade Christmas cards to raise money for Cancer Research. We have both been working hard to hand craft these special Christmas items! Please bring along whatever pennies you can spare, items are priced between 50p and £2. Or you can pay for your purchases via the JustGiving qr code below.

Thank you,
 Alesia & Emilia Year 6 (Oak)!

Cancer research





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
Saturday 22 nd November	11am	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	Whole School Reindeer Run for St Michael's Hospice

I hope that you and your families have a great weekend and, if I don't see you down the woods on Saturday, I look forward to welcoming you back at the gate on Monday morning.

Rachel Moir

Rachel Moir
Head of School

**Festive family events at
De Vere Wokefield Estate**

Enjoy 20% off the following family-friendly events using code "SCHOOL20".

SANTA AFTERNOON TEA
Indulge in a magical afternoon tea for all the family set in the beautiful Mansion House complete with a trip to Santa and a gift for every child.

Sunday 7th & Sunday 21st December
Adults - WAS £35, NOW £28
Children (3-12 years) - WAS £25, NOW £20
Infants (0-2 years) - WAS £15, NOW £12

FESTIVE FAMILY CARVERY DISCO
Leave the hosting to us, sit back and relax as we cater for all the family. Enjoy a three-course carvery and children's activities followed by a disco. There will also be an appearance from Santa and a gift for the children.

Sunday 14th December
Adults - WAS £30, NOW £24
Children (3-12 years) - WAS £20, NOW £16
Infants (0-2 years) - WAS £10, NOW £8

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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

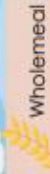
Vegetables of the Day

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.

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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