



## SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Compassion, Courage & Respect*

Dear Families of Silchester,

It has been a lovely, warm week at Silchester and the children have enjoyed the sunshine. They have been remembering to suncream and to drink plenty of water – very well done. This week, the children have had fun with lots of outdoor activities as well as some cooler, wellbeing activities. They continue to work hard on their learning through this term. Year 6 are also very busy rehearsing for their end of year performance which we are all so very much looking forward to.



### **Ufton Court**

This week, our year 5 class have been on their first residential trip to Ufton Court. Whilst away, the children have played woodland games, learnt how to light fires safely, mastered the balance bridge, rode bikes and partied away at our Fiesta! Ufton Court is a beautiful place, and it has been an invaluable experience for them to spend the night away with their friends. Mrs Pulford, Ms Rodway, Mr Ellea and I were immensely proud of them all. The way that they encouraged each other, played together and the mature and polite way in which they spoke when interacting was really impressive. Compassion, Courage and Respect embodied – well done year 5!





### **Transition**

We were very pleased to be able to share the staffing structure letter with you all this morning. The class teachers have been busy having their transition meetings this week and spending time handing over information from this year's staff to the next. On Tuesday, we will have our 'Shuffle-Up' morning so that the children will get to spend time together in their new classes with their new staff. It is a lovely occasion for the relationships to build and we hope that your child comes home from school excited for the Autumn Term. You'd be most welcome to share this news with your children as and when you wish, otherwise, they will find out for sure on Tuesday morning!

### **Election Week Special**

To tie in with the General Election, and to ensure that our Pupil Voice movement hits the ground running in September, we will be holding elections for next year's School and Eco Council on Wednesday of this week. If your child would like to stand for election, please may they prepare a short speech to present to their classmates on Wednesday. Two children from each class will be chosen to join the School Council and two children to join the Eco Council. We are conducting this in the summer term, so that the current councillors can hand over the baton as a way of induction. Mrs Rolph will meet with all councillors the following week to fully explain their role. We hope that this opportunity to practice public speaking and to 'putting themselves out there' and experience elections will be a positive one.

## PTA Colour Run

Please see the message below from Dave Holby-Wolinski about the upcoming Colour Run next week:

We'd love you to join us for some good old fashioned PTA colour powder throwing on Friday 5th July from 3.30pm to 4.30pm by The Pavilion. The whole thing will basically be one big hot mess – you are most welcome 😊 It won't be too far for little legs to head round as we plan our regular short course around the Green and the school field. Entry on the day is £5 and you'll have five colour stations plus a lovely finishers medal too. White t-shirts and sunglasses are highly advised (just to show up the colour and protect your eyes) and we promise ice cream, gladiators, super soakers galore and a heavily 80's power ballad biased playlist ;) Entry remains £5 per child (all parents and carers can of course accompany for free) but we would love to encourage all our brilliant runners to try and raise £10 of sponsorship each if they can using the link below. Siblings are of course SO welcome to take part too :) We also have corporate sponsorship opportunities for our 5 colour powder throwing stations so please do get in touch with me if you feel this could be of interest. Every single penny raised will go to towards the PTA ❤️ <https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/R6W4x>



## Loddon Sports Football Club

Please see the poster below regarding an invitation to join Loddon Sports Football Club. The team is coached by Shane Dowling (Mrs Dowling's husband!)



**Is your son or daughter in Year 2 at school from September 2024?  
Do (or might they) enjoy playing football? If so, why not come and  
join Loddon Sports Under 7s for the 2024/2025 season!**

We are going to be training midweek (outdoors at Everest College) from September 2024 to March 2025 and the at Sherfield Green from April to June 2025. Matches are played on Sunday mornings against Under 7s from other local clubs,

Contact [loddonfcsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:loddonfcsecretary@outlook.com) if you are interested in your son/daughter joining our friendly club. We are also looking for parents to help run the team, so if you are interested in this, please let us know, we will provide funding for qualifications for this.



## Library Competition

# HELP US WIN £1,000 FOR OUR LIBRARY!



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and you could win a £100 gift card!



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**Win £1,000 for your school's library.  
Help your school #rebuildthelibrary, plus win a  
£100/€120 National Book Token for yourself!**

Five lucky schools from across the UK and Ireland will each win £1,000, with one overall winner also receiving £500 to upgrade their library space.

Nominate a school to win one of our big prizes and encourage reading for pleasure all year round.

[Win £1,000 / €1,000 for your school's library! | National Book Tokens](https://nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize)

## Pet Service

Please see the poster to the right from Revered Karen regarding the special Pet Service taking place on the village green this Sunday.

 St Mary's the Virgin  
Silchester, RG7 2HH

**PET SERVICE**

**10am, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Village Green, Silchester**

Well behaved owners are welcome to attend with their pets!



A service of the blessing of pets is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals, and for us to ask God's blessing on all that he has made.

For further details please visit  
<https://www.silchesterchurch.co.uk> or contact  
Rev Karen West on 07525 494025 / revkarenw24@gmail.com

## Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Election Week Special! School and Eco Council Elections held on Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Shuffle up morning
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 trip to Paulton's Park
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Rainbow Run
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Pilgrimage to St Mary's Church
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5/6 End of Year Performances – The Jungle Book
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Fun Day! In school for the children.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Travelling Theatre Company Production of Oliver Trist for the whole school sponsored by the PTA
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of School before the Summer Holidays
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First Day of Autumn Term

I really hope that you and your families have a wonderful weekend together and I look forward to welcoming you at the gate on Monday.

*Rachel Moir*

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Head of School