



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Many thanks to Lizzie West for capturing the photo of our school under the rainbow this week - That is the next prospectus sorted!



Parents Evening

If you have not yet booked an appointment for parents evening happening on Tuesday 10th February and Thursday 12th February between 3:30pm and 6:00pm, bookings are still open on Scopay. These will 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.

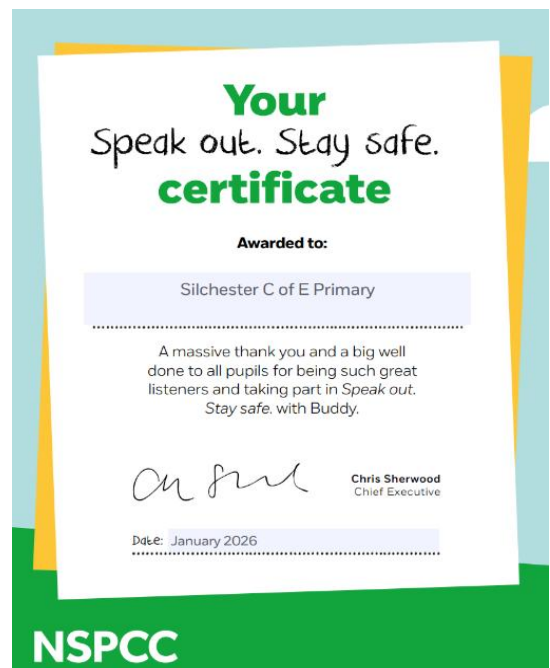
Mrs Pulford, our SENCO, will also be available for additional appointments. Therefore, should you wish to discuss any SEN needs or concerns, please feel free to make an extra appointment with her too. We really hope that you enjoy hearing how your children are progressing in school.



Buddy, the speech bubble, was a big hit and got on famously with The Animals of Silchester Forest! We were so impressed with how our children tackled this subject and really hope that they learnt a lot about how their role and the role of others in keeping all children safe.

NSPCC

On Wednesday this week, we were visited by Jenny and Sally from the NSPCC. The children learnt how important it is to Speak Out, to a trusted adult or via Childline, should they ever be worried about anything.



Safer Internet Day

We will be marking Safer Internet Day next Tuesday with a special whole school worship to talk about how to keep safe online and the advancements of AI. As part of Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 10th Feb, we are holding a "Tech-Free Tuesday". We'd love you to join families across Basingstoke for the day by not using technology at home!



The aim is to replace tablets, TVs and phones for board games, park-trips, reading, arts and crafts, construction, sports, bike rides, music, writing, nature and more - whatever your children and family enjoy that isn't tech-based.

We appreciate that tech will be needed for school, work and communication, so it's not a total tech ban, but rather taking the opportunity to deliberately be away from tech in leisure time. And let us know how you get on!

Internet Safety – Sources for Parents

Bringing together both Safer Internet Day and The NSPCC, below you can find further information about workshops for parents and videos for children that you may wish to explore.

<p>Keeping Children Safe online</p> <p>Visit our online safety webpage for advice and information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing nudes, parental controls and more. You will also find online safety information for families of children who have additional needs and disabilities. We have worked with Ambitious about Autism and parents and carers who have children who have additional needs and disabilities to create activities to help talk about online safety.</p>	<p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/</p> <p>Online safety for children with SEND NSPCC</p> <p>Support children with SEND talking to people online NSPCC</p> <p>Online wellbeing for children with SEND NSPCC</p> <p>Included in the above pages are links to activities to help talk about online safety with this specific audience.</p>
<p>Keeping Children Safe online blog</p> <p>Parents, carers and professionals can keep up to date with the latest child safety online news on our Keeping Children Safe Online blog.</p>	<p>http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog</p>
<p>Keeping Children Safe Online workshop</p> <p>A virtual workshop providing parents and carers with information about how to support their child in their online world. The 40-minute pre-recorded presentation covers topics such as online bullying, mental health, and social media, as well as signposting to resources and organisations for help and support.</p>	<p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/</p>
<p>Techosaurus</p> <p>Techosaurus is designed to help parents have those first conversations about online safety with their child. It supports the development of healthy digital habits and routines in a fun, approachable way, making online safety simple and positive from the start.</p>	<p>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/techosaurus/</p>

Caterlink – School Meals Survey

If your child has school meals, please can you take a moment to complete the survey on the link below to offer feedback, meal ideas or suggestions for ways Caterlink can improve their service:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3RTFTV>



Stepping Stones Cake Sale

On Monday, 2nd February we have the Stepping Stones Down's Syndrome charity coming into school to do a worship about their campaign 'Together against Loneliness.' They are a charity that act as a family of families to support families living with Down's Syndrome - they support our much-loved Katherine!

The year 6 children in Katherine's class would like to hold a bake sale to raise some funds for the charity's vital work. The sale will take place at Monday morning's break-time where cakes will be on sale for £1 each (limited to 1 per child). Any remaining cakes will be sold after school at the end of the day. All cakes will be nut free and labelled with ingredients for allergens.

Polite Reminder

School gates open for drop off at 8:40am, close at 8:50am and for pick-up will open at 3:15pm. Please can

we ask that parents don't go through the year 1 or playground gate until 3:15pm? Sometimes, we are still finishing off lessons and to keep everyone safe, need to make sure that children are only dismissed directly to parents from their classroom doors. Many thanks.

PTA News!

Nearly New Table Top Sale – Saturday 7th February 12-2pm in the School Hall
To book a table to sell from...
QR code: 

Postponed!

<https://www.silchesterpschoolpta/?eventid=110970>

If you are not joining us to sell, then please 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>

Pre-loved Uniform Purchasing
We have plenty of preloved items – jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts and pinafores. If you wish to purchase pre-loved uniform items please contact Lizzie West via Facebook to check availability. Items are charged at £2 for logo items, and 50p per grey items. All funds go directly to the PTA Payment is via bank transfer or cash.
Name: Silchester School PTA
Account number: 00387022
Sort code: 30-18-45
Please reference “uniform”

Donations
We would currently welcome donations of: cardigans and jumpers 30” and larger

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

Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 2/5/6 NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe workshop
Monday 2 nd February	Cake Sale on playground – Stepping Stones - £1
Thursday 5 th February	Drama Workshop – Ladybirds, Chestnut and Hazel
Friday 6 th February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day – Tech Free Tuesday!
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 to poetry
Tuesday 24 th February	The Rap School visit for all
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

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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**

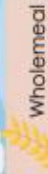
Vegetables of the Day

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.