



SILCHESTER CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families of Silchester,

What a fantastic start to our Summer Term! It has been so nice to be in school with Our Silchester Family back together again!



WOW Week

Our WOW week to nature has been blessed with good weather and the children and staff have made the most of it with lots of outdoor learning. Every child in the school had a Forest Schools session this week which has been a highlight for many. We toasted marshmallows on a fire, made dens, did mud painting, found minibeasts and used tools to produce Hama printing, magic wands and dragon's eyes!

We have also all competed in a sporting competition across key stages and spent time learning with our 'buddies'. Year 5 walked to St Mary's Church to support the 'Caring for God's Acre' project by completing a nature survey, studying wood carvings and the old yew tree and built a bug hotel. Year 3 have been busy spreading messages of compassion around our community today by sharing wildflower seeds to help the bees. We have also been busy painting stones, wood cookies and making clay models.

There was so much learning occurring both inside and outside the classroom this week that it would be too much to fit into a newsletter! Therefore, please take the time to check out our **WOW week montage** attached to this email to share in some of our experiences.

Huge thanks to all of those involved in making this week possible, parents, children, staff and community (additional shout outs in the montage!) and to Mrs Mitchell who has orchestrated the whole week.

Sustainability Trip to Englefield Estate – Year 3 and Year 4

On Thursday 13th June, Years 3 and 4 will be going on an exciting trip to Englefield Estate. Englefield Estate's annual Schools Days see the grounds of Englefield House, the deer park and the village transformed into an impressive outdoor classroom, offering lessons in farming, horticulture and forestry.

The event welcomes hundreds of children and features over 25 activities and demonstrations. The stands offer informative displays and interactive demonstrations, led by Estate staff and wonderful local organisations. The topics covered during the day are: health and wellbeing; history; habitats and wildlife; trees and timber; farming and food; community and energy and water.

Thank you for consent and paying for the coach for this trip. Please may we ask you to remember a packed lunch and water bottle that day.



Restructuring Classes Information Meeting

On Wednesday 12th June at 6pm we will be holding a Restructuring Meeting for all parents of children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2. During this meeting, we will share more information about the merging of these classes for September 2024. We will explain the 'whys' and 'hows' as well as information about teaching and learning. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and hopefully we will be able to answer them all!



Sports Day

We are really pleased to invite you to Sports Day this year on the morning of **Friday 14th June, starting at 9:15am**. This year we are all going to be out on the field together and will finish the races by approximately 12:30pm. We will set the track up with gazebos on one side for the school and you're welcome to bring chairs or picnic blankets to watch the races from the other side. Please may we ask that you do not cross the ropes to approach your children or wait at the end of the finish line.

Following the races, we will take the children back into school to go to the toilet and collect their packed lunches (or picnic bags with a ham or cheese roll are available from the school kitchen if you would like to order through the normal process). Class teachers will then return to the field and set up to picnic as a class. We would love for families to join us if possible.

In order to ensure that all children are accounted for and kept safe we will put the following arrangements in place:

- Please do feel free to come and join your child's class for their picnic.
- If you would like for your children to join you at any other area of the field for a picnic lunch, or take siblings together, you will need to sign them out with the class teacher before taking them.
- Parents and carers remain responsible for the safety and behaviour of their children when signed out.
- If you are not able to attend, your child will remain and picnic with school staff.
- If you are not able to attend and would like to nominate another parents/friend/adult to be responsible for your child throughout the picnic lunch, that is totally fine, but we will need you to register your consent with the school office beforehand.

After lunch, we will gather the children back under the gazebos and conduct the results presentation, ALL the children will return to the school to finish the school day, with the usual finishing time of 3:15.

To encourage team spirit, we ask that children wear a coloured top, depending on what House they are in: Winchester (blue), York (yellow), Salisbury (green) or Chichester (red). Please come and ask us if you are unsure of what house they are in. Suncream will need to be applied in the morning before school, or children can bring suncream in to apply themselves. Children will also need sunhats and a bottle of water, which can be refilled at school. No need for book bags!

If anyone is available before school to help set up gazebos – we would **really appreciate** any extra hands! If you have any questions about the organisation, please feel free to ask me, Ms Robson or the school office.



Silchester's Got Talent

On Friday 14th June (Sport's Day evening) will be our annual spectacular Silchester's Got Talent. We wish the best of luck to all children performing and hope that you enjoy the show! Many thanks to Holly and Florence for organising and for the PTA for putting on such an event for our children. Don't forget to bring along some money as there will be a bbq, bar and tuck shop at the event to raise funds for the school.



Upcoming Key Dates

Wednesday 12 th June	Restructuring Classes Information Meeting
Thursday 13 th June	Year 3 and 4 Sustainability Trip to Englefield Estate
Friday 14 th June	Sports Day
Friday 14 th June	PTA Silchester's Got Talent – doors open 5:30, show 6pm – 8pm
Friday 21 st June	Reserve Sports Day (in case of weather delay)
Thursday 20 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Winchester Cathedral
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
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.

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Head of School