



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Welcome Back! I really hope that you have all enjoyed your Summer Holidays and that you got the chance to spend some quality time all together in this hot summer – where did that go hey?! It has been an absolute joy to see your children again and to hear all about their adventures. I am so proud of how everyone has settled back into the routine of school and taken to their new classrooms and new teachers. A special welcome to all of our new Year Rs and the extra 10 children that have joined our school between years 1 and 6. We really hope that you will love being part of our very special Silchester Community.

Help Us Shape Play at School!

This year, we are excited to be reviewing and developing the play opportunities available to our children at Silchester. Play is such an important part of childhood. It helps children build friendships, develop confidence and resilience, be creative, stay active, and have fun.

As we look at ways to enhance our play provision, we would love to hear the views of both our children and parents. We have created a short survey and would be grateful if as many families as possible could take a few minutes to complete it. We would particularly encourage

children to share their thoughts too, as their ideas and experiences are incredibly valuable.



Silchester School Play Survey



Please click here to complete the survey - [Silchester School Play Survey – Fill in form](#)

Or use this QR code

The feedback we receive will help inform future decisions and ensure that the opportunities we provide truly reflect the needs, interests and priorities of our school community.

Thank you for your support!

Heartfelt Thank Yous

I just wanted to single out a few of our community for some special thank yous:

Mrs Reynolds – the school has been deep cleaned over the summer and is looking sparkling!

Mrs Phillips – gave up her holiday to paint and revamp our now gorgeous office space.

Alex – kindly donated and installed a new projector for the hall so that now our slides can be seen!

Dave – ‘handymanned’ by repairing and refitting some broken blinds in the hall.

Chloe, Lucy and Zowie – smashed the summer reading challenge to raise money for the PTA.

Our staff – cleared, decorated, and resourced their new classrooms and even nabbed a boat!

It really does ‘take a village’ – thank you.

Open Days

Yes, it is the first week of our new school year, however, we are always looking forward and have planned our open days for those starting school in 2027! If you have a child who is due to start reception next year, or know someone else who has children this age, please come along and spread the word about our Open Days.

Open Classrooms

We will be opening up classes after school on Thursday 17th September. By then, children will have settled in their new space so we thought it a nice opportunity for them to show you their new classrooms, and for you to meet their new teacher. This will be a super informal drop in.

Timings of the School Day

8:30am – early starters welcome as prearranged with class teachers

8:40am – school gates open for all of the children (close at 8:50am)

8:55am – register closes and lessons begin

3:15pm – end of school day

Class	PE Days
Ladybirds Yr R	TBC – PE for Ladybirds will start later in the term but Mrs Dowling will let parents know when it begins
Chestnut Yr 1	Tuesday
Hazel Yr 2	Wednesday
Sycamore Yr 3/4	Thursday
Beech Yr 4/5	Monday and Friday
Oak Yr 6	Monday

Pupil Voice

We will be holding elections for our **House Captains** (year 6) on Friday 12th September and **School and Eco Councillors** (Yrs1-6) in class before Wednesday 16th September. You child will have the opportunity to work on a speech during school time, but you are also welcome to help them at home should they chose to stand for election.



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Silchester

Church of England Primary School

Open Days

9:00am – 10:15am

Tuesday 13th October

Wednesday 21st October

Thursday 5th November

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

We invite you to come and have a look around our wonderful school. Our Open Days will consist of a brief presentation, followed by a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask any questions. We hope to welcome you soon!

School Lane,
Silchester,
RG7 2NJ
adminoffice@silchester.hants.sch.uk
0118 9700256

If you can't make any of the above dates, please do contact our school office to arrange an individual tour.










PE

A fresh reminder about PE Kits. On their PE days, children can come into school wearing a round neck coloured t-shirt that corresponds to their house colour: **Chichester**, **York**, **Salisbury**, **Winchester**. Ones with the school logo printed on them are available from Skoolkit from £6.50 but these are not essential, and any plain non-logoed round neck t-shirt (amazon/supermarket) equivalent is also fine. No football kits or other slogans/logos/writing please.

PE will start next week, and the PE Days are listed. All children have 2 sessions of PE a week. If you child only has 1 PE day, this is because their teacher has chosen to do both sessions in one afternoon.



New Beginnings Service – TODAY!!!

Reverend Karen, together with our local Church Community from St Mary the Virgin, Silchester, and Silchester Methodist Church, would love to join with us in blessing our School Community as we begin a new school year.

Families are warmly invited to attend the New Beginnings Family Service **today at 3.30pm** which will take place in the school hall. This special celebration will include a Bible story brought to life, a fun Play-Doh challenge, and an opportunity for our church and school communities to come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the year ahead. We hope many families will be able to join us for this joyful occasion.

