



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Well done on getting through your first full week of school and a big congratulations to our ladybirds for their first full day!

Learning Overviews

At the beginning of each term, we share a Learning Overview to help keep you informed about the curriculum your child will be exploring in class. We are committed to providing all children with a rich, exciting and engaging curriculum that inspires curiosity, develops knowledge and skills, and fosters a love of learning. Please take some time to read through the overview to discover the key areas of learning, topics and experiences planned for your child this term. We hope this will support conversations at home and give you an insight into the exciting learning opportunities ahead.

Mathematics In Maths, we will develop our understanding of number and place value , exploring different ways to represent, compare, order, estimate and round numbers. We will build counting fluency and develop efficient mental calculation strategies , before applying our number knowledge to problem solving . Throughout the term, we will also consolidate the 2, 5 and 10 times tables , while confident learners will explore multiplication and division fact families and the relationships between known facts.	History In History, we will travel back in time to discover Roman Silchester and explore what life was like at Calleva Atrium . We will become archaeologists , examine evidence and ask what artefacts, buildings and ruins can tell us about the past. Romans left. Best of all, we will take our learning beyond the classroom with a local history walk , exploring the remains of Roman Silchester!	Science In Science, we will become matter detectives , investigating the fascinating world of solids, liquids and gases . We will explore their different properties and discover how particles behave in each state. Through drama and practical investigations, we will observe what happens when materials are heated and cooled and explore melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation . Finally, we will meet some rather curious materials that don't behave quite as expected and ask is everything really a solid, liquid or gas?
PSHE and RSE Get Heartsmart! - We will discuss ways to show love and to consider the consequence of words. We will consider trust and who to trust, as well as exploring family life . We will explore what affects mental health and will reflect how we care for our hearts.	Sycamore Class Year 3 & 4 Autumn 1 Why are we called Silchester?	
Computing E-safety - we will discuss social networking sites and features built into other platforms. Knowledge of computing - We will learn to navigate a blog and to understand that it can be updated from a range of devices. We will investigate a variety of blogs and discuss what would be appropriate on a class blog.	English We will firstly be reading <i>The Green Ship</i> by Quentin Blake and exploring the characters, setting and events within the story. We will develop our descriptive writing, using expanded noun phrases , carefully chosen vocabulary and conjunctions to add detail. We will use the story as inspiration for our own creative writing. In guided reading, we will read <i>The Wild Robot</i> by Peter Brown and <i>Cinnamon</i> by Neil Gaiman, developing our visualisation, retrieval and inference skills and identifying main ideas across a text. Kinesthetic letters will be practised daily and a taressted spelling lesson will occur weekly.	RE We will discover the meaning of identity and how Jews express the concept of identity at Purim . We will discuss the value of identity for their own lives and communities and describe how their identity affects theirs and others' lives.
Music The children will explore different rhythm patterns in different metres and will learn to read and compose their own grid notations. They will perform a 4-beat pattern and listen and respond to a song.	Spanish In Spanish, we will learn to follow basic classroom instructions and name items of classroom equipment in Spanish. We will also learn numbers to 100 in Spanish.	Art In Art, we will explore the work of Georgia O'Keeffe , and how she used colour, shape and scale to transform natural objects into works of art. We will experiment with colour mixing , different stays and shades , and how different brushes and painting techniques can create interesting textures and effects. We will then use these skills to create our own O'Keeffe-inspired artwork .

The learning overviews for each class can be access via our website or using this link: [download.asp](#)

English: Write or act out your own story based on any traditional tale of your choice... Think <i>Cinderella</i> , <i>Little Red Riding Hood</i> , <i>Rapunzel</i> ... Can you change a part of the story to make it a new one?	Art: Create your own artwork based on any season of your choice! Think carefully which media might work best... collage, paint, colouring pencil, chalk, charcoal...	Maths: 100 square partner game! One person covers their eyes and the other blocks out a few numbers on the 100 square. Can you spot what the numbers are? Swap! How many points can you get?	Art/Geography: Create our planet Earth! Be creative - think playdough, paper mache, junk modelling! Can you label the continents? The North and South Pole? The equator?	English: Can you write a poem all about the weather or a season?
Art: Can you explore making secondary colours using the primary colours? Can you make artwork based on this?	Year 1 Chestnut Class "Autumn 1 term" "Changes"			Geography: Design and draw a place where you would want to live. Is it hot or cold? What is the weather like? What do you have to wear?
Music: Can you make your own music to match the weather? What would it sound like for rain? What would it sound like for sun?	Science: Record the weather (including the weather symbols and temperature) every day for a whole week or more! When do you notice?	English: Read your favourite traditional tale. Can you act it out?	RE: What makes you feel protected? Think about people but also objects or clothing... Think about where and when you feel protected by them.	Maths: Write all the matching number bonds to 10 or 20 on squares of paper. Put them all out on the table and turn them all over. Can you find the matching pairs? Who can find the most?

