



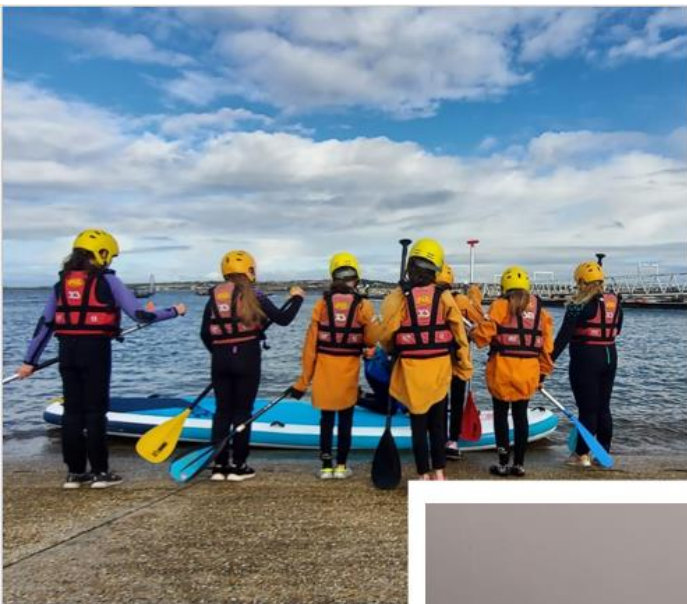
SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

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Well what a week our Year 6's have had at Osmington Bay. It has truly been an incredible experience for them all. You will be amazed at their courage and independence! The children have been rafting, giant swinging, abseiling, street surfing, zip wiring, climbing, fencing, disco dancing, trapezing (yes it's a real word!), learning survivor skills, playing archery tag, completing a sensory trail and enjoying the beach. All of this they have approached admirably and enjoyed being with their friends and teachers to boot! It was a complete privilege to be able to join them for the first three days – felt like a little holiday! Huge thanks to all of the staff who gave up their time to make this experience happen for them. I hope that everyone gets good sleep this weekend and that the washing isn't too bad! Children are due back at 3:45pm and can be met off the coach which will stop on Silchester Road, between the park and the bus stop.



Harvest

We have just received this certificate from the foodbank and I wanted to share it with you all as a way of thanking you for your donations to our harvest. Together with St Mary's Church we have donated 165 kg of food which is equivalent to 393 meals. As well as being a change to be grateful for our own fortunes, it was also a great opportunity to teach our children the importance of compassion for all. It was humbling to acknowledge their understanding of kindness for those in need.

World Mental Health Day

Coming into school in our comfiest clothes was a great way to celebrate World Mental Health Day and to teach the importance of self-care. Many thanks to our Compassionate Researchers for instigating this day and to Mrs Pulford for her special worship and for being a champion for positive mental health in our school. We managed to raise £140 which will be split between a donation to the YoungMinds charity and replenishing our class Brain Boxes. The children have already put in their requests, and it is lovely to hear the language they use about accessing tools to help regulation in times of overwhelm.

Making Sukkahs in Hazel Class

In R.E. Hazel Class have been finding out about the Jewish Festival of Sukkot. This week they have made their own sukkah (hut). A sukkah has 3 walls and the roof is decorated with natural objects. Jewish people make a full-sized Sukkah in their home or garden to celebrate Sukkot. They live and eat in the Sukkah during this time. Hazel class have taken their sukkahs home to add small figures and furniture.

Thank You

Silchester C of E Primary School &
St Mary the Virgin Church

for supporting



with your harvest collection. Your donations will help to support local families and individuals in crisis.

"I'm feeling tearful at your generosity and what a difference this will make. Thank you, thank you, thank you."
- A Basingstoke foodbank client



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Drama Workshop

This morning, children in **Ladybirds**, **Chestnut** and **Hazel** class took part in a drama workshop. The children absolutely loved it and it was lovely to see them joining in with the drama, dance and singing led by Perform. Should your child wish to join a Perform group, there are details below with a discount available for children from Silchester School.



