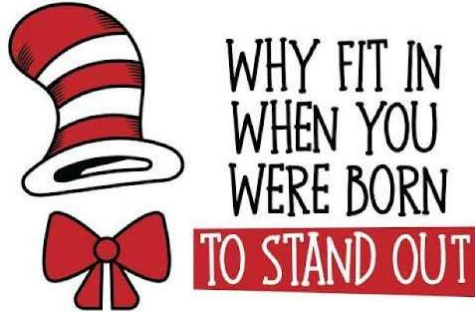




SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,



We all Belong at Silchester!

This term, our worships have a focus of 'belonging'. We want all of our children to know that they are valued; to experience a sense of belonging and psychological safety to enable them to be their true authentic, unique selves.

To demonstrate this, we have embarked in a whole school art project. Every child (and member of staff!) has decorated a wooden peg doll to represent themselves, elements of who they are and what is important to them. We plan to put them all together for a final photo!



**“True belonging doesn’t require us to change who we are;
it requires us to BE who we are.”**

Let's Play!

Many congratulations if you managed to make it to the end of the long Let's Play letter that went out this morning! I know that it was a lot of information to share at once, but we just wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of the rationale behind this new development.

As mentioned, there will be a collection box outside of school for the next few weeks should you have anything you'd like to contribute. As you will know with your own children, their interests may change over time, so we imagine that resources will be ever revolving! Therefore, any support now or in the future is always gratefully received.

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!





Compassion, Courage and Respect

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.





Autism Wellbeing Hub

Just a little signpost to some webinars & courses that may be of interest to some:

Rethinking Struggle, Expectations and Neurodivergence in Children

Tuesday 15th September, 7.00pm
Please click [here](#) for more info.

We Need to Talk About Talking. Communication in Autism and CBT

Tuesday 13th October, 7.00pm
Please click [here](#) for more info.

Autistic Thriving: A Family Wellbeing Course for Parents and Carers

For further details and to register your interest please see our [website](#)

IRON SAMS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE



2ND OCTOBER

Playground Marathon

3RD OCTOBER

Tadley Common Marathon



Find out more at sams-uk.org

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The Playground Marathon!

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

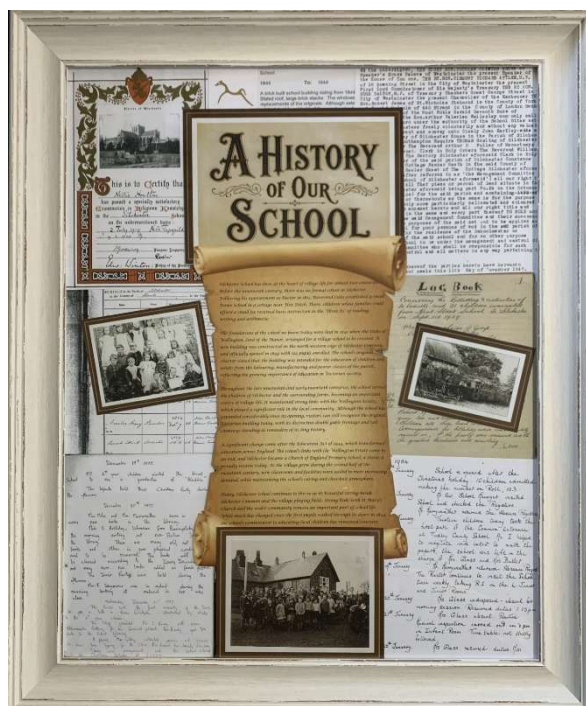
<https://sams-uk.org/silchester-ironsams-relay>

Please support Silchester by voting for our school in the Golden Book Box competition! Every vote gives us the chance to win 100 inclusive books for our library, helping to ensure all children can see themselves reflected in the stories they read. It only takes a moment to vote, and every vote really does make a difference. Thank you for your support! 📖 ✨

[IBC Golden Book Box](#) | [IBC](#)



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”

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.**

STOCK NEEDED

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

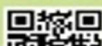
Lost uniform? We have the solution.....

We have teamed up with ‘Stikins’, meaning we can now earn 30% commission on all orders placed – just use our fundraiser number **17969**

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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)

Christmas Card Design Key dates

Return design to school
by Monday

21st September

Order items by 7th
October



“Treat Tuesday”

PTA ICE LOLLY SALE

EVERY TUESDAY

AFTER SCHOOL



Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
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



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
Rev'd 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
www.tadleycommunitycentre.org.uk

Tadley & District Community Association, The Point, Tadley, RG26 4HN
www.tadleycommunitycentre.org.uk
Charity No: 1198457





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Tuesday 22nd September

Tuesday 29th September

Tuesday 6th October

Tuesday 13th October

Tuesday 20th October

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Book online or contact me for more information:

Tel: 07912 658209

Email: soothingstrokesbabymassage@outlook.com

Web: www.soothingstrokesbabymassage.org.uk



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12th Sep | High Score Farnborough | 1pm - £5

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18th Sep | Bowling Basingstoke | 6pm - £3.50

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

26th Sep | Ice Skating Basingstoke | 3pm - £6.50

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For any further information contact Judo Paul

07867962627

judosouthernschools@gmail.com

The Hurst School Open Evening and Mornings

Open Evening (Years 5 and 6)

We are delighted to invite you to our Open Evening on Thursday, 1st October, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Come and explore the school, visit classrooms, and meet our dedicated teachers and enthusiastic students. Everyone is welcome—no booking required.

Open Mornings (Year 6 Silchester only)

Hurst Open Mornings, held during the school day, offer a chance to see the school in action, enjoy a prefect-led tour, and speak with a member of our Senior Leadership Team. This will take place on **Wednesday 14th October from 9:15am-10:15am**. You will need to book a place to attend the Open Morning. Please contact the school reception on 0118 981 7474.

If you can't make the Silchester Only one, others are available Tuesday, 6th October – Thursday 8th October. To reserve a space, for you and your child, on an Open Morning session, please follow this link: <https://Book on Y6 Open Morning>. Should you have any queries with booking, please kindly email: admissions@thehurst.school

Any children who attend this will of course receive authorised absence; however, we would be grateful if you'd let the office know so that we don't chase you with phone calls for their whereabouts!

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!



**THE HURST
— SCHOOL —**

Open Evening



Thursday, 1st October



6pm-8pm



Headteacher presentations at 6:15pm & 7:15pm

The Hurst School, Baughurst Road, Baughurst, Tadley, RG26 5NL
www.thehurst.school



The Willink School & Sixth Form

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.

School Lane, Burghfield Common, Berks. RG7 3XJ

office@willink.w-berks.sch.uk

0118 9832030

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