



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you! I do hope that term has started well for your families and that 2025 is a good year for us all. Your children have returned to school brilliantly and we have loved hearing about their Christmas Holidays.

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 engage and support your children’s learning at home. These documents are also published on our website under the ‘Parents’ tab and accessed via the following links:

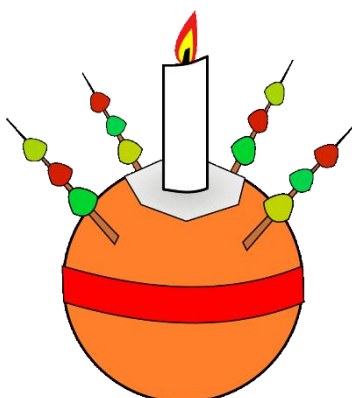
[Whole School Learning Overviews - Spring 1 25-2060_20250110102640773.pdf](#)

[Home Learning Grids - Spring 1 25-95190_20250110102551225.pdf](#)

PE Days Spring Term

As mentioned in the newsletter before Christmas, there is a change to the children’s PE days as shown below. Whilst some classes have two days and others one, this does not mean that children are getting unfair amounts of PE. We teach two foundation subjects during the afternoon and two per week are dedicated to PE. Some teachers prefer to teach a whole afternoon of PE (two slots in one afternoon) whereas others prefer to do their sessions separately. All children will continue on the same learning journey for the PE curriculum covering two disciplines per term as normal.

Class	PE Days
Ladybirds Class (YrR)	Thursday
Chestnut Class (Yr1/2)	Monday
Hazel Class (Yr2/3)	Tuesday
Sycamore Class (Yr4)	Tuesday and Friday
Beech Class (Yr5)	Wednesday and Thursday
Oak Class (Yr6)	Monday



Silchester School Christingle – a joyful celebration of hope

This afternoon your children will be bringing home a Christingle that we are making in school (hopefully with sweets still attached!) The children will be working with different classes to make their Christingles and then Reverend Karen will be leading our worship. Hopefully they will be able to share what each part represents and may even give you a chorus of ‘This Little Light of Mine!’ Many thanks to Reverend Karen, Mary Viney, Mrs Rolph and St Mary’s Church for providing this occasion for the children.



School Choir


Our School Choir is continuing this year and they are looking for new members. The Choir is a free club that runs after school on Thursdays from 15.15 to 16.00 and is offered to all children from years 3-6. As well as learning to enjoy singing as part of a group, the children will have the opportunity to sing at a range of events, including school concerts, village fetes and at The Anvil Theatre in June.

Our choir rehearsals take place in Hazel Classroom and is run by Mrs Bristow, Mrs Calladine and Mrs Hunter. If your child would like to join, please pick up a consent form from The Office or complete online and email in. The letter will be emailed to you but can also be found on our website on the following link:

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Big Emotions!

At Silchester, we always try our best to listen and offer opportunities to support our whole community. As such, we have asked the Primary Behaviour Service to run a workshop for parents. This will be an opportunity to learn from the experts about how to support your children with their emotions. No parent knows everything! And our children may flummox us from time to time, so this event will aim to share information about the emotions our children share and offer tips and tricks for our parent toolkit. We will repeat the workshop on two different occasions to enable both day time and evening options to try and suit everyone. Should you know parents from other schools who would also be interested in joining, please feel free to invite them – all are welcome.



Primary Behaviour Service


Workshop for Parents

BIG EMOTIONS

Does your child have big emotions? !
 Whatever emotions your child may struggle with, anxiety, excitement, anger or overwhelm, it is always useful to have some tools in your parent toolkit! The Primary Behaviour Service are offering a free workshop for parents to share theory, practical strategies and suggestions for supporting your child with their emotions. Please do join us for one of the sessions below.
 No need to book, just turn up. All are welcome.

Thursday 23rd January - 6:15pm – 7:45pm
 or
 Friday 7th February - 9:15am – 10:45am

At Silchester Church of England Primary School



School Lane and Drop-Offs/Pick-Ups

Our residents in School Lane have noticed that recently, more parents are using their small carpark for pick-ups and drop-offs. This little area is not suitable for many cars so needs to be reserved for those with additional needs. Please may we ask all other parents to use the pavilion carpark. And whilst we're at it! Just a gentle reminder that all children in Years R-3 should be accompanied by an adult to the classroom door. We need to make sure that our little ones get transferred to us safely.

Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 6 th January	First Day Back
Friday 10 th January	In School Christingle
Wednesday 12 th January	Hazel Class Explorer Day
Thursday 23 rd January	Workshop for parents – Big Emotions led by PBS (Primary Behaviour Service)
Monday 27 th January	Year R Height/Weight measurements with School Nurse
Monday 3 rd February	Chestnut Class (1/2) Trip to Science Museum
Tuesday 4 th February	Beech Class (5) Trip to Science Museum

Wednesday 5 th February	Hazel Class Trip to The Living Rainforest
Friday 7 th February	9:15am - Workshop for parents – Big Emotions led by PBS (Primary Behaviour Service)
Monday 10 th February and Wednesday 12 th February	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet Safety Day
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 25 th – Friday 28 th February	WOW Week
Friday 28 th February	World Book Day Costume Jumble Sale!
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 28 th March	School Disco run by the PTA

I hope that you and your families have a great weekend, and I'll look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Rachel Moir

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Head of School