

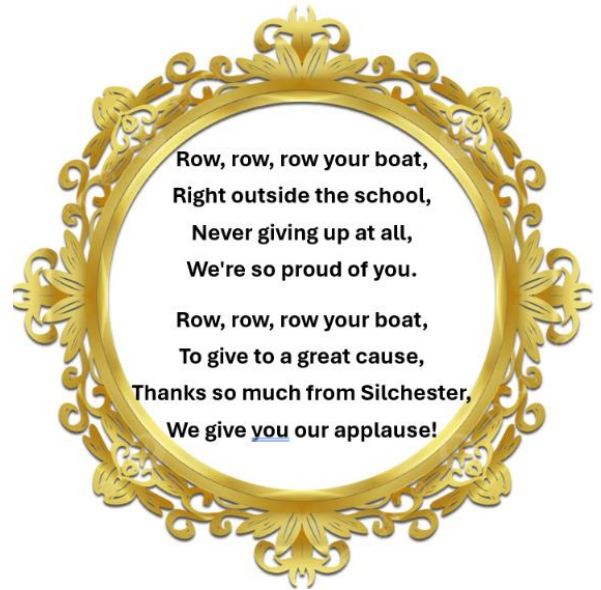


SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Well the last day of this term couldn't have started any nicer than a surprise assembly to celebrate Dave's marathon row! After 30 gruelling mornings, he has managed to raise around £2000 for the PTA and Cancer Research UK. Thanks to all of you for your support, encouragement and donations, and an enormous thank you to him and Lara from all of us.



Year 6 Cake Sale

Oak Class's cake sale was extremely popular at play time! Do not worry, they have plenty left over to sell outside after school today.

Should you wish to purchase on your way home, please bring some pennies to spend at their enterprise.

Thanks to all of the year 6 parents for stocking their shop.

Curriculum Summer 1 Term Update

Mrs Dowling says...

Wow what a half term! It might have been small but we have squeezed in so much!

Wildlife week, having fun creating silhouettes, learning about Egypt, creating our own special clothes, thinking about how we have changed, writing sentences, so much water play and finally our Italian week!

We have progressed so much with our reading and writing. I am so proud and can't believe we are heading into our final term!



Miss Dodson says...

This half term has been short but sweet and as packed as ever. Our topic has been all about Influential People, so we've learnt about varying people, from Greta Thunberg to different queens who ruled our country! We've also really enjoyed the sunnier weather and have managed to use our outdoor area well 😊 P.S. We hope you enjoy the fruit salads – we wrote some excellent instructions before making them!



Mrs Hunter and Mrs Rolph say...

We have had fun in Hazel Class in this short half term. Our main English learning was based around the lovely book *The Barnabus Project*, which is all about a small creation who finds out he is a 'failed project'. We had a lot of good discussion about perfection, resilience, collaboration and learning

from others. We designed, created and described our own 'failed projects' and had fun entering our descriptions into an ai picture creator, with great results. Our Geography settlement learning saw us learning about the UK, counties, cities and the village of Silchester. We made our own settlement maps. Science has been a learning journey about animals including humans – life cycles, growing, skeletons, exercise and nutrition. We even designed and made our own smoothies! What a busy 5 weeks!



Mrs Cook and Mrs Forrester say...

Wow, what a busy half term it has been in Year 4. We have learnt about The Anglo – Saxons and had a go at writing Anglo – Saxon Kennings. We became really good at deciphering their riddles. During our Anglo – Saxon topic we also had a go at making wattle and daub walls – it was very messy!



We have had a really adventurous half term – we have been swimming every week and improved our swimming skills. We have also had a brilliant time in Forest school – we have built dens in the woods, made 'stew' in the mud kitchen and made swings in the trees. Some of our favourite things were making obstacle courses, playing hide and seek in the woods and the hot chocolate we had afterwards.





Mrs Pulford says...

Wow we seem to have packed a lot into this half term! Well done Year 5 for working so hard. In English, our writing this half term has been based on the book *Holes*. We have enjoyed reading and talking about the text and making our own inferences and predictions. We have also had a lot of fun creating our own versions of Camp Green Lake and used formal language to create brochures. Based on the text 'Real-Life Dragons', we have also written and created some interesting and beautifully presented lizard information sheets. In Maths, we have continued to build on our knowledge of fractions and formal methods of multiplication and have used angle facts to calculate missing angles.

