



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

It was so lovely to have so many families join us for our annual gathering of the Christmas tree last weekend! Despite the weather, mums, dads, dogs and buggies made the trek into the woods for the children to choose our tree. It was a sterling effort to bring it back and put the tree up in the hall. It is now decorated in all its splendour and shall preside over all our upcoming festivities.

Enormous thanks to those that came, those that decorated and extra special thanks to Rich was orchestrating the whole experience and teaching us a thing or two about the woods on our way.



After School Football

If you would like for your child to sign up for after-school football club next term, run by GoElite, please use the following link:

<https://www.goleliteprocoaching.co.uk/silchester-cofe-primary-school/>



Silchester School PTA Christmas Fair and Market

Please come and join us for the Christmas Fair and Market **THIS WEEKEND!!**

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 GROTTA	*FACE PAINTING
*MARKET STALLS	*FESTIVE GAMES
*MULLED WINE	*CRAFT SESSIONS
*SWEET TREATS	*REFRESHMENTS
*PHOTO CORNER	

On Saturday, between 3pm and 6pm, the school will be host to...

- ❖ Over 25 market stalls
- ❖ Festive games & crafts
- ❖ A raffle to end all raffles!
- ❖ A tombola
- ❖ Santa's Grotto
- ❖ A School Choir performance
- ❖ Mulled wine
- ❖ Sweet treats & gifts
- ❖ Face painting
- ❖ A photo corner
- ❖ Refreshments
- ❖ 2nd hand Xmas jumper sale
- ❖ ...and much more!

Come and get festive with us whilst raising funds for our school!

Anyone who's able to offer their time to help with the set up, and especially the clear up, would be hugely appreciated.

Silchester Sporting Superstars!

We hosted an inter-school football tournament on Thursday this week. We were so incredibly proud of our team! They lost their first match and then pulled it back to win the second. Throughout, they showed skill, were competitive and supported each other.

Huge thanks to Miss Dadral for organising and hosting the event.



Drama Workshop

Ladybirds, Chestnut and Hazel Class all took part in a special drama workshop this week. The theme was Castles, Knights and Princesses! They stepped into a world of imagination, acting out scenes from medieval times and exploring the roles of royalty, brave knights, and life in a castle.

The workshop encouraged creativity, teamwork, and confidence as the children brought their stories to life through dramatic expression! It was a fantastic opportunity to combine fun with learning about history in an engaging way!



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>

School Wishlist

Should anyone be in mind to buy the school a Christmas present, the teachers have been updating our wish list! We are currently trying to equip our new Wellbeing Room and resource our Lunchtime Quiet Club.

Please do not feel in any way obligated to do so, but should you wish, our wishes can be found on this link: <https://amzn.eu/diet9uj>



Children's Christmas Market

The Silchester PTA Children's Christmas Market is on next Friday 5th December. It's a lovely tradition for the children and something they look forward to each year. It is an opportunity for the children to select gifts for their family and friends. Classes will have the opportunity to visit the Christmas Market in the school hall on the afternoon of Friday 5th December.

Items are sold to the children for £1 each. We therefore suggest each child brings cash on the day (ideally in a named purse or envelope that can be safely stored by class teachers until it is needed) to purchase items for their friends and family. We recommend a maximum of £5. You may also wish to send them with a bag to put their secret purchases in.

We are still taking donations for this on Friday 28th November and everyday 1st-4th December, at the school gate at both drop off and pick up. Thanks as always for your support.

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

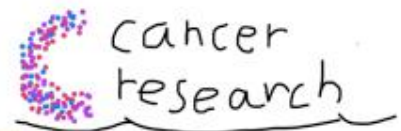
3:15pm outside Yr 6 classroom



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.

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

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





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](#)

For any further information contact

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Tadley Band's Christmas Concert 2025

Saturday 6th
December
2:30pm

featuring
Bishopswood Junior
School Choir

Silchester C of E Primary School

Pamber Heath Memorial Hall
Tadley RG26 3TQ

Refreshments & Raffle
£5 Entry (Free for under 16s)



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

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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Goodboys Lane, Mortimer, Reading, RG7 3AE

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WOKEFIELD ESTATE

Scan to book



Upcoming Key Dates

DATE	TIME	EVENT
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	am	Chestnut and Hazel Nativity Trail
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 at the Christmas Fair on Saturday, I look forward to welcoming you back at the gate on Monday morning.

Rachel Moir

Rachel Moir
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**

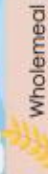
Vegetables of the Day

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