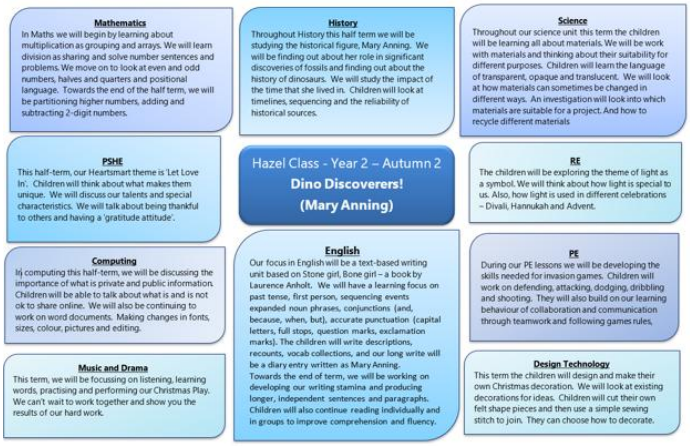
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SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

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. The learning overviews for each class can be **accessed via our website or using this link:** download.asp



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, 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. The home learning grids for each class can be **accessed via our website or using this link:** download.asp

Forest School Fun

During this week's Wellbeing Wednesday Forest School session, some of our older children worked alongside the younger pupils to build dens in the woods. It was wonderful to see them collaborating, sharing ideas and supporting one another as they created their shelters using natural materials. The activity helped to develop teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills, while also fostering positive relationships across different age groups.





Guy ~~Ariel~~ Fawkes!

This week, our children have been busy creating a Guy Fawkes for the bonfire at the Silchester Fireworks event taking place this weekend. Keep an eye out, as you may recognise him! In the spirit of recycling and creativity, the children transformed our much-loved Little Mermaid Scarecrow from the Scarecrow Trail into this year's Guy. The project has been a wonderful way for the children to work together, reuse materials and become part of a much-loved community tradition. We hope you enjoy spotting him on the bonfire!

Magical Maths

Our new after school Magical Maths Club will begin after school today. It looks incredible and spaces are still available. Should you like any further information, or to book a place for your child, please use the link below.

www.magicalmathsclub.com

Remembrance Day

On 11th November, we will be marking Remembrance Day with a special visit to the Silchester Memorial, where our Year 5 and 6 children will join a short service led by Reverend Karen and local ex-service personnel. We are particularly proud that our Worship Ambassadors will play an important role in the service by reading the names of the fallen. Parents are warmly invited to join us at the memorial stone from 10:45am, with the service including the National Two-Minute Silence at 11:00am. We are also selling poppies in school for any children who would like to make a donation and show their support for the work of the Royal British Legion.

Hampshire SEND Inspection – Have Your Say

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will be carrying out an inspection of Hampshire's Local Area SEND Partnership later this month. The inspection will look at how education, health and social care services work together to support children and young people aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). As part of this process, Ofsted is keen to hear directly from children and young people with SEND and their families, including those receiving SEN Support as well as those with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). If your child has SEND, we would encourage you to share your experiences by completing the questionnaire using the link below. Your views will help inspectors understand the strengths of local services and identify areas for further improvement.

Complete the Ofsted SEND questionnaire: Ofsted SEND questionnaire

PTA Update- 06.11.26

Future Events

7th November – Silchester Fireworks Glow Stall 5.30pm onwards at 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

Wednesday 2nd December - Children's Christmas Market

PTA Meeting Update

Thanks to everyone who attended the PTA AGM. It was great to celebrate the fundraising successes of the year, with an enormous £19,401 raised!

We have appointed more willing volunteers to the committee, with lots of new faces, and we're really looking forward to another fabulous year of fundraising.

Minutes of the AGM can be found on the school website from next week

If you would like to help with anything we have planned, or you have a new fundraising idea, please get in touch at silchesterpta.chair@gmail.com





SILCHESTER PTA SANTA'S GROTTO

It's nearly time for a little Christmas magic! ✨

This year's Silchester PTA Santa's Grotto will be taking place alongside our Silchester PTA Christmas Fair at Silchester School on Saturday 28th November.

🎟️ Tickets go on sale Monday!

✨ Pre-paid timed slots will be available from 3pm.

🎅 £5 per child, including a special little gift from Santa!

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Booking for siblings?

If you'd like a family session with multiple children, please select tickets within the same time slot and we'll happily accommodate you together.

If your preferred time slot is fully booked, please select tickets in the adjoining time slot and we'll do our best to keep your family together.

We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment!

We can't wait to welcome you all for some festive fun and Christmas magic!

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/silchesterschoolpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=125683


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!


SILCHESTER PTA
CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING
Evening
WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
FROM 7PM AT SILCHESTER SCHOOL
£45 PER PERSON
INCLUDES ALL THE MATERIALS AND HOT DRINK & MINCE PIE
TO SHOW INTEREST EMAIL
silchesterpta.chair@gmail.com
WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOLIC DRINKS ALONG
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE


Christmas Jumpers Required!
Christmas Jumper Sale at The Christmas Fair!
We are asking for GOOD quality donations!
From Tiny Elf to LARGE Santa sizes,
We need them all for our Fundraisers!
Please contact Bill on 07359162124 with your donation

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**



Upcoming Dates

DATE	EVENT
Saturday 7th November	Silchester Fireworks
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Service for Years 5 & 6
Thursday 12th – Friday 13th November	Year 5 Ufton Court Residential
Tuesday 17th November	Drama Workshops in school
Friday 20th November	PTA Non-Uniform Day (for tombola donations) JRSOs – Your time to shine!
Saturday 28th November	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 30th November	Flu Immunisations in school
Wednesday 2nd December	PTA Children's Christmas Market
Wednesday 2nd December	18:30 – PTA Wreath Making
Tuesday 8th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal for the rest of school
Wednesday 9th December	9:15am - Year 1/2 Nativity Performance for Parents
Thursday 10th December	2:15pm - Year 1/2 Nativity Performance for Parents
Friday 11th December	2:30pm - Ladybirds Christmas Show
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 16th December	2:30pm - Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 17th December	Silchester School Carol Concert – with choir and band
Friday 18th 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 really great weekend with extra warmth and safety at the fireworks! I look forward to welcoming you back at the gate on Monday.

Rachel Moir

Rachel Moir
Head of School



AUTUMN WINTER MENU 2026 / 2027

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feeding the imagination

		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)**	Spaghetti Bolognaise	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 Bolognaise with Spaghetti **(VE)**	Lemon and Herb Quorn, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa **(VE)**	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice **(VE)**	Cheese Whirl 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	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)**
	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	Oaty Cookie **(VE)**	Pear Crumble with Custard **(V)**	Fruit Salad **(VE)**	Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard **(V)**	Iced Sponge **(V)**

MENU KEY:

- Whole grain
- Plant based
- Added plant protein
- **(VE)** Vegan
- **(V)** Veggie

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

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.