



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

Well hasn't it been nice to have such lovely weather this week. The children have really enjoyed spending much more time outside and we hope that you have too!

### **Baby Chicks come to Silchester!**



This week, the children in Chestnut and Hazel Class had some very cute little visitors! Ruth Allen kindly brought in her baby chicks to show the children and everyone willing got to have a little hold too. As well as bringing cuteness and delight to the children, this fitted in perfectly with their science topics of animals including humans, and offspring, growth and lifecycles. Many thanks to Ruth for this fantastic experience.

### **Spreading Compassion!**

Our year 4 and year 5 Compassionate Researchers have been busy! They are working hard to help bring a positive contribution to our community. This week, they delivered over 60 small packets of wildflower seeds to some of our local residents. They were polite, respectful and loved every moment of it! The sun shone and it was a great opportunity to share our Silchester compassion.

Now, we just have to keep our fingers crossed the seeds flower!



### **Finn Edwards - Update**

You may remember that before the Easter holidays, we shared that our very own Finn was raising money for Cancer Research. His story and link are below.

*I have been growing my hair for a few years, but I have decided to cut it off to raise money for Cancer Research UK.*

*Last year my mum found out she had breast cancer and has been having treatment ever since. Please help me raise money for Cancer Research so that doctors can find more ways to cure cancer. Without the research my mum would still be sick.*

*Thank you, Finn.*

[Richard Edwards is fundraising for Cancer Research UK](#)

We wanted to let you know that he has smashed his target of £300 and now raised £2,965 (plus £701.25 in Gift Aid). It is an incredible achievement, and we are all very proud of him. Enormous thanks to everyone who contributed and to Ellie for donating his awesome haircut. Finn had enough hair to donate to The Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children with cancer – what a legend!



**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](#)





## VE Day Celebrations

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May marks 80 years since VE Day. This is being celebrated in several ways as a Silchester Community.

Church	Village	School
		
<p>As a church – there will be a special Songs of Praise service on the village green starting at 11am.</p> <p>The hymns will be accompanied by Tadley Concert Brass and be a fun occasion for us all to sing out loud together!</p>	<p>As a village... there will be a street party on Silchester Playing field this <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>.</p> <p>Everyone is invited to bring their own picnic (or order one from the pop-up). There will be classic cars, military vehicles, several stalls, activities and a bouncy castle.</p>	<p>As a school... Your children are invited to come into school on <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> wearing <b>red, white</b> and/or <b>blue</b> clothes. (No worries if you forget as school uniform meets the criteria anyway!) We will be celebrating by learning some war songs and having a <b>whole school picnic</b> on the field over lunchtime. Our school kitchens will be providing a picnic lunch for anyone who orders school dinners so all children can be involved. (Year 4 will be swimming in the afternoon as normal.)</p>

## 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
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – School Street Party – please can children come to school in <b>red, white and/or blue</b> clothes.
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
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
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 and extra-long weekend due to the bank holiday.

I look forward to seeing you at the gate again on Tuesday.

*Rachel Moir*

Rachel Moir  
Head of School

# BEAVERS



## Scouts

Pamber Heath



### Age 6-7?

Pamber Heath Scout group is excited to relaunch Beavers and would love to hear from families interested in enrolling their children. Please contact us by emailing [development@hampshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:development@hampshirescouts.org.uk) to express your interest.

### Can you lend a hand?

If you're interested in volunteering to support our group, we welcome your help! Contact us at [volunteer@hampshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@hampshirescouts.org.uk) to find out more



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