



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Whilst keeping our school rules: "We are kind. We are safe. We are respectful" we enjoyed breaking other rules today! Thank you so much for entering into the spirit and raising some vital funds for our PTA.

We all belong at Silchester



Today was a classic example of how we can all embrace each other's authentic selves! As well as non-school uniform, we had rainbow unicorns, knights, gladiators, owls and princesses grace the school halls. The above photo is the culmination of our whole school project on belonging. Every child has made their own peg doll to represent their unique selves. We hope that it will be a reminder for our children that true belonging does not require us to change who we are but to be who we are.

School Photos

Just a little reminder that our individual school photos will take place on Monday 19th October. Every child will have their own photo taken by the photographer and these will then be available for you to purchase should you wish to do so.

If you have younger siblings, you'd like to be included in a photo, you are welcome to bring them in directly to Maple Class from 8:30am.



Building Works Update

As you will have seen, building works for school improvements have begun. The images below are to give you an idea of what it will all look like when complete. The first project is set to be complete during half term so we will be able to open up the playground for the children again. It is their plan that everything will be finished before Christmas and we can't wait to extend the play opportunities available at school. Thank you for your patience in the meantime.



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.

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 directly in through classroom doors to see our 'History Museum of Living Wax-Works!' from **2:45pm on Friday 23rd October**.



Parents Evenings

We will be holding our first Parents' Evenings during the first week back after half term. There will be two evenings running from **3:30pm – 6pm on Tuesday 3rd November and Thursday 5th November**. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher so that we can share how they are getting on in school and you can ask any questions.

Bookings are organised via the ScoPay app and the slots will come online on **Monday 19th October at 4pm**. If you have any trouble booking or would like to arrange an alternative appointment, please don't hesitate to ask at the office or speak directly with the class teachers.

Mrs Pulford (SENCO) will also be available for those evening so should you wish to discuss any SEN provision or concerns, you're welcome to make an additional appointment with her too. As she cannot be set up via ScoPay, please pop-in/phone or email the office should you wish to make a SEN appointment with Mrs Pulford.

Magical Maths

The children (and teachers!) enjoyed a fantastic visit from **Magical Maths**, taking part in engaging and exciting maths activities that sparked lots of enthusiasm and smiles. Following the success of the classroom sessions, Magical Maths will be launching a **6-week after-school club** at Silchester, packed with fun games, puzzles, challenges and mathematical activities designed to build confidence and enjoyment in maths. Leaflets have been sent home with details, and places can be booked directly through the Magical Maths website.

www.magicalmathsclub.com





Collection Friday 6th November

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Bag2School Collection bags are coming home. Please fill with any unwanted clothes and shoes. Additional plastic bags can also be filled.

Filled bags can be put under the right hand end of the bike shed from after half term, ready for collection on Friday 6th November.

Please be aware: bags left earlier are often unable to be collected as the contents get damp.

Future Events

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

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.



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**



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Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
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 Upton 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

AUTUMN WINTER MENU 2026 / 2027



MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY															
WEEK ONE 2/11, 23/11, 14/12, 18/1, 8/2, 8/3	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges (V)		 Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 		 Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy		 Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice 		Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce													
	Option Two	Soya Mince Lasagne (V)		Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice (VE)		Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (VE)		Quorn and Lentil Tikka Masala with Rice (VE) 		Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce (V)													
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)		Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)		Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)		Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)		Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)													
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers (V)		Apple Cake with Custard (V)		Fruit Medley (VE)		Jelly with Mandarins (VE) 		Syrup Sponge with Custard (V)													
WEEK TWO 9/11, 30/11, 4/1, 25/1, 22/2, 15/3	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges (V) 		 Spaghehetti Bolognese 		 BBQ Chicken, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa		Chicken and Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice 		Breaded Fish with Chips and Tomato Sauce													
	Option Two	Five Bean Chilli with Rice (VE) 		 Vegan Bolognese with Spaghehetti (VE)		Lemon and Herb Quorn, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa (VE)		Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice (VE) 		Cheese Whal with Chips and Tomato Sauce (V)													
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	Dessert	 Gingerbread Cookie (VE)		Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce (V)		 Fruit Salad (VE)		Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard (V)		 Vanilla Shortbread (VE)													
WEEK THREE 16/11, 7/12, 11/1, 1/2, 1/3, 22/3	Option One	 Macaroni Cheese (V)		 Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges		Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy		Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice		Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce													
	Option Two	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes (VE)		 Tomato Pasta (VE)		Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes with Gravy (VE)		Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges (V)		Red Pepper Frittata with Chips and Tomato Sauce (V)													
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	Dessert	Only Cookie (VE)		Pear Crumble with Custard (V) 		Fruit Salad (VE)		Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard (V)		Iced Sponge (V)													
AVAILABLE DAILY:												Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt											
												    MENU KEY: Plant based Whole grain Added plant protein Veggie											

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.