



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that 2026 is a happy year for all of our families. It was so nice to see all of the children and lovely to be back together once more this week. This was all made extra special by our little flurry of snow on Tuesday, and it was a joy to see how much fun the children had with just a few flakes!



Learning overviews

To communicate the main areas of learning in each aspect of the curriculum, teachers produce a Learning Overview. To find out what your child will be learning about this term, please look through their new Learning Overview for Spring 1. These are available on our school website and can be accessed via this link.

[Silchester Church of England Primary School - Learning Overviews](#)

Home Learning Grids

We encourage our families to support their children with additional learning at home. Home learning grids enable children to enhance their school learning with additional, fun home learning experiences. As every child and family is different, there are no set expectations, rather opportunities

for you to support your child's learning. There are a variety of different types of activities that will hopefully suit all learning styles. All activities are given at once, to enable you to choose when and how this fits into your family life.

The new home learning grids for this term are linked to your child's topic and can also be found on our website:

[Silchester Church of England Primary School - Home Learning](#)

Anton

NEW FOR 2026! This week, your child will be bringing home (or have stuck in their reading record/home learning books) login details for the Anton App. Anton is a comprehensive learning app designed for primary school students. It offers a complete curriculum covering subjects such as English, maths, science, languages, geography, music, and PSHE. The app is free to use, with no ads, and is aligned with the national curriculum. It is also suitable for children with dyslexia and dyscalculia and is used by schools worldwide.

At Silchester, to offer further home learning opportunities, we are now using this online platform. Every term, class teachers will set new activities matched to your child's ability that will further support their learning in school. Teachers can also monitor your child's progress throughout this journey and target learning needs. For those looking for more educational screen time – this is a good way in that hopefully your child will enjoy.

If you have any difficulties with logging in (or need the information reissued) please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher who will have a central list.

Reception Starters 2026

We had our final Open Morning this week and were once again so proud to show off our school. Year 6 captains have been exceptional ambassadors and impressed with their confidence, manners and authenticity. Anyone needing to apply for a place to start school in September 2026, the final deadline is Thursday 15th January.

Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 13 th January	PTA meeting – 8pm at The Calleva
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 2/5/6 NSPCC speak out stay safe
Tuesday 10 th and Thursday 12 th February	Parent's evenings
Friday 13 th February	Sycamore Roman Day
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 23 rd February	Inset Day
Tuesday 24 th – 27 th February	WOW Week
Thursday 26 th February	Bags2School
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 th March	PTA meeting
Thursday 19 th and Friday 20 th March	Year 6 Bike ability
Wednesday 25 th March	Rock Steady Concert
Amazon Wish List	https://amzn.eu/diet9uj

Wishing you all a great weekend and I'll look forward to seeing you at the gate again on Monday.

Rachel Moir

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Head of School

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**

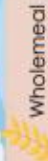
Vegetables of the Day

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.