



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

We were so lucky with the weather being able to complete our new-style Sport's Day last week. It was

really lovely to welcome so many families to the mass picnic and event.



Trialling a more inclusive approach to Sports Day seemed to go down well. Our Year 5s and 6s took to their responsibilities of leading the events and their groups around the circuits. All of the children participating earned loads of points for their houses and were able to demonstrate a whole new set of sporting skills – a few sore thighs after the squats challenge!



Whilst **Chichester** won the overall races in the afternoon, **York** House had raised enough points in the morning to cinch the victory! Many thanks to the numerous volunteers for helping to set up and take down and to

Mrs Dowling for organising everything so well – a hobby-horse race for the history books!



Teacher Appreciation Day!

Wednesday 17th June is National Thank a Teacher Day! This is an opportunity to celebrate the dedicated adults who make our school such a warm, inspiring place for our children to learn and grow. Every day, our teachers, LSAs, office staff, lunch staff and site team give their time, energy and care to support, encourage and challenge each child, helping them to feel safe, confident and ready to succeed. I am incredibly grateful for the difference they make in so many ways, both big and small.

To help us recognise these efforts, we invite parents and carers to take a moment to complete the super-quick online form via the link below to nominate a member of staff for some well-deserved appreciation. All of these messages can be anonymous and will be passed on to the correct people. A little bit of kindness really does make a big difference. [School Staff Appreciation Form! – Fill in form](#)

Book Sale

This is some advanced notice about an event planned by Mrs Pulford and our Dyslexia Support Group. We will be partnering with Usborne Books for an online sale and in person event after school on Thursday 18th June. Any profit made through the sale of these books will go directly to enhance our resources for dyslexia in school. The online event will go live on Monday 15th - Monday 22nd June and can be accessed either via the QR Code or link below:

<https://usborne.com/gb/uevent?event=3a8dcc9cd46c363283fe8442b25ecfda>



The Big Future

Next week, members of our School and Eco Council will be meeting with Mrs Moir to discuss the government plans for 'The Big Future'. We will share how the children got on next week, but all children are invited to have their voice and can do so by completing the following survey:

[About this survey : The Big Future survey - have your say!](#)



Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England



For the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election at age 16, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century – yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them.

That's why I'm doing my final survey, *The Big Future*, to talk to a million children, to listen to them. And to find out about what it's like to be a child today.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like, now and in the future.





Annual Pilgrimage

On Thursday afternoon, we will be taking the children on their annual pilgrimage to St Mary's The Virgin Church Silchester. Reverend Karen, our worship ambassadors and the team from Open the Book will be sharing a short service with us in the church before returning to school. The church has kindly arranged to have the bells ring us in, and we will be singing as we walk! As this event is just a local trip with school staff and takes part in school time, there is nothing additional required other than dressing for any weather June might throw at us next Thursday!

PTA News!

Colour Run

Save the Date for our fabulous Colour Run Friday 3rd July. Bring all the family for a colourful obstacle course around the playing fields. Bar, BBQ, Raffle and more

Pre-book your ticket to avoid the queue on the day. Entry tickets also available on the day, just head to the registration tent. £5 per child (accompanying adults run free). Pre-booking closes on Weds 1st July.



<https://pta.events/silchestercolourrun2026>

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**



Future Events

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

Colour Run – Friday 3rd July 3030pm



Minutes of the latest PTA meeting can be found on the school website and at

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/silchesterschoolpta/index.cfm?event=meeting-minutes>

**Date of next PTA meeting
Tuesday 15th September
8pm @ The Calleva Arms**

Dates

DATE	EVENT
Monday 15 th June – Friday 19 th June	Ladybirds Cycling Proficiency Week
Thursday 18 th June	Whole School Pilgrimage to the church
Thursday 18 th June	After School Book Sale for Dyslexia Resources
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
Friday 26 th June	The Hurst Transition Day
Thursday 2 nd and Friday 3 rd July	The Willink Transition Days
Friday 3 rd July	Silchester Shuffle Up Day
Friday 3 rd July	PTA Colour Run
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
Wednesday 15 th July	Rocksteady Concert
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Paulton's Park Trip
Friday 17 th July	The Secret Garden Production in school
Monday 20 th July – 6:30pm-8:30pm	Year 6 Leavers Party
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

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 a lovely weekend. If I don't see you at **Silchester's Got Talent tonight** - I'll look forward to welcoming you back at the gate on Monday.

Rachel Moir

Rachel Moir
Head of School

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 Park 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