

SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Hazel Class Stone Age Day!

Hazel Class had a fantastic time during our Stone Age Day, diving into five hands-on challenges that brought prehistoric life to our classroom. The children showed wonderful collaboration in the morning as they worked together to build their own version of Stonehenge using custard cremes—a deliciously creative engineering task! Throughout the day, they also tried their hand at shaping a clay-and-straw roundhouse, crafted “tooth” necklaces, experimented with mud to create striking cave paintings, and even took part in a hunt-and-gather activity to experience what life might have been like for early humans. It was a day full of imagination, teamwork, and messy fun, and Hazel Class rose to every challenge brilliantly. Many thanks to the staff for organising and for the parents for the effort made with costumes – it really helped to bring this part of history to life.



Beech Class to The Science Museum

Monday saw Beech class set off on a science adventure to Winchester Science Centre. They discovered all about the planets and constellations in the Solar System in a planetarium show. They also did experiments involving reflecting and absorbing light to help them design a space telescope. Finally, they were able to explore all the other exhibits in the

centre. Thank you to the Year 5 adults for organising and accompanying Beech class on their trip.

Bikeability

This week, our Year 6 children took part in the Bikeability programme, learning essential skills to help them ride their bikes confidently and safely on the road.

Throughout the sessions, pupils practised key techniques such as checking their bikes, signalling clearly, and navigating real traffic situations with care.

The instructors were impressed by the children's enthusiasm and growing independence, and we are proud of how responsibly they approached each challenge. Well done to all our young cyclists for their hard work and positive attitude!



Phonics Superstars!

We are so proud of our year 1s who have been coming in for phonics breakfast! They have made so much progress and we think they are all Silchester superstars!

Red-Nose Day

It was great fun to hear so many of the children's jokes today as they got behind the, 'say something funny for money' Red Nose Day Campaign. A few of the favourites chosen were:

- What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping?

A **dino-snore!**

- Why did the banana go to the doctors?

Because he wasn't peeling very well!

- Why did the teddy turn down pudding?
Because he was already stuffed!

We have not collected any money for this in school, however, should you wish to donate, you may do so here: [Red Nose Day 2026 - JustGiving](#)

A Royal Day for Our Ladybirds!

Ladybirds Class enjoyed a wonderful Royal Day today! The children arrived dressed as kings, queens, princes, princesses and brave knights, filling the classroom with colour and excitement. They created their own delicious sandwiches for a special royal banquet, practising their independence and food-preparation skills.

Throughout the day, the children also designed and decorated their own swords and shields, which they proudly used in imaginative role-play adventures. It was a fantastic day of creativity, learning and regal fun for all!



Return of The Rap!

On Tuesday next week, every child will get the opportunity to take part in our very own 'Rap School!' This activity was originally scheduled to be part of our Poetry WOW Week so we are excited to have been able to reschedule this and hope that as well as enjoying the day, children will also explore finding and expressing their voice through the power of words. Have a little look at the following video for a sneak teaser!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWPHHbeGfAk>

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. We will aim to record and share a few of the raps with you.

Come in and join us!

- **Wednesday 25th March at 2:30pm** – Spring Term **Rocksteady Concert** in the hall (children in Chestnut and Hazel on their Living Rainforest Trip that day will STILL be able to partake in the concert as they will return to school in time.)
- **Thursday 26th March at 2:15pm** – The first performance of our **Easter Production** featuring Year 3 and 4 children.
- **Friday 27th March at 9:15am** – The final performance of our **Easter Production** featuring Year 3 and 4 children.

This year, the children (with help from Miss McNally and Helen Bristow) have written and adapted the play themselves. They have written lyrics to the songs, designed their own costumes and it is sure to be an extravaganza! No tickets required, just turn up and enjoy!

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

- Currently needing donations of jumpers and cardigans with the school logo. Please pass to the school office, for the attention of Lizzie West.



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Future Events

Dave’s Rowing Machine Run

Dave’s at it again.... On Sunday 22nd March he will be running the Reading Half Marathon (carrying his rowing machine, just to add to the challenge!). This year he will be splitting the fund raising between our PTA and The Pink Place in Basingstoke – which offers support to women affected by cancer. All donations, no matter how small, will make an amazing difference. Please follow the link below:

https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/Nx9b1?fbclid=IwY2xjawQUO3RleHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEe4ep_cysEhs8xQSOVbHilLNPLsMic0tcRPrG2cduPcU8Q6wkfncFAdRBKpH0_aem_1KaLlg5wpL116fUixDKqWQ

Treat Tuesday – (for the summer term) Lolly Sales at the end of the day outside school every Tuesday (weather permitting!)

Break the Rules Day – Friday 22nd May

Silchester’s Got Talent – Friday 12th June

Colour Run - Friday 3rd July

Next meeting

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 28th April at The Calleva Arms**

Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
Friday 20 th March	PTA Easter Discos
Tuesday 24 th March	The Rap School (rescheduled from Poetry Week)
Wednesday 25 th March	Hazel and Chestnut Class Trip to The Living Rainforest
Wednesday 25 th March	Rock Steady Concert – 2:30pm
Thursday 26 th March – 2:15pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Play
Friday 27 th March – 9:15am	
30 th March – 10 th April	Easter Holidays
Amazon Wish List	https://amzn.eu/diet9uj

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

Rachel Moir
Head of School



St Mary the Virgin, Silchester

Silchester Parish

Litter

Pick

Saturday 28th March
10.30am – midday

Meet in the Silchester Pavilion
car park (Pamber Rd, RG7 2PH)

Please bring your own kit if you have it,
otherwise equipment will be provided

Please feel free to leave whenever you're ready.
If you have any queries please email
Revd Karen: revkarenw24@gmail.com



Benefice of Tadley with Pamber Heath & Silchester

Palm Sunday

Led by The Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen
Bishop of Winchester

29th March, 11am

St Mary-the-Virgin, Silchester



Walk with a donkey from

Silchester Village Hall - 9.30am

(If wet, meet at Walls Carpark - 10am)

Visit the baby animal farm outside the
church from 10am - 11am

Opening Monday 30th March

Just in time for the Easter holidays!

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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

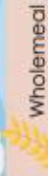
Vegetables of the Day

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.