Home Learning Grids

We value the important role that families play in supporting children's learning at home. In addition to regular reading, spelling practice, and use of TT Rock Stars or NumBots (children are being given their login details to send home), we also provide Home Learning Grids each term.

These grids offer a range of fun and engaging activities that enable children to extend and enrich their learning beyond the

classroom. There are no set expectations regarding how many activities should be completed; instead, the grids provide opportunities for you to support your child's learning in a way that works best for your family i.e. we won't suddenly expect you to make a castle and bring it in the next day! With a variety of activities to suit different interests and learning styles, families can choose when and how to complete them throughout the term. Any home learning shared with school will be celebrated and rewarded through praise, house points and stickers, recognising the effort and enthusiasm shown by our children.

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Let's Play!

As part of our Let's Play initiative to revitalise playtimes at Silchester, we are continuing to explore ways to make playtimes even more enjoyable, active and engaging for all children. We are delighted that our Year 6 pupils have begun training to become Play Leaders, supporting younger children and helping to create positive play experiences across the school. If you have not yet shared your views, there is still time to complete our survey. We would particularly love to hear from children too, as their ideas will help shape the future of play at Silchester. Thank you for your support!



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

Silchester School Play Survey



Open Days

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 far and wide about our Open Days!

Open Classrooms

We will be opening up classes after school on Thursday 17th September. If you are available, please pop in and pick up so that your child can show you their new classrooms and you can meet their teacher. This will be a super informal drop in but we hope that it will be a nice opportunity for all.



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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.







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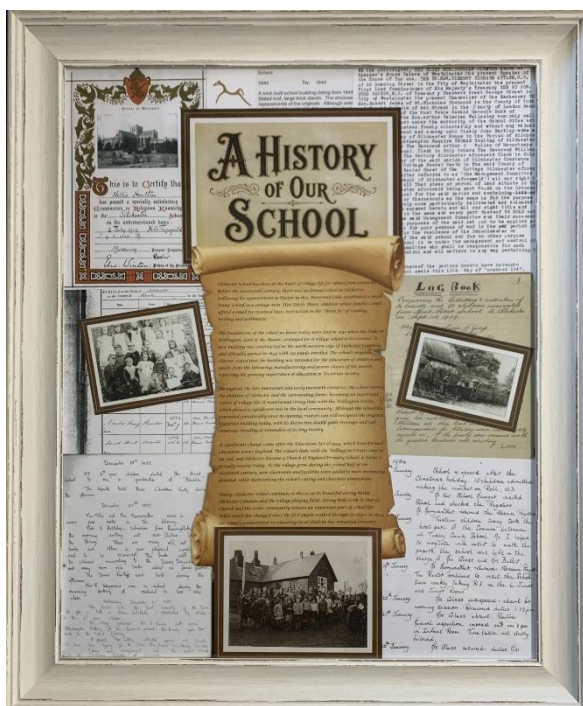
We're encouraging our children to take on their own personal running challenge setting themselves a goal, giving it a go and supporting one another along the way. Alongside this, on **Friday 2nd October**, our school will be part of the wider IronSAMS relay, with Batons of Hope travelling between schools as we play our part in help IronSam to complete a marathon.

It's about much more than running. It's an opportunity for our children to build resilience, encourage one another, celebrate what they can achieve and see the difference they can make when we work together. By taking part, your child will also be helping SAMS continue its work with children and young people in our local community — including the trusted relationships and support we provide within our schools.

Then on Saturday... The challenge moves to Tadley Common on **Saturday 3rd October** at 10am, where families and the wider community are invited to join us. You can take on your own running or walking challenge, fundraise for SAMS,

or simply turn up, take part and make a donation on the day. Whether you run a mile, walk a few laps or cheer from the sidelines — everyone is welcome.

One community. Two marathons. Thousands of steps. Endless hope.



Closer to the time, we will send out sponsorship forms, but please see the video below for more information as well as Silchester's fundraising page for SAMS.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zAC_sRNmb4

<https://sams-uk.org/silchester-ironsams-relay>

WOW Week for History

Calling any parents, grandparents or great-grandparents who were pupils at Silchester!

