





SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Welcome to our Summer Term! It has been so nice to see our special little school full of learning and laughter once again. The children have come back from the Easter break refreshed and excited to see their teachers and be reunited with their friends. This week, we have also found out who our new Year R children will be for September. It is such great news for the school that we will have a full cohort next year and it is the first time in 7 years that we have a waiting list. We can't wait to welcome all of our new families.

<p>Maths: Explore the many 3D shapes in the world around you. Can you name them? Can you name their properties (e.g. how many edges, vertices and faces)?</p>	<p>RE: Think of something that you "belong to" or are part of, e.g. your family, your school, a club... Write down 3 sentences explaining what is like being a part of it and how it makes you feel.</p>	<p>PSHE: The people in your family are influential to you. Draw your family and write a sentence describing the best thing about each member.</p>	<p>English: Choose one influential person and find a picture or photo of them. Write down and label as many (expanded) noun phrases as you can to describe what they look like...</p>	<p>Maths: Time to time yourself! See how long it takes you to... 1) Jump 50 times 2) Do 10 star jumps 3) Hop without stopping (feel free to make up your own!) Record your results. How many records or minutes did each take? Which took the quickest? Which took the longest?</p>
<p>ICT/English: Find out and write down 10 facts about Greta Thunberg.</p>  <p>(PowerPoints welcome!)</p>	<p>Chestnut - Year 1 Term: Summer 1</p> <h2>Influential People</h2> 		<p>English: Write a biography about an influential person, e.g. Nelson Mandela, David Attenborough, Charles Darwin, Rosa Parks...</p>	
<p>Science/PE: Set a timer and run around for 3 minutes. Now stop and write down 3 things that you can feel has changed in your body.</p> 	<p>Maths: Write down the fact families for all the number sentences for the 2, 5 or 10 times table, e.g. $2 \times 3 = 6$ $6 \div 2 = 3$ $3 \times 2 = 6$ $6 \div 3 = 2$</p>	<p>Science: Create a poster showing how to keep healthy (e.g. exercise, a balanced diet and keeping clean) and show why it is important.</p>	<p>History/ICT: Research and write down 5 facts about a king or queen of England.</p>  <p>(PowerPoints welcome!)</p>	<p>Art: Draw or create a portrait of an influential person that has changed history. Feel free to use collage, tissue paper, felt tips, colouring pencils or whatever you wish!</p>

Learning Overviews and Home Learning Grids
New term equals new topics! Therefore, please use the links below so that you can find out more about what your child will be learning in the curriculum this term. There are also new Home Learning Grids with ideas of how you can support your child's learning at home.

Learning Overviews = [download.asp](#)
Home Learning Grids = [download.asp](#)

Forest Schools

Ladybird Class had the best time at Forest School this week. The children loved climbing trees, playing on the rope ladder and spending the entire day outside! They especially enjoyed toasting marshmallows at the end of the day.

Rugby Champions

We are incredibly proud of our Silchester rugby team following a competitive and enjoyable tournament. The team showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout their matches, finishing the tournament with two well-earned wins, one hard-fought draw and one closely contested loss.



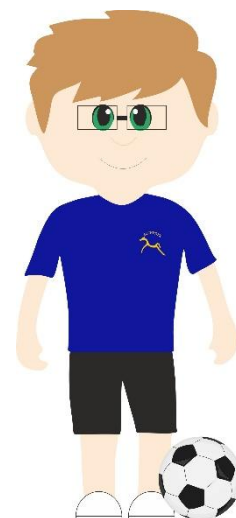
Every player gave their best, demonstrating teamwork, resilience and a positive attitude both on and off the pitch. Well done to all involved for representing Silchester so positively — a fantastic effort and an experience that will help the team continue to grow and improve. Also, huge thanks to Miss Dadral for organising the tournament and for galvanising our team!

PE Days

Sorry about any confusion caused by the change of PE days this week, I should have included it in the final newsletter of term. Please see the table below for information of which days the children will be doing PE this term. All primary school aged children have 2 hours of PE curriculum taught every week. Some classes chose to have two sessions on one day, whereas others spread these out over two days. Sycamore Class will be having their PE sessions as swimming lessons at Tadley Pool this term starting on Thursday 30th April.

