



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Compassion, Courage & Respect

Dear Families of Silchester,

Hooray! Summer has arrived! How lovely it has been to see the children enjoying their lunchtimes outside and reading under the shade of trees today. The newsletter this week shares some of our highlights of the week. It is so nice to be able to celebrate the many talents of your children and showcase the varied elements of our curriculum. These events and achievements are just a snapshot of the vibrant life at Silchester C of E Primary. They reflect the hard work, creativity, and positive spirit of our entire school community. As always, I'm immensely proud of our students and staff.

Silchester's Got Talent

What a spectacular evening we were treated to last Friday when many took to the stage to show off their talents! It was my first experience of Silchester's Got Talent and I was honestly blown away by the children's confidence, collaboration and skill. The variety of acts on show was impressive – singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, creative writing, expressive poetry, science experiments, decorating cakes, breaking records with a Rubik's Cube, gymnastics and the most fabulous rendition of Pink, Fluffy Unicorns Dancing on Rainbows you could ever hope to see! Many congratulations to all who took part, our winners, the audience and our fantastic PTA. Can't wait for next year!



Wellington Country Park

This week, our three youngest classes went on a mammoth trip to Wellington Country Park. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to build relationships across the key stages and to have such a positive, memory building experience. Highlights of the trip include feeding the animals, learning about dinosaurs and riding the train together with their new friends! Many thanks to all of the parent volunteers who gave up their time to supervise on the trip and of course to our teachers who organised such a valuable experience.





Leavers Service

Our Year 6 students recently attended the leavers service at Winchester Cathedral. It was a truly special occasion, and I couldn't be prouder of our pupils. Their behaviour was exemplary, showcasing the values we hold dear at Silchester. Speaking of which, I must take a moment to celebrate our children's outstanding attitudes. Their maturity and respect continue to impress, and it is heartwarming to see how they've grown and developed throughout the year.

On a creative note, our school has been buzzing with excitement over the statue art exhibition! As you can see in the photo, hundreds of statues were made by Year 6's across the county to create an art exhibition in the style of Antony Gormley. The imagination and talent on display have been nothing short of remarkable. It was a joy to see the exhibition in place and the year 6 children have received an invitation to take their families to see it in situ at the cathedral with free entry for the next week.



BPSM Concert

Many congratulations to our choir and orchestra members who performed with Basingstoke Primary Schools Music (BPSM) at The Anvil this week. This annual concert brings together over 500 children from local primary schools to celebrate the art of performing in a massed choir, orchestra, and dance troupe.

This year, the concert theme was The Elements and featured music that journeyed through earth, wind, water and fire. Through their singing, playing, and dancing, thrilled audiences with hits such as Chariots of Fire and What a Wonderful World. Huge thanks to Mrs Webb, Robin Scott and Helen Bristow for all of their time, passion and dedication to enable this experience – the children did us proud!

Judo Grading

Below is a message from our Judo Instructor Paul...

“Congratulations to the members of the school’s judo club in passing their grading and receiving their Level One certificates!”



National Thank a Teacher Day - *"Expressing gratitude, one thank you at a time."*

This week was National Thank a Teacher Day! The Thank a Teacher campaign is all about appreciating the hard work of every single member of staff in early years, schools and colleges across the UK. They encourage everyone in the UK to recognise the impact that the education community has in shaping the minds and futures of our young people. This campaign is an annual call-to-action to reach out to those who shape our schools, communities and country. Should you wish to show your appreciation in this way, the following link enables you to send an e-card via our school office which will then be passed on.

[Thank a Teacher Form - Thank a Teacher](#)

I do hope that you are in the same mind as me about our teaching team here at Silchester. They work so hard to teach, educate and enrich the lives of your children. I feel very grateful for them all so this felt like a nice way to recognise that. FYI, it takes a little while for the cards to reach the teachers so hopefully they'll receive some positive feedback before the end of term.



Silchester School PTA Proudly Presents

The Robin Scott Band

Saturday 22nd June 2024

Silchester Village Hall

Silchester Primary School PTA invite you to join us for the following fundraising event:

Event: THE ROBIN SCOTT BAND

Date: Saturday 22nd June 2024

Time: 8pm – 10:30pm doors open at 7:30pm

Venue: Silchester Village Hall

Price: £15 per person (+ booking fee)

This phenomenal group of talented musicians have taken the village hall by storm for many years and this year will be no different! This year's line-up is: Louise Warren – Vocals, Robin Scott - Keys/Vocals, Tom Walker - Guitar/Vocals, Dave Williamson - Bass and Barry Cook - Drums/Percussion.

Between them they have recorded and toured with many artists such as Cat Stevens, Barry White, Jermaine Jackson, Mcfly, Barry Manilow, Jocelyn Brown, Lesley Garrett, The Waterboys, Rod Stewart, Gloria Gaynor, Ringo Starr among many others.

They have also supported artists such as Shania Twain, Cher, Sting, Alanis Morissette, The Spice Girls, Kylie Minogue, Deep Purple, Green Day, The Corrs, Littlemix, Ollie Murs and many more.

Tickets are available to purchase through our website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/silchesterschoolpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=78439> (access via the QR code below)

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Greening Silchester Launch

Friday 21st June

3-6pm Silchester Playing Field

Drop in and find out about all the activities planned for our Year of Action to combat climate change.

Following the very successful public meeting in March, our teams have been working hard with their experts to come up with a programme of events and activities for the year. We are seeking to support Silchester residents to tackle the effects of climate change, and have a bit of fun in the process. We have created some really exciting plans for the year, with something for everyone – come along to the Silchester playing field on 21st June to find out more.

You will also see Challenge Cards drop through your door in the next few weeks. These challenges were selected by residents who attended the public meeting*. Please have a look, and if you can **commit** to the challenges, **put the card in your window to show your support**. There will be hints, tips and some freebies to help you with the challenges at the Launch.

Following the Launch, we will be counting the Challenge Cards on display, this information goes to the University of Southampton who have a team assessing how much impact the Greening Campaign is having, so that we can keep you updated with what you have achieved here in Silchester.

Vanessa Richards
Chair – Sustainable Silchester

Upcoming Key Dates

Saturday 22 nd June	Robin Scott Band Concert – tickets available via PTA website
Thursday 27 th June – Friday 28 th June	Year 5 Residential to Ufton Court
Tuesday 9 th July – Wednesday 10 th July	Year 5/6 Production Performances
Tuesday 2 nd July	Shuffle Up Morning for new classes
Monday 1 st July – Friday 5 th July	Election Week Special! School and Eco Council Elections.
Tuesday 2 nd July	Shuffle up morning
Thursday 4 th July	Year 6 trip to Paulton's Park
Friday 5 th July	PTA Rainbow Run
Tuesday 9 th July	KS1 Pilgrimage to St Mary's Church
Tuesday 9 th and Wednesday 10 th July	Year 5/6 End of Year Performances – The Jungle Book
Friday 12 th July	PTA Fun Day! In school for the children.
Thursday 18 th July	Travelling Theatre Company Production of Oliver Trist for the whole school sponsored by the PTA

Friday 19 th July	Last Day of School before the Summer Holidays
Monday 2 nd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 rd 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