



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families of Silchester,

Welcome Back! It has been lovely to see all of the children back in school this week and our WOW Week to Science has been a fantastic way to start the term.

WOW Week to Science

It has been lovely to see the children excited by and engaged with lots of scientific exploration this week. Under the themes of plants, air, light & shadows and chemical reactions the children have investigated scientifically and seen the importance of understanding the world around us. In 'plants', children have grown their own cress, planted bulbs into class planters and investigated the effects of water absorption in flowers by changing their colours. In 'air', children have made paper aeroplanes, parachutes and cannons to investigate how air moves and how it can be harnessed. In 'light and shadows', they have made shadow puppets and tracked the movement of the earth via the movement of shadows throughout the day to investigate how light travels and can be blocked. In 'chemical reactions', the children have had loads of fun making their own potions, bubbles and slime to investigate how the different properties of chemicals can interact to cause a reaction.



All in all, it has been a successful and fun week of learning! Enormous thanks go to Mrs Forrester for organising, the PTA for resourcing, and the STEM Ambassadors at AWE for exploring the world of aerodynamics with our Year 5s and 6s. As ever, too many photos for a newsletter! So please see the attached montage accessed via:

[wowsciencemontage_20250228120721924.pdf](#)

Learning Overviews and Home Learning Grids

As it is the start of a new term, that means new topics in school. Therefore, I am pleased to share our Learning Overviews and Home Learning Grids with you. I hope that you enjoy seeing what the children will be learning about in their classes this year and that you find plenty of Home Learning ideas on the grid that will help to engage and support your children's learning at home. These documents are also published on our website under the 'Parents' tab.

The Home Learning Grids for the whole school can be found at the following link:

[Home Learning Grids - Spring 2 25-58988_20250228100228735.pdf](#)

The Learning Overviews for Spring 2 for the whole school can be accessed via this link:

[Whole School Learning Overviews - Spring 2 25-10008_20250228100301727.pdf](#)

Parents Meetings

Many thanks for your understanding in having to postpone the planned parents' meetings this week. I know that the teachers are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your children and their learning. We have rearranged our Parents Meetings for:

Monday 3rd March and Thursday 6th March

The plan is for everyone to keep to the same slots you had originally booked. The sign-up sheets will be back in the windows again, but if you need to change your appointment, please don't hesitate to speak to the class teachers to rearrange. In the future, we will investigate purchasing an electronic booking system to drag us out of the dark ages and make this process less painful! In the meantime, thank you for your patience and understanding, the important thing is that you get the chance to hear how your children are getting on at school and share time with their teachers.



World Book Day

Next Thursday 6th March is World Book Day! As such, Mrs Dowling has been busy planning some exciting activities to engage our children in the wonderful world of reading. Please see her message below:

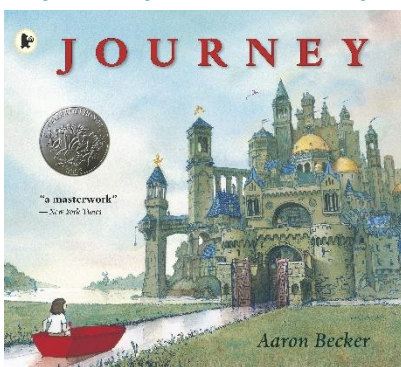
Dear Parents,

World Book Week is soon to be upon us so here are some of the upcoming dates and times and information you will need.

*After school **today**, we will be having a **costume sale** that may help you to make World Book Day a little easier! Please do come to the school hall after school to have a look. As way of a pre-warning, we have not received many donations, so if you have any old costumes, you'd like to get rid of, please feel free to just bring them along too – every little helps!*

*On **Thursday 6th March**, your child is invited to come to school in either their favourite pyjamas or their favourite book character (please bring that book too!). We shall have a **costume parade** on our main playground first thing so please hang around after drop off to watch, clap and cheer!*

*On **Friday 7th March** we are also lucky enough to be receiving some **Quidditch** lessons from Curveball coaching. Every class will be invited out to attend a session. So please, can everyone wear **PE Kit on Friday**-perhaps bringing spare shoes as the field is likely to be very muddy. We are all very excited!*



The whole school will be studying the wordless story book 'Journey', and each class will be creating some writing and artwork which will be displayed in the hall for you to come and share with your child after school. This will be taking place in the hall on Friday 7th March straight after school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Coin Wars!

The PTA's Coin Wars are in full swing! The children have been adding to their bottles and enjoying the spy craft and espionage! This will continue throughout next week, so children are welcome to bring in their old pennies to add the pot. The PTA will count the coins after next week and we will announce the victorious class!



Lost and Found

A set of keys with both car and house keys on have

been handed in to the office having been found on the playing field.

If you, or anyone you know, has lost some keys, please come to the school office to collect.

Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday 25 th – 7 th March	PTA Coin Wars!
Friday 28 th February	Pre-loved costume sale – in prep for World Book Day
Monday 3 rd March and Thursday 6 th March	Parents Meetings
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day – dress up as a book character (if you want!)
Friday 7 th March	Quidditch Tournament! – ALL to school in PE kits please
Monday 10 th March	Tennis Taster Day – ALL to school in PE kits please
Tuesday 11 th March	Hazel Class Stone Age Day
Tuesday 11 th March	8pm – PTA @ The Calleva
Monday 17 th March and Tuesday 18 th March	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 21 st March	Cricket Taster Day – ALL to school in PE kits please
Friday 28 th March	School Disco run by the PTA
Thursday 3 rd April at 2:15pm	Sycamore Class (Year 4) Easter Worship Performance
Friday 4 th April at 9:15am	Sycamore Class (Year 4) Easter Worship Performance
Amazon Wish List	https://amzn.eu/diet9uj

I hope that you and your families have a great weekend together. I will look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Rachel Moir

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Head of School



Silchester School PTA

SAVE THE DATE

We've got lots going on so don't forget to add these dates to the diary so you can join in the fun!

14th Feb – Break the Rules Day! Come to school with coloured hair, temporary tattoos or in your pyjamas! £1 donation for each rule broken (up to 5 rules).

25th Feb to 7th March – Coin Wars! Bring in your copper coins and fill up you class bottle to win the battle!

28th March – Easter Discos. YR, 1, 2 & 3 3:15-5:00. Y4, 5 & 6 5:30-7:00. Tickets available through the PTA website from 7th March (volunteers required)

17th May – Family Evening. Save the date for a family barn dance/disco/music event with BBQ. Stay tuned for more details.

6th June – Silchester's Got Talent. TBC

4th July – Children's Inflatable Fun Day. During school hours (no donation required)

11th July – Rainbow Run. TBC

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for more info
www.pta-events.co.uk/silchesterschoolpta/index.cfm
www.facebook.com/groups/ptasilchesterschool



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