Children can come into school on their PE days wearing school PE kit (t-shirt in house colours and plain blue, black or grey shorts or joggers.) Children are also welcome to wear their school jumpers or cardigans with their PE kit if the weather requires it. It is worth noting that there are no punishments or dramas caused if days are muddled. As a mum (who even writes these newsletters!) I have certainly been guilty of sending my own children in wrong some days! Please don't worry, the important thing is that they are here and we will always be pleased to see them.

YEAR	CLASS	PE DAYS
R	Ladybirds	Fridays
1	Chestnut	Mondays
2/3	Hazel	Mondays and Thursdays
3/4	Sycamore	Thursdays
5	Beech	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
6	Oak	Wednesdays



Cricket Taster Day

On **Friday 24th April**, all children in the school will have the chance to take part in a free cricket session. Rachel and Paul, who currently run the successful All Stars and Dynamos Cricket Club are keen to give the children an experience of cricket to hopefully excite them to join the club. Therefore, everyone can try their hand with batting, bowling and fielding. Please (if you remember!) can **all children come to school in their PE Kits next Friday** for the cricket session? If you forget, the children can still join in in their uniforms.

Starting on Friday 8th May, there will be All Stars Cricket (5-8year olds) and Dynamos Cricket (8-11year olds) starting on the field outside the pop-up. Should your child wish to join after their taster day, booking can be made here: [Clubspark / All Stars / Search](#)

Request from The Willows

We are trying to update/add to our outside play equipment as well as adding to our stock inside, at the Willows. If you have any of the following items, that are still in good, working condition and would be willing to donate them to us, we would be very, very grateful to accept any donations of the following...

- * Helmets - all sizes
- Scooters/wiggle carts
- Hoops
- Coloured paper
- Skipping ropes



Class Photos

We will be inviting a company into school on **Monday** to take the class photos which will then be available for you to purchase should you wish. Please can all children come into school in their smartest school uniforms on Monday! As Ladybirds have Forest Schools and Chestnut have PE, please can they bring their other clothes in a separate bag to change into after the photo. Again, if you forget, it's not the end of the world – all children will be included in the photos regardless.

Behaviour Change

Our friends at the not-for-profit Behaviour Change are running some research on school uniforms. The average child in the UK goes through 30-40 items of school uniform and PE kit EVERY year. If you're a parent and this sounds like your life, they'd love to hear from you.



They're surveying parents to learn more about how you source and dispose of school uniform, to gain insight into how this system could be made more circular.

Contributing to this survey would greatly help their research and hopefully positively influence our environmental impact. It will take less than 5 minutes to complete: <http://bit.ly/3O6PqcP>

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 do not need any more grey uniform items or white polo shirts (even those with logos) as we have a considerable number in stock already.
- We will welcome donations of jumpers and cardigans with the school logo. Please pass to the school office, for the attention of Lizzie West.

Stikins



We have teamed up with 'Stikins', meaning we can now earn 30% commission on all orders placed – just use our fundraiser number **17969**



World Record Attempt

A shout-out to all the Dads – we need your muscles for a PTA fundraising endurance rowing world record attempt!

Starting at **8am on Friday 16th May and finishing at 10am on Sunday 18th**, we will attempt to row for 50 continual hours on a single Concept 2 rowing machine to hopefully break the current male record of 48 hours – and we need you all!!

If you **fancy popping down for a ten-minute rowing session** (or 12!!) during morning, noon or night, then please, please do contact Dave Holby-Wolinski. It would be amazing to see you and many man hugs shall be bestowed upon you.

Absolutely no pace or skill required (that will be hugely apparent from the team we've pulled together!!) - just a giggle, great coffee and a fab opportunity to raise funds for our wonderful school. And of course every one of Dad Rowers will receive a World Record Certificate from Concept2 if we can make it through. The payoff being that you will despise rowing machines for evermore 😊 So hoping you can join the team – we need you 😊

<https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/NPbg3>

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**

Future Events

Treat Tuesday – lolly sales at the end of the day every Tuesday (weather permitting)

