

Silverwood School

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Value for Term 2 Courage



Campus News

Rowde

Into Film Festival is a country-wide initiative which provides young people with an opportunity to access visual literacy through Film and moving pictures. Silverwood School were incredibly lucky to secure enough tickets for students to view films in picture houses across Wiltshire.

Cherry, Lime, Pear, Oak, Juniper, Willow, Pine and Silver Birch classes ventured out and had a tremendous experience. We had the entire auditorium all to ourselves and the ASD friendly performance made it incredibly accessible to all our students.



Term Dates

Term 2

30/10/23 – 20/12/23

Please note that the school is finishing early on the last day of term 2 –

Wednesday 20th December
@ 13:40

Term 3

Teacher training day
04/01/24

05/01/24 – 09/02/24

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please ensure you inform the school before 9.30am. You will need to let us know the reason and the expected return date.

If your child is **unwell** with sickness or diarrhoea, the school policy is that they can only return to school when they have been clear of symptoms for **48** hours.



Years 7, 8 and mixed classes at the Silverwood School Rowde campus took a coach to Swindon's Regent Circus for the Cineworld viewing of Aardman animation's Early Man.

The adults were incredibly proud of students' exemplary behaviour and attitude towards the serving staff with incredible manners shown.

Mr Daltrey and Lime class had a blast at the popcorn kiosk. You can tell from the photo that all the students were super excited and had an awesome time.



The queue for the refreshments snaked around the foyer with students grabbing their popcorn and drink ready for the film.



Everyone arrived back at school with huge smiles and lots of memories of a very successful day. A massive thanks to all the staff who made this happen!

Looking forward to next year's Into Film festival already! What an experience- well done everyone!

Reading Is Fundamental.



A huge “thank you” from the Literacy team for fully embracing this initiative that will certainly engage our students’ parents with their child’s reading at home. Reading is absolutely fundamental and is a foundational point from which students can access all the rest of their curriculum subjects/ methods of personal progress.

It is important to remember that at Silverwood School reading looks very different depending on age and stage. Students might not be necessarily engaging with a physical book at home but they can access a range of other audio/ kinesthetic and visual opportunities to demonstrate their reading. What is fantastic is that all students are able to engage with a mascot.

It has been great seeing some of the mascot’s that classes have adopted.



Parents/Carers are really embracing the opportunity to snap a picture of their child reading which is opening up conversations between our students and their adults at home about reading and this is always a productive thing!

Thank you so much for all your efforts in continuing to support Reading this term. Silverwood School pupils are reading every day and are really engaging with their reading books outside of the classroom. It has been incredibly positive to have so many students engaging at home with their reading for pleasure books with their class mascot.

Toothless the Dragon has featured in many of the incredible photos sent in to tutors via Seesaw and is now officially *Silverwood Famous!* He has

been snapped reading with many of our students alongside a whole host of other mascots.



Trowbridge Campus

Trowbridge have been really working hard on their Term 2 Curriculum. Swifts class love to practice their mark making and engineering skills wherever they can.

Swans Class have been developing their creative printing skills by creating and using a stencil to produce a screen print. We have worked hard this term so far looking at, and using, different printing techniques and working with textiles.



Flamingos have been involved in some fantastic learning outside the classroom.



And to get into the festive spirit Penguins, Puffins and Swans had great fun taking part in the Santa Dash at Fairfield College.



Chippenham Campus

On Tuesday 5th December Silverwood Sixth-form welcomed the community in for a festive coffee shop. Learners had worked incredibly hard on crafts; including Christmas cards, candy cane reindeers, tree ornaments, cakes and barista skills, to pull off a coffee shop on an epic scale!!

We were so proud of what students created and how they assumed roles and socialised with lots of new people. The raffle was a huge success, thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and congratulations to all who won a prize! We raised an amazing amount £777.71p which will support to fund activities for our learners in the warmer months.

Thank you again to all who participated and supported.



What's on:

SEN STAY AND PLAY SESSION

AT ... **FUNWAYS**

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER
Warminster, BA12 0DF

4-6PM
£6 per child
(Under 2s free)
(0-16years)

I have hired the use of the soft play for this SEN session so please book through me and NOT via Funways. A numbered image will be sent to you after payment to show on arrival. This means I have also simplified the prices for this purpose and will be slightly different to the standard prices.

PLAY
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Booking via Kayleigh Ramplin
Or kayossevents@gmail.com
This is for sole SEN use and siblings

SEN Christmas Party
Thursday 21st December
Westwood Social Club, BA15 2AP

£15 per child 12-1.30pm
(Adults must stay & supervise) **OR** 2.30-4pm
Exclusive to SEN & siblings
Advanced booking to ensure gift, via kayossevents@gmail.com (0-16 years)

- Ticket added to lucky raffle draw.
- Hot Chocolate or Grinch Juice on arrival.
- Pretend snow balls & Sensory trays.
- Magic reindeer food station.
- Gingerbread decorating.
- (Second half) Mini Disco
- A visit into Santa's Grotto & present.

