



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

It was fun to watch the children navigate (or in some cases avoid!) the new 'bridge' over the gate puddle this morning! Although it is of course only a small thing, I've had a war with that puddle for a while now – wet socks won't help anyone concentrate on learning. Let's see how long it lasts!

Parents Evening

Our Spring Term parents' evenings will be happening on Tuesday 10th February and Thursday 12th February between 3:30pm and 6:00pm. We really hope that you find these occasions a useful way to hear about how your child is progressing within their education as well as an opportunity for you to communicate with your child's class teacher. As per last term, booking appointments will now be via your Scopay App by accessing the Parents' Evening Tab from the menu. These will go live at 4pm on Monday 26th January and close at 8pm on Wednesday 4th February to allow us time to process and organise. However, please feel free to contact the school office or your child's teacher directly should there be any issues.

Mrs Pulford, our SENCO, will also be available for additional appointments. Therefore, should you wish to discuss any SEN needs or concerns, please feel free to make an extra appointment with her too. We really hope that you enjoy hearing how your children are progressing in school.

Thank you to the PTA

We wanted to say a bit thank you to our PTA who enabled us to purchase some new cushions for our library. We think they look FAB! Our studious librarians give them a double thumbs up! When the weather brightens up a little more, our librarians will be taking the cushions and a trolley full of books onto the playground for those who prefer a literary break!



Faraway Fridays!

Our Ladybirds may be jet-lagged tonight as they travelled to Australia on today's Faraway Friday. Mrs Dowling made an exceptional pilot, complete with announcements, and ensured they all had a safe flight.

On arrival, they encountered cuddling koalas, bouncy kangaroos and slithering snakes!

They also made the authentic Australian cuisine of Fairy Bread – which went down a treat!

PTA News!



Nearly New Tabletop Sale –

Saturday 7th

February 12-2pm in the School Hall

To book a table to sell from use the QR



<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/silchesterschoolpta/?event=event&eventId=110970>

If you are not joining us to sell, then please do come along to buy. The PTA will have a Muddy Puddles sale table, with pre-loved waterproofs and wellies. There will also be pre-loved school uniform for sale.

PTA Volunteers

Every parent/guardian of a pupil at the school is a member of the PTA. If you feel you can offer time, ideas, or expertise to help us maximise our support and enrichment of the work the school does please make contact with a member of the PTA via silchesterpta.chair@gmail.com, through the Facebook page or in-person on the school run ☺ We would love to have all of you supporting projects that benefit your children in whichever ways you can.

Bag2School Collection – Thursday 26th February 9am

Please look out for the donation bags coming home in the next couple of weeks. Please follow the link to check whether items you are planning to donate will be collected. We are currently receiving 30p per kg. <https://www.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>.

Uniform Donations

Thank you for your generous donations of school uniform items. We have been inundated and currently have plenty of stock in most sizes. *We currently only need donations of 26” and 32” cardigans and jumpers.* We will put requests out for further donations when they are required, please keep an eye on the Newsletter and Facebook page for sizes and specific items that would be welcomed. To purchase from this stock please contact Lizzie West via Facebook

New Fundraiser – we need your views

We are always looking for new ways to add to our funds, and we are considering starting a 100-club. It would be great if you could follow the link to find to more and give us your views. We hope there will be enough interest to make this a viable fundraiser. [Silchester Primary PTA 100 Club – Fill out form](#)

100 club

Silchester PTA
Nearly New Sale
Saturday 7th February • 12pm–2pm
Silchester C of E Primary School, RG7 2NN
Nearly new clothes, toys, books, prams, shoes & more!
Free entry for shoppers | Tables £5 each | silchesternearlynewsale.live

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Just advance notice that we will be taking part in World Book Day:

- Your child will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (please bring that book too!)
- We shall have a costume parade on our main playground first thing so please hang around after drop off to watch, clap and cheer!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Netball Club

Rebecca Kingston has kindly volunteered to start running a netball club after-school on a Thursday for some children in years 5 and 6. As this will begin after half term, further information will be sent out nearer the time so look out for this if your child would be interested in joining.

Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 2/5/6 NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe workshop
Saturday 7 th February	PTA Nearly New Sale – 12pm-2pm
Tuesday 10 th and Thursday 12 th February	Parent's evenings
Thursday 12 th February	PTA Break the Rules Day
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
Wednesday 11 th March	Judo Day - sessions everyone to school in PE kits please
Thursday 19 th and Friday 20 th March	Year 6 Bike ability
Friday 20 th March	PTA Easter Discos
Wednesday 25 th March	Rock Steady Concert – 2:30pm
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

Rachel Moir
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

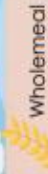
Vegetables of the Day

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.

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