



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

This week has, as ever, been a hive of activity in school. It is always nice to reflect back on a Friday over the learning and experiences of the week. As it was also 'Thank-a-Teacher' Day this week, it would be remiss of me to point out that this growth and opportunity only happen due to our dedicated and caring staff team – what a bunch of legends!

Silchester Pilgrims!

On Thursday afternoon, our children enjoyed their annual pilgrimage to St Mary's The Virgin Church in Silchester, making the journey together with great enthusiasm. As we approached the church, we were warmly welcomed by the joyful sound of the bells ringing us in creating a wonderful sense of community and celebration. Once inside, Reverend Karen, alongside our worship ambassadors and the Open the Book team, led an engaging service, giving the children a special opportunity for reflection and shared worship in this historic setting. It was a memorable experience for all, and the children represented the school superbly throughout the visit – such a joy to see them bond with their buddies and connect on a spiritual journey.





Pop-Art

As part of their Art and Design Curriculum, our Year 6s have been studying Andy Wahol and the Pop-Art movement. They have really taken to this unit of work and produced some fantastic pieces – examples of which can be admired below!



Ladybirds Cycling Proficiency

Ladybirds Class had a wonderful time during their Cycling Week, with the children bringing their bikes into school each day to practise and improve their skills. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow so noticeably over the week, with several children proudly achieving the milestone of riding without

stabilisers for the first time—an accomplishment they were eager to celebrate! Mrs Dowling and Miss Heeks provided excellent guidance and encouragement throughout, supporting the children as they developed this important physical skill. It was truly a joy to witness the determination, resilience and pride shown by all the children. Many thanks to mums and dads for bringing in the bikes and – well done Ladybirds!



The Big Future

I met with the members of our School and Eco Council this week to discuss the government plans for ‘The Big Future’. The council members all gave voice to their thoughts about our country and their dreams and fears for the future. I was so proud of how they approached this. The Children’s Commissioner for England has invited **ALL** children to participate in the following survey, so if this is something you’d like to do with them, please access via the link below:

[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.



Book Sale

Not many people were able to pop into our book sale this week, so we will be repeating it outside **after school on Monday**. Any profit made through the sale of these books will go directly to enhance our resources for dyslexia in school. The online event also continues to be live until Monday 22nd June and can be accessed either via the QR Code or link below:

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



It's
Book Fair
Time!



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>



Colour Run Raffle

DRAW WILL BE
MADE AT 4.45pm
on Friday 3rd July.

Prizes

Parentkind
Member Association

- Wellington Country Park tickets x 2
- Tadley Tandoori £50 voucher
- Anvil Arts - Beauty & the Beast Pantomine Tickets x2
- Silchester Pop-Up Café £25 voucher
- Donutting @ Alpine Snowsports Centre - 2 tickets
- Tadley Health & Fitness £25 voucher
- Hillier's Hanging Basket
- Hillier's Planted Tub
- Silchester Farm Children's Treats Goodie Bag
- Mendham Motors voucher
- Football Coaching session voucher
- Variety of vouchers for The Barn Farm Shop & Bistro
- And more.....

There will be a raffle on the day – if you are able to help sell tickets before or after school on 3rd July please let Helen Blair know, thanks.

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)

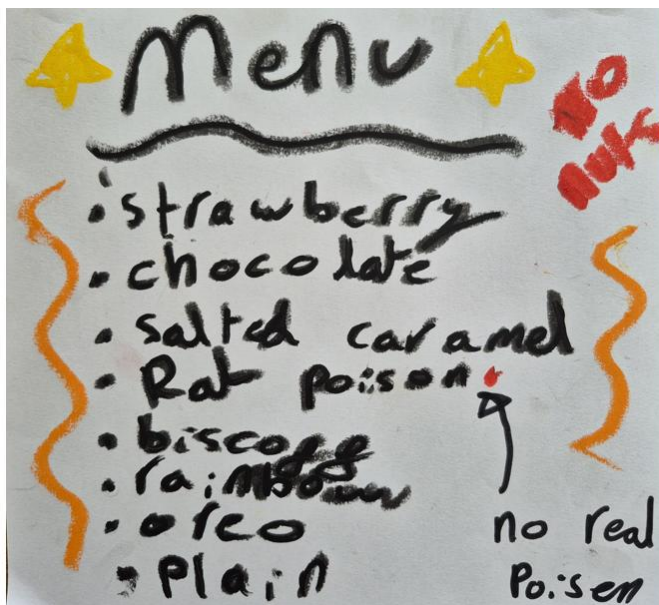
Colour Run – Friday 3rd July
3030pm

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

Year 6 Ice-Cream Sale

Some of our Year 6s would like to set up a one-time-only ice cream stand after school on Friday 10th July. Here are their posters to entice you!



Dates

DATE	EVENT
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
Thursday 9 th July	Hazel Class Egyptian Day
Friday 10 th July	Year 6 Ice Cream Sale
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 and 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 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