Clubs

Starting soon, we have the following after school clubs currently available for Autumn Term:

School Choir – led by the incredible team of Helen, George and Mrs Hunter, our school choir is a fantastic chance for children to enjoy both singing and performing. During the Autumn Term, the children will have the opportunity to sing at a range of school events, including our annual Christmas Carol Service. Starting day TBC but more information coming soon!

Rocksteady – starting next Wednesday and led by the brilliant Joe in school

Rocksteady information - [Home - Rocksteady Music School](#)

Rocksteady sign up - [Enrol Your Child - Rocksteady Music School](#)

Football - Our after-school football club runs every Tuesday during term time from 3:15–4:15pm and is open to boys and girls of all abilities. Sessions are designed to help young players learn new skills, build confidence, stay active, and enjoy football in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Whether your child is new to the game or already passionate about football, our experienced coaches deliver engaging and inclusive sessions focused on player development, teamwork, fitness, and enjoyment, helping every child grow both on and off the pitch. Click the link to sign up:

[Gol Elite After School Club @ Silchester with Gol Elite Coaching LTD · Eequ](#)



Drumming – starting next Thursday in school and taught by the wonderful Charlie. More information on the poster:



Drum Lessons

Drum lessons with an experienced and enthusiastic tutor on a **full acoustic kit**.

Learn the basics of technique, counting, independence and reading music which can be applied to both classical and contemporary playing.

Learn the fundamentals which can be applied to orchestral, jazz, pop and rock playing, as well as developing a huge amount of skills key to playing any instrument including independence, timing, counting and playing with dynamics.

All equipment required for lessons is supplied (including sticks and hearing protection).

Progress through the Gradings pathway, learn for fun, or learn to play to a high level through a range of non-classical methods.

£17 per pupil per half hour lesson (discounted to £15 if teaching siblings), one to one or in pairs, allowing for discussion and sharing of ideas as well as the opportunity to push each other forward!

The first lesson is FREE.

A bit about me!

Firstly, some YouTube links, search these terms to find some of my work as a musician:

Krrum Vevo DSCVR Live

Household Dogs Sofar Sounds

Robin Johnson & Charlie Webb

drum duet (I'm the one on the left)

Having started playing at the age of 11, I progressed through the South Berkshire maestros youth ensembles as a percussionist in county ensembles, performing on several tours including Strasbourg in France and Kraków in Poland. I was also very lucky to perform at a host of concert halls and venues including the Royal Albert Hall and St George's Chapel in Windsor.

In 2012 I moved to Leeds to study a degree in Popular Music Performance and after graduating performed as a session drummer for Leeds based artist Krrum for over 3 years, playing high profile shows and festivals including Radio One's Big Weekend in Hull, Kendall Calling in Manchester and Pitchforks festival in Paris.

Alongside this I played in a host of personal projects over the years in a wide range of genres.

My pathway through music has most recently led me to teaching drums privately, which I have now been doing for 3 years, an incredibly fulfilling new challenge which I have absolutely fallen in love with!

I have performed in a wide range of musical styles and genres and I am now offering my own spin on the classical training which gave me the tools to adapt and adjust my playing over the years.

Please get in touch with any enquiries.

Charlie Webb

Phone Number – **07725591631**

Email – **charlie.webb042@gmail.com**



JUDO

is at your school

BOOK FOR NEXT TERM!!!

Wednesday mornings 8.00 - 8.45am

£85 per term (inc jacket hire)

Click below to register or scan QR

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Judo – led on a Wednesday before school by Judo Paul. Paul is coming to give a Judo demonstration to the whole school next Tuesday with the following leaflet to try and encourage some more members.

For any further information contact Judo Paul

07867962627

judosouthernschools@gmail.com

Yearly School Overview:

Silchester School Yearly Overview – 2026-27

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	
Autumn 1	INSET 1 Learning Overviews & Home Learning Grids	Learning Overviews & Home Learning Grids Pupil Voice Elections	EYFS Baseline Open Classrooms	EYFS Baseline	EYFS Baseline Autumn Assessments Harvest	Yr 6 PGL	Open Day	Curriculum Newsletter Open Day WOW Week	Oct Half Term
Autumn 2	Learning Overviews & Home Learning Grids Open Day Parents Evenings	Yr 5 Ufton Court				Yr R Christmas Show Yr 1/2 Nativity	Curriculum Newsletter Christmas Dinner Rocksteady Concert Values Awards		Christmas
Spring 1	INSET 3 Learning Overviews & Home Learning Grids		Spring Assessments			Curriculum Newsletter Parents Evening WOW Week			Feb Half Term
Spring 2	INSET 4 Learning Overviews & Home Learning Grids Parents Evenings				Curriculum Newsletter Yr 3/4 Easter Rocksteady Concert Values Awards				Easter
Summer 1	Learning Overviews & Home Learning Grids			Bank Holiday	Yr 6 SATs	Curriculum Newsletter WOW Week			May Half Term
Summer 2	Learning Overviews & Home Learning Grids Yr4 MTCs	Yr4 MTCs Yr1 Phonics Screening Summer Assessments	Sports Day Summer Assessments		Transition Meetings	Yr 5/6 End of Year Production	Curriculum Newsletter Reports Values Awards Rocksteady Concert	Last 2 days Yr 6 Leavers Worship INSET 5	Summer

Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 8 th September	Judo Demonstration in school
Tuesday 15 th September	8pm – PTA Meeting at The Calleva
Thursday 17 th September	3:15pm - Open Classrooms
Thursday 17 th September	5:30pm – 8pm – The Willink Open Evening
Monday 28 th September	3:15pm – Year 6 Parent Meeting for PGL
Thursday 1 st October	Harvest
Thursday 1 st October	6pm – 8pm – The Hurst Open Evening
Friday 2 nd October	IRON Sams Challenge
Monday 5 th October – Friday 9 th October	Year 6 PGL Residential
Tuesday 13 th October	9:00 – 10:30 – Silchester Open Morning
Wednesday 14 th October	Open Morning at The Hurst added for Silchester
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd October	WOW Week for History
Monday 19 th October	School Photos
Tuesday 20 th October	Archaeology Day – History Visitor
Wednesday 21 st October	9:00 – 10:30 – Silchester Open Morning
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	HALF TERM
Tuesday 3 rd and Thursday 5 th November	Parents Evenings
Thursday 5 th November	9:00 – 10:30 – Silchester Open Morning
Saturday 7 th November	Silchester Fireworks
Thursday 12 th – Friday 13 th November	Year 5 Ufton Court Residential
Tuesday 17 th November	Drama Workshop in school
Friday 20 th November	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Saturday 28 th November	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 30 th November	Flu Immunisations in school
Wednesday 2 nd December	18:30 – PTA Wreath Making
Friday 4 th December	PTA Children's Christmas Market
Wednesday 9 th December	9:15am - Year 1/2 Nativity Performance for Parents
Thursday 10 th December	2:15pm - Year 1/2 Nativity Performance for Parents
Friday 11 th December	2:30pm - Ladybirds Christmas Show
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16 th December	2:30pm - Rocksteady Concert
Friday 18 th December	LAST DAY OF TERM
INSET Days	- Monday 4th January 2027 - Monday 22nd February 2027 - Friday 28th May 2027 - Wednesday 21st July 2027
Amazon Wish List	https://amzn.eu/diet9uj

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

A DAY OF FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

SILCHESTER COUNTRY FAYRE

FUN ★ COMMUNITY ★ TRADITION

SILCHESTER
PLAYING FIELD

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Sports Day in the Village!

Enjoy!

- ★ FUN & GAMES
- ★ TUG OF WAR
- ★ EGG & SPOON RACE
- ★ BOUNCY CASTLE
- ★ TOMBOLA
- ★ LOCAL STALLS
- ★ TEA & CAKE
- ★ BBQ & REFRESHMENTS
- ★ AND MUCH MORE!



DOG SHOW

- ★ WAGGIEST TAIL
- ★ FASTEST BISCUIT EATER
- ★ BEST RESCUE
- ★ BEST VETERAN
- ★ JUNIOR HANDLER



★ COME ★

★ JOIN IN ★

HAVE FUN

EVERYONE
WELCOME! ♥



★ SATURDAY ★
5TH SEPTEMBER

SUPPORTING OUR
VILLAGE
& OUR
CHURCH

11AM - 4PM

ON
**SILCHESTER
PLAYING FIELD**

♥ COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY! ♥



SILCHESTER VILLAGE HALL *Community* *Centenary Celebration* & VILLAGE HALL OPEN DAY

**SATURDAY
12th SEPTEMBER**

10.30am – 4.30pm

- Community group displays
- Demonstrations
- Tadley Band
- Silchester Community Orchestra
- ...and much more, so save the date!

**SUNDAY
13th SEPTEMBER**

10.30am

**100 YEARS OF
SONGS OF PRAISE**

11.30am

THE STORY OF OUR HALL



**CELEBRATING
100 YEARS
OF COMMUNITY**



**FREE
REFRESHMENTS
AND CAKE**



**ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL
AGES**



**LIVE
MUSIC**



**MEET LOCAL
GROUPS &
ORGANISATIONS**



**MAKING OUR
COMMUNITY
STRONGER**

Everyone welcome – come and join the celebration!



St Mary the Virgin, Silchester
Silchester Parish

Litter Pick

Saturday 3rd October
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