



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

Well – that was a week, wasn't it?! Many thanks once again for your rallying round, patience and understanding when we had to close the school this week. Even though some of the week stirred memories of lock-down vibes, the way that you and your children responded to a situation beyond control also spoke volumes. These things are sent to try us, and we turned out to be robust enough to cope even when the plumbing wasn't!

### **Nativities**

We were delighted to be up and running for our Year 1s and 2s to showcase their Twinkly Nativity. It was such a delight to see the children dressed up and proudly sharing their rendition of The Christmas Story.

Enormous congratulations to all of the children for their performance skills and many thanks to the school staff for their hard work in costume, props, direction and choreography!



### **Christingle and Toy Service**

Huge thanks from Revd Karen and the church family of St Mary-the-Virgin to all those who donated toys to the Salvation Army toy appeal and came along to Sunday's Christingle and Toy Service. Revd Karen said that her car was loaded to the roof on Monday when she took the toys to Tadley. Parents and carers who don't have lots of

money to spend on shopping for their children will be able to choose gifts to be wrapped and opened on Christmas Day. The collection taken at the end of the service raised £90 for the Children's Society charity.

Revd Karen and colleagues look forward to seeing you at the end of the school day next Thursday (Dec. 18th) when they will be serving hot chocolate and marshmallows at the Nativity Stable and hope also that many children will join us at Silchester Church on Christmas Eve at 4.00p.m. (ideally dressed as their favourite Nativity story character) for our annual Crib Service.

### **Christmas Jumper Day!**

On Wednesday, all children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. We will be having our school Christmas Dinner that day with music and crackers (supplied by the PTA – the crackers, not the music!)



## Christmas Carol Concert, Chocolate and Church!

We really hope that many of you are able to join us for our School Carol Concert on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Our School Choir will be performing some songs, our worship ambassadors and Reverend Karen will be leading the service, and you are all invited to join in with some rousing carols!

As a special treat, the church has organised to serve hot chocolates to all as you leave school on Thursday. They will be outside the nativity tableau in the bike shed and will have details of all Christmas services happening in Silchester throughout the season. Please do stop for a hot chocolate and a chat on your way home.



## Whole School Reindeer Run

On the last day of term, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

**If you are able, please sponsor your little reindeer using this link:**

[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.*

## 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!



## Autumn Term Update from Our PTA

What an amazing start to the school year - thank you for always being so supportive of all our ideas.

As we near the end of the Autumn term we would like to update you on our fundraising efforts so far - we managed to raise close to £4000 which is amazing! Whether you bought 2nd uniform, wellies or coats, sponsored Dave on his half marathon, dropped off your unwanted clothes for Bags2School, bought a toy or a cake at the Meet & Greet, donated items for the tombola or Children' Christmas Market, attended our Christmas Fair or came and made a wreath.....By supporting our events you helped to raise vital funds which directly help the children and the school. So here is a big THANK YOU from all of the PTA committee and we wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas!



## 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:



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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## Upcoming Key Dates

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Christmas Jumper/Dinner Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	14:30	Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	18:00	Christmas Carol Concert
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	am	Whole School Reindeer Run for St Michael's Hospice
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	All day	INSET DAY
Amazon Wishlist	-	<a href="https://amzn.eu/diet9uj">https://amzn.eu/diet9uj</a>

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 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Extra date  
added!

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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

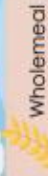
Vegetables of the Day

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.

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# Christmas Events

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