



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

### Year 6 SATs

We are all so incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and team this week. They have all approached their SATs with maturity and encouraged each other throughout. What a wonderful group of children they are! It was a delight to see them all enjoying their post-SATs celebrations complete with new leavers hoodies which they are welcome to wear to school now instead of their school jumpers if they wish/the weather allows!



**YEAR 6**  
**BAKE SALE**  
**Fundraiser**

**FRIDAY 23rd MAY**  
**in school during break**  
**&**  
**after school**



**All cakes 50p/£1**

### Year 6 Cake Sale

Thoughts turn now to their end of year performance, leavers service preparations and of course end of term parties and proms.

With that in mind, please see the information below about a fundraiser idea they'd like to put into practice on 23<sup>rd</sup> May (last day before the half term holidays).

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Year 6 will be holding a bake sale to raise funds for their leavers party.

The sale will take place in school during break time & after school (outside the Y6 classroom). Cakes will cost 50p/£1.

All items will be nut free and there will be gluten free & vegan options available.

If you wish to donate items for the sale, please drop them off to Y6 during Friday drop off.



## Forest Schools

Sycamore Class have been loving their Forest School sessions this term.

They've been off adventuring into the woods, created dens and exploring the wonders of nature together.

Here's a couple of photos so that you can see what they've been up to:

## Walk to School Week

We shall be taking part in the Walk To School Week next week - starting 19<sup>th</sup> May.

It is a national event although, ours is directed by Hampshire with the aim is for each child to walk safely to and from school - where possible.

We shall send out a flier to parents, so they know what is going on.

The JRSO's and I will lead an assembly in school on Monday 19th May. (It'll recap what we have already shared with the children this year.)

The children will all be given a certificate at the end of the week. Everyone will have a certificate even if they have not walked to school - it'll save parental stress. It also means we don't need to specifically record who does and who doesn't walk to school. They all walk through the school gate and in their doors so that counts.

**WALK to SCHOOL WEEK 2025**

*Designed by  
Amelia and Amelia  
from All Saints  
Junior School*

**Your school is supporting  
'Walk to School Week'  
Monday 19 May - Friday 23 May**

**How can I help?**

- Walk with your child and discuss potential hazards such as driveways, junctions, parked cars and bends
- Work out together the safest route even if this involves a slightly longer journey
- Let your child suggest places to cross and discuss their choice
- Practice the green cross code on your way to and from school - reminding them to stop, look, listen and think

**I don't have time to walk!**

- Park the car some way from the school gates and walk the last part of the journey
- Try to find time to walk with them once during the week
- Your child will qualify for a certificate if either option is taken

**What are the advantages of walking?**

- The chance to teach important road safety skills
- The chance to learn about the local environment
- A chance for a chat about the day
- Less congestion at the school gate
- A healthier way to start the day

Stay alert when you cross the road  
Always think of "stop, listen, look, think"  
Find your way carefully across the road  
Exit the road calmly and safely  
So Bright Be Safe

# SILCHESTER'S GOT TALENT

## Friday 6th June 2025

Doors 5.30pm, show starts 6pm in the School Hall

Can you sing, dance, act, tell jokes, juggle, perform magic tricks, play a musical instrument, recite a poem, do keepy uppies, do gymnastic tricks, or any other amazing talent?

**Then you need to enter Silchester's Got Talent!**



**Only  
£2 per  
person to  
enter!**



**Limited  
spaces!  
Open to all  
year groups!**



**Food stall,  
bar and tuck  
shop will be  
open!**

Entry forms are available from the School Office.

Please return the form and £2 entry fee (per person) to the PTA via the School office in a sealed envelope by **Friday 23rd May**.

Limited spaces. Strictly first come first served basis. We will not be able to accommodate any late entrants after 23rd May.

(No unsupervised children allowed to spectate.  
'Silchester's Got Talent' is only open to Silchester School pupils.)

### Bioblitz

If you are free and able, please do pop into Silchester Village Hall this Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May between 10am and 4pm. Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust are doing a spot check survey of the animals and plants around Silchester and they need volunteers to join in. No knowledge is needed! You can collect a spotter sheet from the village hall or take photos of what you find for the experts to identify. It is an important piece of research that will contribute to the preservation of our special community.

Also, there will be an exhibition of the children's wildlife art so you can see what they've contributed.

### Silchester's Got Talent

The eagerly awaited Silchester's Got Talent will back on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Those children wanting to perform have had the opportunity to bring home an entry form and there are spares in the school office.

It is a hugely popular event – some children have already been practicing in the playground! Therefore, to ensure that the talent does not go on until midnight – spaces will be limited.

Please ensure that anyone wishing to enter returns their form and entrance fee before the half term holiday.

If last year is anything to go by... we are in for a treat!

Many thanks to Holly and Florence for taking on the organisation.

## Silchester School Garden Wildlife Exhibition

in the Club Room from 11am to 3pm  
on Saturday 17th May



## Dave's Rowathon!

For as long as Dave keeps rowing, I will keep this section in the newsletter! Huge thanks to everyone who has supported him either via donations or words of encouragement. What a trooper!

He only has one more week to go! So if you're able to add any additional donations – it'd be great to raise his total before the end.

[30 Rowing Marathons in 30 Days x | Wonderful.org](#)



## Upcoming Key Dates

Wednesdays 23/4, 30/4, 14/5, 11/6	Year 4 Forest Schools Sessions
Thursdays 24/4, 1/5, 8/5, 15/5, 22/5	Year 4 Swimming Lessons
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May – 10am-4pm	Bioblitz – Silchester Nature Survey at Village Hall
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 1 and Year 5 Trip to Silchester Farm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May – 6pm	New EYFS Parents Welcome Meeting
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 Cake Sale in school and after school
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term Holiday
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Bags2School Collection
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Silchester's Got Talent!
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Drama Workshop (Ladybirds, Chestnut & Hazel)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Back-up Sport's Day (in case of bad weather)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Shuffle Up Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Inflatables Fun Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Rainbow Run
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production (6pm)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	M&M Productions – Treasure Island (PTA funded)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Leavers Party
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Trip to Paulton's Park
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Service in school 9am (parents welcome)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of School
Amazon Wish List	<a href="https://amzn.eu/diet9uj">https://amzn.eu/diet9uj</a>
INSET DAYS 2025/2026	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September, Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January, Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

I hope that you and your families have a great weekend, and I look forward to seeing you at the gate again on Monday.

*Rachel Moir*

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