



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

Welcome back! I really hope that you all enjoyed your half term break. We certainly missed everyone last week and it has been so nice to welcome our children back and hear all their news. Spring even

# WOW Week for Poetry

hinted at us last week with the small but pleasant sunshine!

It has been joyous to start the term with one of our special Silchester WOW Weeks – this time around for Poetry. The children have really embraced their creative side and impressed us all with the way they have expressed themselves through words. Unfortunately, “The Rap School” man had to cancel his planned visit for Tuesday due to illness; however, we have managed to reschedule this event for later in the term so the children will still get this experience.

As well as developing our work on spirituality through focusing on connections with self, others, beauty and beyond, the children have studied, analysed, performed and written poetry. This morning was a real treat as many children got the opportunity to perform their poems in a recital! Below you can see a selection of their work, much of which will be distributed to the residents of Silchester as a way of spreading compassion throughout our community.

Enormous thanks to The PTA for sponsoring this week, it enables us to provide these additional enrichments to enhance our curriculum and give our children experiences that turn into memories to inspire.







### **Rainforest Museum – Hazel Class**

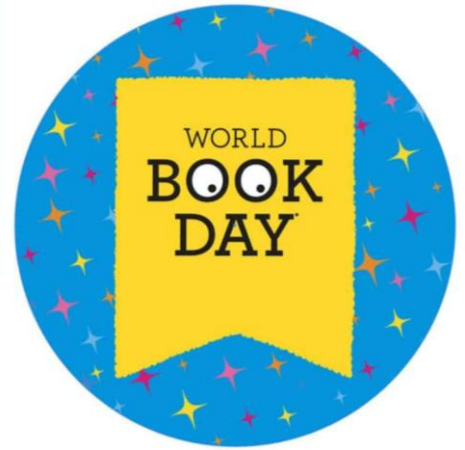
Parents are invited to come in after school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to have a look at the specially created Rainforest Museum in Hazel Class. The children have really enjoyed their learning throughout this topic and want to showcase their rainforest learning, including some of their writing and their fantastic rainforest collages.

If your child has completed any rainforest homework that they would like to share, we would be delighted to display that as well.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day is coming up on **Thursday 6th March**, and we're excited to celebrate a love of reading across the school!

Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character, and we'll be starting the day with a special costume parade on the playground straight after drop-off—parents are warmly welcome to stay and enjoy the fun. Throughout the day, we will take part in a range of book-themed activities, and some children will also enjoy a visit to Tadley library. We're looking forward to a wonderful day sharing stories and celebrating the joy of books together – I can't wait to welcome in all of our 'characters' from the gate on Thursday!



### **School Notices and Reminders:**

- Lego Club is currently running but will stop after the Easter Holidays
- Lunchboxes should contain healthy food – one packet of crisps and a small chocolate bar (kit-kat etc) are totally fine but no massive bars, sweets or fizzy drinks – it makes them too hyper for the afternoon!
- Some of our uniform expectations have been a bit lapse recently (nail varnish etc creeping in) Our policy can be found on the website here:

### [Silchester Church of England Primary School - Our Uniform](#)

Here's a reminder of the other uniform rules:

- Non-smart watches may be worn and those with pierced ears may wear plain small stud earrings. Watches and earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons.
- Long hair must be fastened back with plain slides or a dark/royal blue band or blue & white check scrunchy
- No hard bands or headscarves/bandannas (unless for religious/cultural reasons)
- No jewellery except small plain stud earrings
- No make-up or nail varnish is to be worn
- ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED!!

**PTA News!**

### **Bag2School**

Thank you for all your donations. We have raised £142 this time.

**Pre-loved Uniform** 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



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### **New Fundraiser –Stikins**

We have teamed up with ‘Stikins’, meaning we can now earn 30% commission on all orders placed – just use our fundraiser number **17969** – a handy flyer with the number on is hiding in your child’s bag!

### **Future Events**

#### **Easter Disco – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**



The highly anticipated discos will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. **Tickets now available. Booking closes 4pm 18<sup>th</sup> March** £6 per child.

**KS1 3.30-5.00pm**- tickets include snack (nut free), drink and one ‘treatment’



**KS2 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.



### **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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

## Upcoming Dates

| DATE   | EVENT   |
|--|---|
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March   | After School Rainforest Museum – Hazel Class                  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March   | World Book Day  |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | PTA meeting   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March   | Judo Day - sessions everyone to school in PE kits please      |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March  | Beech Class (5) visit to Science Museum                       |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Year 6 Bike ability   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March  | PTA Easter Discos   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March   | The Rap School (rescheduled from Poetry Week)                 |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March   | Hazel and Chestnut Class Trip to The Living Rainforest        |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March   | Rock Steady Concert – 2:30pm                                  |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March – 9:15am<br>Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March – 2:15pm | Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Play                                 |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> March – 10 <sup>th</sup> April                                    | Easter Holidays   |
| Amazon Wish List   | <a href="https://amzn.eu/diet9uj">https://amzn.eu/diet9uj</a> |

I hope that you all have a great weekend and I'll look forward to welcoming you back on the gate on Monday.

*Rachel Moir*

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Head of School



**Scouts**  
Pamber Heath

## Beavers Taster Session

Tuesday, March the 3<sup>rd</sup> 6-7pm




**Age 6 - 7?**

Come along to our taster session at Pamber Heath and find out what it is like to be a Beaver Scout.  
Make friends, play games and learn skills for the future.  
(Adults stay for the fun).

**Can you help?**

We are looking for volunteers to join the team. If you would like to join in the fun please get in touch to find out more.  
We offer training and support.

**Come to our Beaver taster session and join the adventure!**

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To reserve your spot, please email [join@hampshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:join@hampshirescouts.org.uk)  
– this event is free of charge.

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**

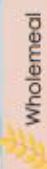
Vegetables of the Day

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.