



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Today has been a hive of activity at school! Many thanks to all of you for your numerous donations for the Children's Christmas Market this afternoon. It is so lovely for the children to do their own Christmas shopping and to bring home some 'secret' presents for their families – we hope that you enjoy them! So many thanks for all your kind donations and to our marvellous PTA for the immense amount of work it takes to orchestrate.

Silchester School PTA Christmas Fair and Market

What an incredible time we all had at the PTA Christmas Fair and Market last Saturday. The school was full of hundreds of visitors. The entire Christmas Fair has managed to raise an incredible sum of over £2000, all of which will go back directly to enhance the opportunities for our children. It takes so much work and many people to make this such a successful event. Therefore, enormous and heartfelt thanks to all our incredible PTA and their numerous volunteers.



Crochet with the Mostet!

A huge congratulations to Alesia and Emilia for their craft stall sale this week. Entirely of their own fruition, the girls made numerous crafts to be sold.

They have managed to raise over £200 which will be donated to Cancer Research. This is compassion and courageous advocacy in action – we are all very proud of you – well done.



Wellbeing room update.

If anyone visited Father Christmas over the weekend they would have had a peek into our new wellbeing room. The room is already proving to be a quiet, calm space for lots of children who need it. This week, we have added additional resources and Coleen Norris from Usborne Books has kindly donated some new wellbeing books. Coleen has also offered to support us with a Books and Bakes sale in the new year to help fund more dyslexia resources in school.

Ladybirds Theatre Trip

Funded by the PTA, our Ladybirds enjoyed their first school trip this morning. The children went to The Haymarket Theatre to see a performance of 'Tales From Acorn Wood At Christmas'. The show was based on the favourite stories by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler which brought to life the books that the children have studied in school.



Antarctica

To help bring their geography topic of Antarctica to life, Sycamore Class joined a once-in-a-lifetime live broadcast this morning. They got the chance to meet the first person in history to walk to both the North and South Poles, Robert Swann OBE. Streaming 600 miles from the South Pole, Rob shared stories from the ice, the importance of protecting our planet's frozen continent, and inspired young people everywhere to become champions for Antarctica. The children of

Sycamore Class came up with some incredible questions to further fuel their curiosity for adventure.



PTA Christmas Wreath Workshop

On Thursday night, the school hall smelt delicious and was filled with festive cheer during the recent Christmas Wreath Making Workshop!

Many came together to craft beautiful wreaths using fresh greenery, ribbons, and ornaments. It was a wonderful opportunity to share creativity, laughter, and holiday spirit.

Thank you to Karolina and the PTA for organising and to everyone who participated and helped make this event such a joyful start to the season!



Nativities

Rehearsals are in full swing for our nativities that will be performed next week. All school children will get the chance to see the dress rehearsal in school. We would love to invite parents, grandparents etc. to come and watch the performances. No tickets are required, you may just turn up and take a seat.

Performances are as follows:

Year 1 and 2 Nativity = Wednesday 10th December at 2:15pm and Thursday 11th December at 9:15am

Year R Christmas Show = Friday 12th December at 2:30pm



Whole School Reindeer Run

On the last day of term, Friday 19th December, we will be hosting a Reindeer Run for St. Michael's Hospice. During the afternoon, all children will take part in the run wearing their reindeer antlers!

We will give all children the opportunity to make their own reindeer antlers to wear in school so there is no need to provide anything. However, if you have

any reindeer antlers at home, you're welcome to send your child in wearing these.

As we will run around the field, (if you remember in amongst the Christmas Craze) please send your children in with trainers on the last day of term to avoid muddy school shoes!

100% of any donations collected via the link below will go to support the work of St Michael's Hospice. This event helps to teach our children compassion for others and demonstrates that they can make a positive difference in our world. It will also be a lot of fun!

[St. Michael's Hospice \(North Hampshire\): Host Your Own Reindeer Run!](#)

N/B there is an automatic platform fee that can easily be removed before donating.



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

Christingle Service

This Sunday, the school will be hosting a special Christingle and Toy Service led by St Mary-the-virgin Church.

At 10:30am, children will have the chance to make their own Christingle in the school hall. There will then be a service starting at 11am.

Thanks to those who have already left gifts in the school office. These will be distributed to families in need as part of the Salvation Army Toy Appeal.

Please do come and join Reverend Karen for this special service – all families are welcome.

Bumped Car

Please may we request that the driver of a grey Nissan Juke, that bumped another car in the carpark on Wednesday morning, reach out to make themselves known to the school office so that we can put parties in contact with each other – many thanks.



Christmas Cards

If the children would like to send Christmas Cards to their friends in school, the Silchester Christmas Post-Box is now open for business! Children are welcome to bring in cards to post, our Year 6s will then sort them into classes to send home. Please can you encourage children to write names and classes or year groups onto the envelopes so the cards make it to the right person!

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:



SILCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOOTBALL CLUB FOR KS2 (TUESDAY)
FOOTBALL CLUB FOR KS1 (THURSDAY)

SILCHESTER COFE



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](#)



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

For any further information contact
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Upcoming Key Dates

DATE	TIME	EVENT
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	day	Sycamore Class trip to Gilbert White
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
Monday 5 th January	All day	INSET DAY
Amazon Wishlist	-	https://amzn.eu/diet9uj

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

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**

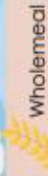
Vegetables of the Day

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