



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Stepping Stones

On Monday we were visited by Sarah from the charity Stepping Stones. She spoke to the whole school about Down's Syndrome and how the charity supports families and young people. Many thanks to the parents and children of Year 6 for their cake sale. All of the children loved the treats and they managed to raise just over £300 which was split between a donation to the work of Stepping Stones and a contribution to housing Katherine's specially designed bike so that she can join in with Bikeability in school. Compassion and inclusion in action as well as a classic example of what makes our school community so special – thank you.



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.

Year 5 sculptures

The Year 5s have been very busy creating artwork inspired by the artist Alexander Calder! We think they look great!



Perform

Key Stage 1 had their drama perform workshop today- rescuing a toy shop! All of the children were super engaged and had a great time! Details of how your child could do Perform out of school you will find in their book bags.



Break the rules day!

Next Thursday 12th February is Break the Rules Day! It is on a Thursday this year rather than the Friday as Sycamore Class are having a special Roman Day to enrich their history topic on the Friday. Further information can be found in the poster below. Please note that standard school rules will still apply!!



[Silchester School PTA]

BREAK the RULES DAY

Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy lunch or snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up
7. Wear school shoes only
8. Fill your water bottle with water only

Here's how it works:

Pay £1 for every rule you would like to break, up to a maximum of 5 rules. (cash on the day)
Beware the teachers might break some rules too!

When?
12 February
2026

Parentkind
Member Association

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!

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



Potential New Fundraiser – 100 Club

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the survey. Interest suggested this would run best from September – we’ll keep you posted on how you can sign up nearer the time.

Future Events

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>

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.

If you are able to join us our next meeting is **8pm Tuesday 10th March.**

Easter Disco – Friday 20th March



The highly anticipated discos will be held on Friday 20th March. **Tickets available to book from Monday 23rd February** - £6 per child.

- Yr R/1/2/3* - 3.30-5.00pm- tickets include snack(nut free), drink and one ‘treatment’
- Yr 3*/4/5/6 5.30-7.00pm–ticket includes snack (nut free) and 1x beauty treatment (temporary tattoos, hair, and nails). Tuck shop will also be available (cash only). Cash needed for further snacks, drinks or treatments.

*Children in year 3 are welcome to chose which disco they’d prefer to go to.



PTA EASTER DISCOS

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

KS1 (YR, 1, 2 & 3) 3:15-5PM

KS2 (Y3,4, 5 & 6) 5:30-7PM

**£6 PER TICKET (COVERS ENTRY TO THE DISCO,
A PACKET OF CRISPS, A DRINK OF
SQUASH/WATER AND A BEAUTY TREATMENT)**

BOOKINGS ONLY VIA THE PTA WEBSITE

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>

Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
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

Rachel Moir
Head of School

TADLEY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY HALF TERM @ THE LINK & THE POINT

Booking Online
or call 0118 9814538

16TH

£5pp

MINI CHEF'S CHINESE NEW YEAR @ THE POINT

9.30am to 11am

Looking for a session full of fun, learning, and lasting memories? Come along and make spring rolls at our Mini Chef Session!



17TH & 18TH

£2.25pp

YOUTH ½ TERM CELEBRATIONS

Yr 6 - 6pm to 7.15pm
Yr 7-11 7.30pm to 8.45pm
Join us for a party night to celebrate the ½ term.



18TH

£3pp

CHUCKLE CHIMP FUN MORNING @ THE LINK

9.30am to 11am

Join us for a morning of Chuckle Zone, ride ons, craft zone and play - it's a morning of CheekyChimps meets ChuckleZone.



20TH

£3pp

NATURE EXPLORER'S CRAFT MORNING @ THE POINT

9.30am to 11am

Join us for a Morning of fun exploring nature, we will be making bird feeders, creating bird boxes from milk bottles and more.



THE LINK, NEWCHURCH ROAD, TADLEY, RG26 4HN
CHARITY NO: 1198457



LOVE RUGBY SERIES

A nationwide series of **girls-only** festivals, joining up girls aged new to rugby with those already playing for a fun, friendly and positive experience

Key Information

- Girls in U9-U11s (Year 4-6)
- All abilities welcome
- Contact and no-contact rugby options
- Coaching workshops and game play

Basingstoke RFC

Pack Ln, Basingstoke RG22 5HH
Saturday 7th Feb 100-1230

**Sign up as a club group or
as an individual.**



Supported by
Hampshire
Rugby Football Union

Want to join in?

1. Find an event you are interested in
2. Sign up using the link below
3. Keep an eye out for upcoming events on findrugby.com

Sign-up to your local event here !

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**

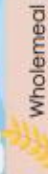
Vegetables of the Day

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.