



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

How nice it is for the sunshine to have arrived in Silchester this week! I do hope that the weather continues and that you can all enjoyed the extra long bank holiday weekend together. As the pop-up is closed for a couple of weeks, our fabulous PTA will be setting up a Pop-up Tuck Shop outside of school for the next two Fridays. Therefore, if a Friday treat is your vibe, bring some coins along!

### **Beech Dancers**



Beech Class had great fun this week taking part in a street dance workshop. The children were incredibly impressive, showing fantastic focus and determination as they learned new moves step by step. By the end of the session, they had successfully mastered a full group routine and performed it with confidence. Most importantly, the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and left the workshop smiling, tired, and very proud of what they had achieved.

### **Ladybirds Supertatoes**

Our little Ladybirds ventured into the big wide world of Sainsbury's this week! As they have been reading Supertato books in class, Mrs Dowling took the children to the shop to pick out their own 'Super Veggies'. They were mini celebrities in the shop and enjoyed waving to other shoppers as they selected and bought their fruits and vegetables.

On return to school, Mrs Dowling and Miss Heeks helped the children to make their own delicious fruit kebabs. All of our ladybirds demonstrated confidence and independence as they took this step.



# Fridays only!

## Gotta Catch 'em all?!!!! Pokémon Cards in School – A Trial Period Update

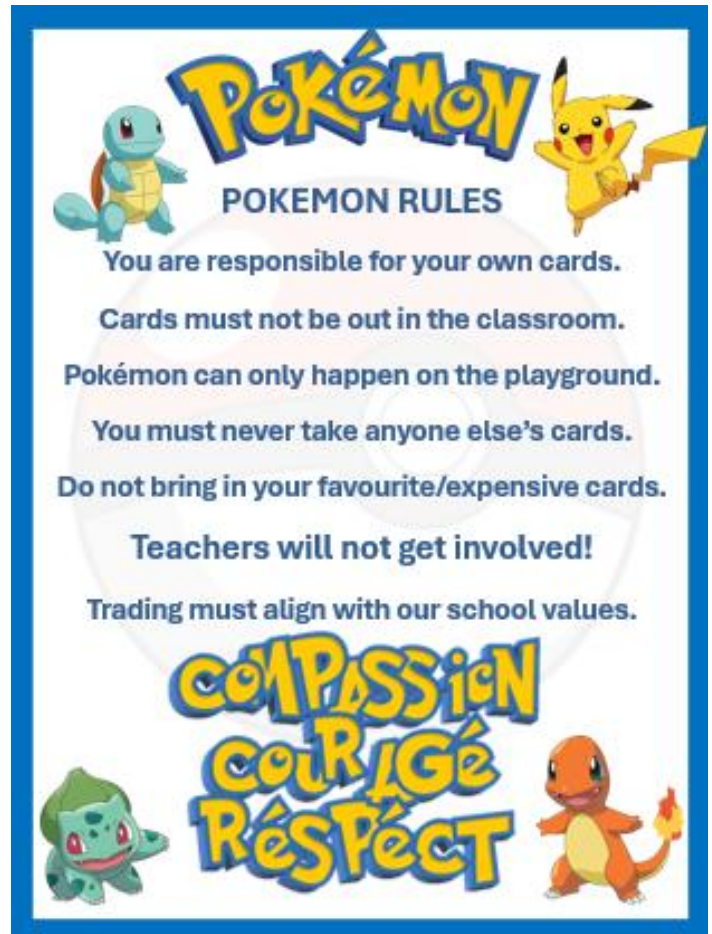
So far... so okay-ish! - It has been a mixed bag this week with the Pokémon trial. Some children have not been able to stick to the agreed Pokémon Rules, whilst others have used it as a positive opportunity to socialise with children outside their normal circle.

I have spoken to all children in worship today and we have collectively decided that we will now trial **Pokémon Fridays!** The same rules will still apply but from next week, children are only allowed to bring their Pokémon cards in on a Friday. We have told the children that if they 'forget' and bring their cards in on another day, their teacher will keep them safe until home time. The same ruling will apply for The Willows so that there is no confusion. If Pokemon cards continue to cause upset, we will just revert to a blanket ban. I'll keep you posted.

## 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



## POLITE NOTICE

**At this premises we operate a Zero Tolerance Policy. Swearing, threats, discriminatory language or any act of violence will not be tolerated. Anyone giving verbal abuse to members of staff will be asked to leave.**

## Polite Reminder

We hope that you are all fully aware how important our values of Compassion, Courage and Respect are to our school community. Not only do we try to teach these values to our children, as adults we also act as role models for these values so that children can see them in action. School should always be a safe place for the children and staff who attend. We will always find time to discuss any concerns you may have, but we will only do so in line with our policy. Many thanks for your understanding.



# 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>



Future Events

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

Break the Rules Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Bag2School Collection – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Silchester's Got Talent – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Colour Run – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Date of next PTA meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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## Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
30 <sup>th</sup> April, 7 <sup>th</sup> May, 14 <sup>th</sup> May, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Sycamore Class Swimming Lessons
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	The Big School Workout with Joe Wicks
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Walk to School Week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	PTA Break the Rules Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	WOW Week – Inclusion Outdoors!
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	WOW Basketball – Britain’s Tallest Man visit
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Bags2School Collection
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (first attempt!)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Meeting – 8pm at The Calleva
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Silchester’s Got Talent
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Ladybirds Cycling Proficiency Week
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Pilgrimage to the church
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	After School Book Sale for Dyslexia Resources
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	BPSM Choir Performances at The Anvil
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and 6 End of Year Production
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sycamore Class River Study Field Trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Paulton’s Park Trip
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	The Secret Garden Production in school
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July – 6:30pm-8:30pm	Year 6 Leavers Party
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July at 9:30am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	FIRST DAY OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR
Amazon Wish List	<a href="https://amzn.eu/diet9uj">https://amzn.eu/diet9uj</a>

And as advanced notice (should you wish to plan ahead for holidays/childcare) here’s our INSET Days for 2026/2027:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Monday 22nd February 2027
- Friday 28th May 2027
- Wednesday 21st July 2027

Wishing you all an extra special long bank holiday weekend, I’ll look forward to seeing you on the gate on **Tuesday!**

*Rachel Moir*

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Head of School



# SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
<b>WEEK ONE</b>						
Option One	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Pasty Park Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spagheti Bolognaise	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
Option Two	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	Orange drizzle Cake	
<b>WEEK TWO</b>						
Option One	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Chilli with Rice	Pork Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Burger in a bun with wedges	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
Option Two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spagheti & Meat free balls in a Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Rice	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips	
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie	
<b>WEEK THREE</b>						
Option One	Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast Pork, Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
Option Two	NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with wedges	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot	
Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
Dessert	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Cheese & Crackers	Fruit Medley	Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	
<b>AVAILABLE DAILY:</b>	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
<b>W E E K 1</b>	<b>CHEESE SANDWICH</b>	<b>HOT DOG</b>	<b>CHEESE SANDWICH</b>	<b>PIZZA</b>	<b>FISHFINGERS IN A BUN</b>
<b>W E E K 2</b>	<b>PIZZA</b>	<b>CHEESE SANDWICH</b>	<b>HOT DOG</b>	<b>CHICKEN IN A BUN</b>	<b>HAM SANDWICH</b>
<b>W E E K 3</b>	<b>HOT DOG</b>	<b>PIZZA</b>	<b>CHEESE SANDWICH</b>	<b>HAM SANDWICH</b>	<b>FISHFINGERS IN A BUN</b>

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