



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

The Playground Marathon!

Enormous thank you for all of the donations we received for Support and Advocacy for Minds and Souls (SAMs) last week. Sam completed his marathon having to do an extra 7 miles around Silchester Playground before finishing on the field. He really appreciated all of the support and your children showed fantastic stamina with their running. It was so nice to see the determination they showed to keep going and the encouragement they gave to others.



PGL

This week, our Year 6 children enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to PGL, packed with exciting challenges and opportunities to learn new skills. Throughout the week, they took part in activities including climbing, abseiling, the giant swing, Jacob's Ladder, archery, street-surfing, paddleboarding and raft building. The courage and determination they showed were truly inspiring, with many children stepping well outside their comfort zones and achieving things they never thought possible. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another, working together as a team, developing their independence and growing in confidence with every challenge. They represented the school brilliantly throughout the trip, and we are incredibly proud of everything they achieved.



They will return home today, most likely happy, tired and loaded with washing! As soon as we have a confirmed ETA we will let parents know but it is likely to be around 4pm and you're welcome to meet them from the coach which will drop outside The Calleva.



Ellis the Author

Silchester is proud to present our very first published author! We are incredibly proud to celebrate Ellis, who has written, edited, published and even bound his very own book! His achievement is a fantastic example of creativity, perseverance and a real love of writing. The book is now available to borrow from our school library, where Librarian Lizzie has given it its own barcode and added Ellis to our library system as an official author. Children can now take the book home to read and enjoy for themselves.

What an amazing accomplishment for a young writer! We hope Ellis's success will inspire many more children to take their writing to the next level, share their stories with others and discover just how far their imagination can take them. Well done, Ellis – we can't wait to see what you write next!

🇬🇧 Break the Rules Day – Friday 16th October 🎉

Our PTA's popular Break the Rules Day is back on Friday 16th October! Children can enjoy bending a few school rules while helping to raise funds for the PTA. It costs £1 per rule broken, with a maximum of 5 rules (£5). Please send cash in with your child on the day to give to their teacher.

Rules that can be broken include:

- No school uniform
- Unhealthy snack
- Crazy hair
- Nail varnish
- Juice in lunchboxes
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We look forward to a fun-filled day and thank you for supporting our PTA! 😊



WOW Week for History

The final week before half term (19th – 23rd October) will be our first WOW Week of this year. Mrs Hammill has planned a memorable week of history-based activities including a visit from a real archaeologist and the chance for all children to touch and explore numerous historical artifacts.

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 Living Wax-Works!' from 2:45pm on Friday 23rd October.



PTA Update-09.10.26

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



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 possible to attend – to stand for committee roles and to vote in a new committee.

PTA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MARKET 2026

DONATIONS NEEDED!

A Much Loved Tradition for the
Children of Silchester Primary!

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

(During School Day)

MUM / FEMALE GIFTS



DAD / MALE GIFTS



CHILDREN'S GIFTS (Not Baby)



PET GIFTS



Donations: New or Good, Used Condition
(Be prepared to be gifted what you donated!)

DROPPING OFF DONATIONS

Car Boot open in Staff Carpark
(by School Office)

EVERY MON, TUE, THU, FRI
MORNING from

MON 12TH OCT

right through to

WED 2ND DEC.

Please place donations in the boot!



Silchester
Primary School

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE PTA!

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.....

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



STIKINS® Name Labels
SIMPLY STICK IN & STAY IN

Save Time & Money **Reduce Lost Property**

Quote Our Fundraising Number To Raise Funds For School
WWW.STIKINS.CO.UK

Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
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

SILCHESTER PLAYERS

AUDITIONS

GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS

ACTORS * DANCERS * SINGERS * BACKSTAGE CREW
Come along and meet us

Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 7:30pm
Silchester Village Hall – Main Hall

silchesterplayers.org

**BURGHFIELD COMMON
DRAMA CLASS**

PART 1: MONDAY 12th OCTOBER

**STAGEABILITY'S
FREE DRAMA DISCOVERY
EXPERIENCE, DESIGNED FOR
KIDS WHO LIKE TO WATCH
FIRST, AND THEIR PARENTS!**

**PART ONE: MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER AT THE WILLINK
6.50PM - 7.15PM**
PARENTS AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME AND SEE
OUR SPACE, WATCH A SHORT CLASS DEMO & MEET THE
TEACHERS AND CLASS MEMBERS.

**PART TWO: MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER AT THE WILLINK
5PM - 7.15PM**
CHILDREN, RETURN FOR A FREE TRIAL CLASS

Scan and book today. Just 10 places available
Ages 5-12

<https://pbbl.uk/stageability-dramadiscovery>



**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.



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with the right choice!**



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St Luke's Church, Pamber Heath, RG26 3DZ
9.30am to 11am

Tuesday 10th November
Tuesday 17th November
Tuesday 24th November
Tuesday 1st December
Tuesday 8th December

Only £75 (Booking essential)



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