We also enjoyed walking to Silchester Farm with our Year 1 buddies where we met Van and the farm animals. In Geography, we have learnt about all about the physical features of hot deserts and how animals have adapted to living there. In science, we have learnt about human development and how we change as we get older. In DT, we designed and made boxes to keep things cold and learnt how to gazpacho soup.

Miss Dadral says...

What a half term year 6 have had! From showing true passion in when creating inspiring speeches about microplastics to showcasing true resilience when revising.

I am incredibly proud of our Year 6 students for completing their SATs. From the very beginning, they have shown such dedication and perseverance, putting in consistent hard work and staying focused through every step of the journey. Their determination and positive attitude in the lead-up to the tests were truly inspiring. Now that the SATs are behind them, it's wonderful to see their excitement as they turn their attention to preparing for their end-of-year showcase. They've earned this time to shine creatively and celebrate everything they've achieved this year.

Enjoy your half term year 6! You deserve it!



Sports Day

We are aiming to have our Sport's Day on Friday 13th June (with 20th as a reserve in case of bad weather). It will take on a similar style to last year – the whole school will come out onto the field for the races in the morning and then all are invited to join us for a family picnic on the field for lunch. We'll then take the children back into school for the afternoon.

More details to follow nearer the time – but advanced warning in case this makes family admin easier!

WOW Week for Spirituality

Our first week back after half term will be another one of our WOW Weeks! This time, it is a...

WOW Week for Spirituality

Spirituality is the concept that we are all part of something bigger than ourselves. There is more to life than just what we experience on a daily basis with our senses. Spirituality is having a sense of awe, wonder and curiosity. It is caring for other living things, appreciating love and nature, and listening to our quiet, inner voice.

Spirituality can be experienced as the 'glimmers' we get through connection:

- Connection with Ourselves,
- Connection with Others,
- Connection with Beauty, and
- Connection with Beyond.

Spirituality is a core component to 'living life in all its fullness,' as the mind, body and soul all need to be nurtured. It relates to the fundamental questions about the meaning and purpose of life which affect everyone and may, or may not, be linked to a religious belief.

Throughout the week, children will be having a 'Wonder Wander', experiencing a labyrinth walk with the visiting Peaceful Paths Project and we will be creating a whole school paper chain to demonstrate what we've learnt about connection. All of this week, visitors and resources, are funded by our School PTA and help to enrich the experiences we are able to offer.

The children's work will be on display in the hall after school on Friday 6th June. Please do pop in to visit our "Spirituality Gallery!"

Upcoming Key Dates

Wednesdays 23/4, 30/4, 14/5, 11/6	Year 4 Forest Schools Sessions
Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May	Half Term Holiday
Friday 6 th June	Bags2School Collection
Friday 6 th June	3:15pm – Spirituality Gallery
Friday 6 th June	Silchester's Got Talent!
Friday 13 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral
Thursday 19 th June	Drama Workshop (Ladybirds, Chestnut & Hazel)
Friday 20 th June	Back-up Sport's Day (in case of bad weather)
Friday 27 th June	Shuffle Up Day
Friday 4 th July	PTA Inflatables Fun Day
Friday 11 th July	PTA Rainbow Run
Tuesday 8 th July and Wednesday 9 th July	Year 6 Production (6pm)
Tuesday 15 th July	M&M Productions – Treasure Island (PTA funded)

Wednesday 16 th June	Year 6 Leavers Party
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Trip to Paulton's Park
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Service in school 9am (parents welcome)
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of School
Amazon Wish List	https://amzn.eu/diet9uj
INSET DAYS 2025/2026	Wednesday 3 rd September, Thursday 4 th September Monday 5 th January, Monday 23 rd February Wednesday 22 nd July

I hope that you and your families have a great half term holiday together.

Looking forward to seeing you all again the following week.

Rachel Moir

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Head of School



**SILCHESTER
PTA
NEEDS
YOU!!!**

The PTA's purpose is to fundraise through fun activities and events to further improve the learning environment and opportunities for our children.

Every parent is automatically a PTA member but we are always looking for new committee members to help organise and run our fundraising events.

If you'd like to join us please chat to us at the Parent Welcome evening, get in touch via our Facebook page or email

silchesterpta.chair@gmail.com