Break the Rules Day – Friday 22nd May

Bag2School Collection – Thursday 4th June

Silchester's Got Talent – Friday 12th June

Colour Run – Friday 3rd July



Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
Monday 20 th April	Class Photos
Thursday 23 rd April	Drama Workshop
Thursday 23rd April – N/B new date!	Year R Disney Day
Friday 24 th April	Cricket Taster Day – Yrs 1-6
Tuesday 28 th April	PTA Meeting – 8pm @ The Calleva
30 th April, 7 th May, 14 th May, 21 st May	Sycamore Class Swimming Lessons
Monday 4 th May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11 th – Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs
Thursday 14 th May	The Big School Workout with Joe Wicks
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd May	Walk to School Week
Friday 22 nd May	PTA Break the Rules Day
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thursday 4 th June	Bags2School Collection
Friday 5 th June	Sports Day (first attempt!)
Tuesday 9 th June	PTA Meeting – 8pm at The Calleva
Friday 12 th June	Silchester's Got Talent
Monday 15 th June – Friday 19 th June	Ladybirds Cycling Proficiency Week
Thursday 18 th June	Whole School Pilgrimage to the church
Tuesday 23 rd and Wednesday 24 th June	BPSM Choir Performances at The Anvil
Thursday 25 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral
Tuesday 14 th and Wednesday 15 th July	Year 5 and 6 End of Year Production
Wednesday 15 th July	Sycamore Class River Study Field Trip
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Paulton's Park Trip
Friday 17 th July	The Secret Garden Production in school
Tuesday 21 st July at 9:30am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd July	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 2 nd September	FIRST DAY OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR
Amazon Wish List	https://amzn.eu/diet9uj

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, I'll look forward to seeing you on the gate on Monday.

Rachel Moir

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SILCHESTER VILLAGE HALL

1926 to 2026



Silchester Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are hosting a

Jumble Sale

Drop off
18th April & 9th May 2026
9.30 - 11.00

Or we can arrange a collection
or pass to your Brownie to deliver.



If you need a collection from your home, please contact
kirstie.jones@btinternet.com

SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE	<p>Option One Macaroni Cheese</p> <p>Option Two Chickpea Curry with Rice</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert NEW Banana Mousse</p>	<p>Option One Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges</p> <p>Option Two Mild Mexican Chili with Rice</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins</p>	<p>Option One Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Option Two Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Fruit Platter</p>	<p>Option One Spagheti Bolognaise</p> <p>Option Two Cheese & Tomato Pizza</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Apple Flapjack</p>	<p>Option One Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Option Two Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Orange drizzle Cake</p>	<p> Whole grain</p> <p> Plant based</p> <p> Added plant protein</p> <p> Chef's Special</p>
WEEK TWO	<p>Option One Cheese & Tomato Pizza</p> <p>Option Two Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Iced Vanilla Sponge</p>	<p>Option One Beef Chilli with Rice</p> <p>Option Two Spagheti & Meat free balls in a Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Peaches & Ice Cream</p>	<p>Option One Pork Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Option Two Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad</p>	<p>Option One Chicken Burger in a bun with wedges</p> <p>Option Two Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Rice</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Jam Sponge with Custard</p>	<p>Option One Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Option Two NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Oaty Cookie</p>	
WEEK THREE	<p>Option One Tomato Pasta</p> <p>Option Two NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Pineapple Upside Down Cake</p>	<p>Option One Beef Burger with Potato Wedges</p> <p>Option Two Cheese & Tomato Pizza with wedges</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Cheese & Crackers</p>	<p>Option One Roast Pork, Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Option Two Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Fruit Medley</p>	<p>Option One Chicken Korma with Rice</p> <p>Option Two All Day Vegetarian Breakfast</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Apple Crumble with Custard</p>	<p>Option One Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Option Two Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot</p> <p>Sides Vegetables of the Day</p> <p>Dessert Vanilla Shortbread</p>	
AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt						

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.

PICNIC BAG MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
W E E K 1	CHEESE SANDWICH	HOT DOG	CHEESE SANDWICH	PIZZA	FISHFINGERS IN A BUN
W E E K 2	PIZZA	CHEESE SANDWICH	HOT DOG	CHICKEN IN A BUN	HAM SANDWICH
W E E K 3	HOT DOG	PIZZA	CHEESE SANDWICH	HAM SANDWICH	FISHFINGERS IN A BUN

All picnic bags will include vegetable sticks, cucumber slices, apple slice, orange segment and a pudding