



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

### VE Day Celebrations

Thursday this week was a joyful celebration of peace to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. The children and staff (with special award to Mrs Phillips!) looked great in their red, white and blue. We held a worship complete with the two-minute silence and blessing from Reverend Karen. We all then sang out to 'We'll meet again', before having a whole school picnic on the field. The children were respectful throughout and as you can see from the below, much fun was also had!



### Census Day Menu Change

Please note that there is a slight change to the menu on Thursday next week. We would like to encourage as many children as possible (especially all those in KS1) to order a school lunch this day as funding is allocated accordingly.

### Census Day Menu

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

**Beef Burger in a Bun  
or  
Vegan Burger in a Bun**

**With Chips, Sweetcorn and Baked Beans**

**Icecream, Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt**




## Year 6 SATs

Next week, our Oak Class will be sitting their SATs. We are all so incredibly proud of the way they have worked and approached this year. As we are fully aware, these tests only measure one thing on one day and should not be a cause of additional pressure or anxiety. As the poster reminds us, there are many much more important aspects of school life and character that really do matter!

Every morning, they are invited to come to school early from 8am where we will provide them with a breakfast and chill time before they begin. On Friday, they will be having a party to celebrate where all donations of food for a picnic will be gratefully received!

## 30 THINGS A STANDARDIZED TEST CAN'T MEASURE



*Resilience* **Passion** *Strength*  
**Compassion** *with* **Faith**  
*a sense of humor* *Intuition*  
**KINDNESS** **self-esteem**  
*intelligence* **motivation**  
**Courage** **MORALS** *fortitude*  
**empathy** *Work Ethic*  
**PERSONALITY** **Determination**  
*Diligence* **COMMON SENSE** *manners*  
*Physical Fitness* **Grit** **Ingenuity**  
*creativity* **CHARACTER**  
*a love of learning*  
**Effort** **Life Skills**

## 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 today 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'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.)

# Silchester School Garden Wildlife Exhibition

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



## Bioblitz

If you are free and able, please do pop into Silchester Village Hall on 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.

## 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!

[30 Rowing Marathons in 30 Days x | Wonderful.org](https://www.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
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole Class Photographs
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May – 10am-4pm	Bioblitz – Silchester Nature Survey at Village Hall
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
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	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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