Confidence Building Fun

Try a Free Drama Class

— This is a fab class! It was mentioned at Katie's parents' evening that her confidence in class seems to have grown so I am delighted. Jane Spurgeon

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New iPads for Ladybirds

The photo below is a little thank you from our ladybirds. Mrs Dowling has worked her magic and been successful in applying for a grant from Loddon Lions. The have enabled the children to have 5 iPads that they are loving using as part of their learning. Many thanks to Mrs Dowling and to the Loddon Lions for helping to support our children in this way.



COATS

Please can you ensure that your child brings a coat into school everyday? Wherever possible, we try to keep the children outside at play and lunch time to give them some fresh air and a run around. If the children have coats in school, this enables them to be outside in the drearier weather that autumn brings. Thank you.

NEXT WEEK:

- We have decided to postpone **Sycamore**, **Beech** and **Oak** classes pilgrimage to St Mary's Church to a later date so no need to bring in wellies and waterproofs just yet.
- We have been marking **Black History Month** by learning about significant people from history and present day in our class worships. On Tuesday, classes are invited to join hundreds of children around the country in a special virtual Black History assembly. We hope that your children find it informative and come back with plenty to say.
- Tuesday is also our first **Open Morning** for prospective parents for children starting school in 2025. No need to book a place, just turn up at 9am – spread the word!
- **PTA AGM** is on Tuesday at 8pm via zoom. Details are on the PTA Facebook page - please join if you're able.
- On Thursday and Friday morning next week, parents of children in **Ladybirds** are welcome to come into class after drop off and stay to observe their **phonics lesson**. We thought that this would be a nice way to share how the children lead to read and give you a flavour of your child's school life. Please do stay if you are able.
- **Friday 18th is photos day!** Please send your child into school looking their smartest in their school uniform. If your child has PE on a Friday – they are welcome to bring their PE kit in to change into after their photo. All school children will have an individual photo and siblings photos taken during school time. If you would like pre-school siblings to be in the photo also, there is a slot between 8:30am and 8:50am for you to be able to do so.
- After their photos! **Oak Class - Year 6** will be going to Burnham Copse to take part in a day of drama around the theme of creation. This is a free trip put on in partnership with Tadley Churches Arts Festival. I will drive the children in the Bishopswood minibus and they will return before the end of the school day. Please may all children in **Year 6 bring a packed lunch on Friday?** Many thanks.

Upcoming Key Dates

Tuesday 15 th October	Black History Month – webinar assembly
Tuesday 15 th October	8pm – PTA AGM via zoom
Tuesday 15 th October Wednesday 23 rd October Thursday 14 th October	9am – 10:30am Open Mornings for prospective Year R parents – 25/26 intake
Thursday 17 th October Friday 18 th October	9am – 9:30am Year R parents welcome to Ladybirds Phonics Teaching
Friday 18 th October	Tempest Individual Photos
Friday 18 th October	Year 6 trip to Burnham Copse – Free theatre workshop on creation (after photos!)
Monday 21 st October Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents Evenings
Friday 25 th October	INSET DAY
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM

Wednesday 6 th November	Year 6 nasal flu immunisations
Friday 8 th November	PTA Non-School Uniform Day – for collection of tombola items
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Service at War Memorial (Yr5/6)
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Saturday 23 rd November	PTA Christmas Fair – SAVE THE DATE!
Friday 6 th December	PTA Christmas Market
Wednesday 11 th December Thursday 12 th December	Nativity
Wednesday 11 th – Friday 13 th December	Year 5 residential to Ufton Court
Tuesday 17 th December	6pm – 7pm Christmas Carol Concert
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term and break up for Christmas Holidays

I hope that you and your families have a really great weekend, and I'll look forward to welcoming you on the gate next week.

Rachel Moir

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Head of School