



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Today marks the halfway point of our first term. We are delighted with how the children have adapted to their new classes, settled into their new routines and are getting on with the business of learning! Well done to all of our parents also! The start of term often brings new challenges re-adapting to school routines and tired children – you are all doing brilliantly!

Social Media

Silchester School has joined the world of social media! Our recent post of staff turning back into their 'teaching ages' has reached over 60,000 views already!

We will use these platforms as a way to market the school and share photos and information about aspects of school life. Please feel free to give us a like/follow/subscribe/poke (whatever it is!) to see us if you want to.

In line with our social media policy and to protect people's privacy, we will only be posting photos of children's backs, hands, work etc. blur any faces and never reveal names. However, if you would be happy



for your child's face to appear on these accounts, we will be operating an 'opt in' consent form which can be accessed below:

[Social Media - opt in consent – Fill in form](#)



Harvest appeal

Help support your local food bank this Harvest

Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in our community.



Shopping list

Tinned Fruit
Tinned Veg
Tinned Meat
Tinned Spaghetti
Tinned Tomatoes
Cooking Sauces
Milk (UHT)
Fruit Juice (UHT)
Custard
Puddings
Crisps/Snacks/Treats
Toiletries

Harvest Festival

We will be having our Harvest Festival on **Thursday 1st October**. We've asked children to bring in donations that we will collate and send to the Basingstoke Food Bank. If children bring their donations in the morning, our captains will collect and collate in the hall in preparation for our Harvest Festival which will of course contain the traditional 'Cauliflowers Fluffy!'

Please see the attached shopping list from the foodbank should you be able to make a donation. It is so lovely to be able to act out compassion for our community in this way and by giving practical support to those who need it most.

07941336464

basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales 1154319



Ticks

Being a school in the forest brings many advantages to our children. However, with lots of deer and long grass around, there are also ticks about. Please see the safety poster for more information about what to do should you find one.

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!





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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.





COLLABORATION



RESOURCEFULNESS



REFLECTIVENESS



COMMUNICATION



RESILIENCE



INDEPENDENCE

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](#)

The Playground Marathon!

As per the separate email earlier this week, we will be taking part in the Playground Marathon with Sam next Friday.

Sam has put together a video about the challenge that he showed our children during a worship:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zAC_sRNmb4

All classes at Silchester will join Sam for part of his four miles around our playground. As Sam ends at Silchester, we're hoping to raise a crowd to cheer him over the finish line which will be on the **Silchester field around 3:20pm on Friday 2nd October**. If you're able to stay for a few minutes on that Friday to cheer him on and show your support - it would be greatly appreciated.

Please do sponsor your child if you're able using the following link:

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

It is a great charity that directly benefits the mental health and wellbeing offer from Silchester School as well as many other local children.

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.



IRON SAMS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

2ND OCTOBER
Playground Marathon

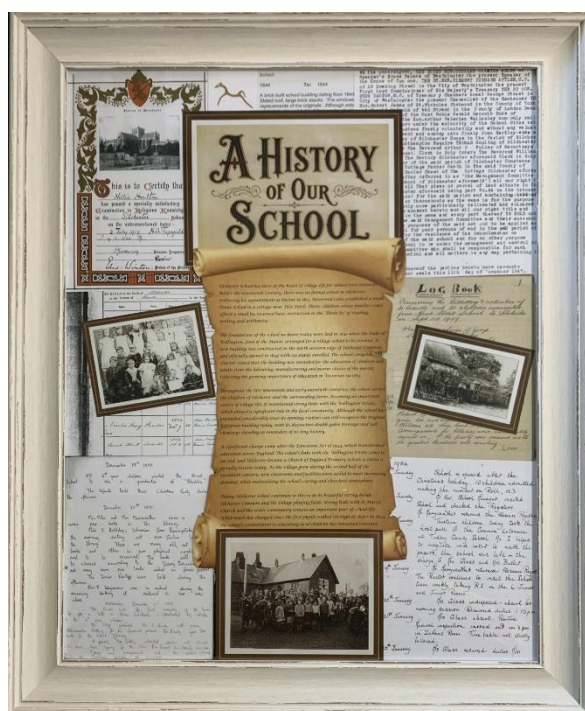
3RD OCTOBER
Tadley Common Marathon

Find out more at sams-uk.org

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



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!

Advanced Warning! To end our WOW Week, we will be inviting children to come into school dressed as a character from history on **Friday 23rd October**. This can be as a person from an historical time period e.g. Roman, Tudor etc. or a specific historical figure e.g. Queen Victoria, Christopher Columbus etc. We will then complete work with the children in the day about their costume and invite parents in to see our 'History Museum of Wax-Works!' at Friday pick up.

"Come dressed as a person from any period in history and help bring the past to life."



Silchester Historical Lecture

Families may be interested in an upcoming historical lecture, "*Silchester: Letting the Finds Tell Their Stories*", presented by renowned British archaeologist Professor Michael Fulford CBE at Silchester Village Hall.

With Silchester's rich Roman heritage right on our doorstep, this promises to be a fascinating event for anyone interested in local history and archaeology. The lecture is particularly relevant to our pupils in Sycamore Class, who explore the Romans and our local heritage as a key part of their History curriculum. Learning about the nationally significant archaeological discoveries made in Silchester helps bring their classroom studies to life and strengthens their understanding of the remarkable history of the area in which they live.

Tickets are £5, with free admission for under-16s. Please see the poster below for further details.

Preparing for PGL

Monday 28th September, 3:15pm – Year 6 PGL Parent Meeting

We will be holding a short meeting for Year 6 parents to share information about the upcoming PGL residential, including accommodation, activities, travel arrangements and what children will need to bring. PGL provides a fantastic opportunity for pupils to take part in a range of outdoor adventure activities, develop independence and confidence, and create lasting memories with their classmates. We look forward to seeing you there.



PTA Update

Pre-loved Uniform

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

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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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 4th November 8pm.

This is our AGM and will be held online to enable as many as

Future Events

Friday 16th October - Break the Rules Day

6th November – Bag2School Collection

7th November – Silchester Fireworks

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

Saturday 28th November – Christmas Fair & Market 3-6pm

Wednesday 2nd December -Christmas Wreath Making Evening

Children's Christmas Market – Wednesday 2nd December



"Treat Tuesday"

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



Treasurer Needed

The role mainly involves:

- Reconciling the PTA bank account
- Counting and banking money
- Liaising with the school office to arrange payments/donations to the school
- Reimbursing PTA members for expenses
- Completing Gift Aid claims

It's a really important role within the PTA, but don't worry if you haven't done anything like this before — we can support you and show you what's involved.

If you're interested or would like to know more, please get in touch.

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
Friday 16 th October	PTA Break the Rules Day
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
Friday 23 rd October	Historical Dress-Up for WOW Week to History Museum!
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
Friday 6 th November	Bags2School Collection
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 (for tombola donations)
Saturday 28 th November	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 30 th November	Flu Immunisations in school
Wednesday 2 nd December	PTA Children's Christmas Market
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
Revd Karen: revkarenw24@gmail.com



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BOOK TO START LESSONS THIS TERM!

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

ST GABRIEL'S NEWBURY

Whole School Open Morning - Saturday 3 October

Our open events are a perfect introduction to St Gabriel's and allow you to discover for yourself all that St Gabriel's has to offer.

Meet the staff; explore our facilities and beautiful grounds and speak with our Principal over coffee and home-made cakes. Our admissions team will also be on hand to answer any questions about applying for a place in the different areas of the school.

To book a place please use this link:

[St Gabriel's - Book Your Visit](#)