If you would be interested in visiting one of our classes during History WOW Week (19th-23rd October) to tell the children what school used to be like, please speak to Mrs Hammill or notify the school office – thank you!

PTA Update

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”



STOCK NEEDED

We need donations of
cardigans and jumpers -
26” or larger please

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.**

Lost uniform? We have the solution.....

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SILCHESTER PRIMARY PTA

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Every successful school has parents who show up.

Every child benefits when adults decide that *today*
is the day they get involved.

Join the **PTA.**

- ✓ Not because you have endless time.
- ✓ Not because you know exactly what to do.
- ✓ But because your presence matters.

ONE HOUR. ONE IDEA.

ONE MOMENT OF HELP.

— *That's how change begins.* —

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 Wednesday 16th September 8pm @ The Calleva Arms

Date Change

Future Events

Saturday 12th September – PTA Stall at Silchester Village Hall Centenary Day

Friday 23rd October (TBC) - Break the Rules Day

Christmas card design submissions – by Monday 21st September

6th November – Bag2School Collection

7th November – Silchester Fireworks

20th November – Non Uniform Day (for tombola donations)

Saturday 28th November – Christmas Fair & Market

Wednesday 2nd December -Christmas Wreath Making Evening

“Treat Tuesday”

***PTA ICE LOLLY SALE
EVERY TUESDAY
AFTER SCHOOL***



Christmas Card Design Key dates

Return design to school
by Monday

21st September

Order items by 7th
October



Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 16 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


SILCHESTER
 VILLAGE HALL
 Community
Centenary Celebration
 &
VILLAGE HALL OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 12 th SEPTEMBER	SUNDAY 13 th SEPTEMBER
10.30am – 4.30pm - Community group displays - Demonstrations - Tadley Band - Silchester Community Orchestra ...and much more, so save the date!	10.30am 100 YEARS OF SONGS OF PRAISE 11.30am THE STORY OF OUR HALL



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 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



CHILLZ YOUTH CLUB

Every Tuesday
@ The Point, RG26 4HN
Year 5 & 6 from 6.15pm to 7.30pm
Year 7 to 11 from 7.35pm to 8.50pm

Relax and hang out in a friendly space, where
 you can play pool, table tennis, air hockey
 and take part in fun activities! A great place
 to meet up with friends and make new!

Book online at
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Tadley & District Community Association, The Point, Tadley, RG26 4HN
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18th Sep | Bowling Basingstoke | 6pm - £3.50

20th Sep | Family Swim Basingstoke | 2pm - £3.50

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Applications for children transferring to secondary school in September 2027 are now open.



Applications can be submitted online, at
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>



The closing date is
midnight on 31st October 2026.

Please remember the following:



Name three schools on your application to maximise your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.



Submit your application on-time, before the 31 October deadline.



Use the County Council's school catchment area finder to check the catchment school for your address.



Read the school's admission policies to find out how many places are available and what criteria will be used to allocate places if the school is oversubscribed.



Think about how your child will get to school. See travel to school to help plan your journey and find out if you are eligible for help with transport.



You must name your catchment school(s) if you have one, as a preference if you wish to apply for travel assistance.



A bright future starts with the right choice!



OPEN EVENING 2026

Discover Life at The Hurst School

Thursday 1 October 2026

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Join us for our Open Evening and experience everything The Hurst School has to offer.

- ✓ Tour the whole school
- ✓ Meet students and staff
- ✓ Hear a presentation from the Headteacher
- ✓ Explore our facilities and curriculum
- ✓ Learn about opportunities beyond the classroom

**FREE TO ATTEND
NO PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED**

Can't Make the Evening?

- See the school in action during a normal school day
 - Enjoy a prefect-led tour
 - Meet a member of the Senior Leadership Team
- Open Morning dates will be published shortly.

For visits outside Open Morning sessions, call: 0118 981 7474

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We are a friendly, vibrant school with high expectations and aspirations for all members of our learning community.

Come along to our Open Evening, or register for an Open Morning, to discover more about our school.



willinkschool.org.uk



The Willink
Village School, Global Outlook

Open Evening

Thursday 17 September 2026
5:30pm – 8pm

Headteacher's presentation:
6pm & 7pm

Open Mornings

Daytime visits are available throughout the autumn term by appointment only, starting Monday, 21 September 2026. For more information and to book, please visit our website.

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