Watch out for the Grinch trying to steal your present!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2023 Pre-New Year SEN Disco
Thursday 28th December 2-3.30 pm
Westwood Social Club, BA15 2AP
£10 per attending Child
(Parents must stay and supervise)

SEN inspired, but all welcome.
Be KIND. Please note, SEN means the music won't be too loud, it's a shorter disco, and unpredictable.

(Under 2s free, BUT must still be counted in the booking.)

Simple party food provided.
Booking is required, email kayossevents@gmail.com or scan our QR code and follow us on Facebook.

FAMILY & YOUNG CARER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Carer Support Wiltshire



Get ready for a holly jolly Christmas with the family! Gather round for a feast of festive treats and take your pick from a silent disco, crafting yuletide wonders, table football or ping pong madness. For those in need of a little peace and quiet, we've even got a cozy spot for Christmas storytelling. Don't wait another minute, grab your spot now before they all vanish like Santa's cookies!

**Canberra Centre, 56 Spa Road,
Melksham, SN12 7NY**
15 December
4.30 - 6.30pm

To book on this free event
Email admin@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk
call us FREE on 0800 181 4118

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FREE
holiday
activities

**Meal
provided
each
day**

CHRISTMAS 2023



Booking is essential. Apply by 8th December

[Click here for more information and booking](#)

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Wiltshire Council

Outdoor Pursuits
Animal Care

Sports
Gymnastics and Dance

Performing Arts
Creative Crafts

Science and Technology

FUEL camp locations



Malmesbury
Riverside Community Centre

Chippenham
Olympiad Leisure Centre

Corsham
The Pound Arts Centre
Springfield Campus

Bradford on Aven
Youth and Community Centre

Trowbridge
St Augustine's Catholic College
West Wilt's Gymnastics
Rode Common Farm

Westbury
Briksenwood

Warminster
The Avenue School

Malvernham Camp
Slack Camp

Regal Wootton Bassett
Lime Kiln Leisure Centre

Calne
Calne Leisure Centre

Marlborough
Marlborough Leisure Centre

Devizes
Devizes Leisure Centre

Melksham
Melksham Community Campus

Salisbury
Sarum Academy

More
Youth Centre



Food
It's all Free! You will receive a delicious lunch each day and a special extra from the local food bank.



Unity
We're creating a sense of community with monthly staff and volunteer meetings.



Energy
Take part in a range of activities that will keep you motivated, energised and educated.



Laughter
There will be plenty of opportunities for fun and laughter throughout the programme and opportunities to learn new skills.

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SEND ACTIVITIES

Monday

MELKSHAM
Wiltshire Inclusive Dance
4.15pm - 6pm

Wednesday

TROWBRIDGE
Rising Stars
4.15pm - 5pm
Fit Club
5.15pm - 6.15pm

Wednesday

SALISBURY
Rising Stars
5pm - 6pm
Fit Club
6pm - 7pm

Thursday

CHIPPENHAM
Rising Stars
5pm - 6pm

SOCIALISE & STAY ACTIVE!

W.I.D. invites young people to join in with creating movement through having fun and exploring the space! With the use of colourful props and music, this session will be engaging, inclusive and interactive.

Join us for refreshments after each session.

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RISEING STARS is a community sports club for young people with SEN and/or disabilities who are aged 8 - 16 years old. Clubs encourage young people to explore new sports and activities, they will also develop social, personal, creative, and learning skills as well as benefiting from improved confidence and self-esteem. These clubs provide a safe, friendly, and fun environment for everyone.

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FIT CLUB is a sports club for adults aged 17 and above with SEN and/or disabilities. The clubs help individuals lead a healthier and more active lifestyle, as well as providing the chance to develop sporting and social skills in a relaxed and fun environment. Participants will learn how to play different sports and develop team skills.

To register, please contact -
sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk

Working in partnership with
Wiltshire Council



the
national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

Information:

ParentPay - our online payment service.

You should have received a letter with an activation code for the new online ParentPay system.

Once registered you will be able to pay for items such as lunches & school trips online using your credit / debit card. Please refer to the school website for further information & guidance.



Pupil Services team will be on hand to help you register if you are experiencing difficulties, so please do get in touch if you require some support.

Young Carers - A Young Carer is a child under 18 who regularly helps to look after a family member or friend who is disabled, ill, has a mental health condition or addiction problem.



Children can engage in:

- Practical tasks (cooking, housework and shopping)
- Physical care (lifting or helping someone use the stairs)
- Personal care (dressing, washing, helping with toilet needs)
- Managing the family budget (collecting benefits and prescriptions)
- Managing medication
- Looking after younger siblings
- Helping someone communicate

Silverwood can support young carers. If you, or a family member, needs support please contact the school office or your child's teacher.



It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Skips

www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with



As part of co-production work regarding the new SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy, SEND and Inclusion Services would like to hear the views of as many children and young people (CYP) with SEND and/or in Alternative Provision as possible.

Below is a link to two Mentimeter surveys – one for children of primary school age, and one for those of secondary school age and up.

We would be very grateful if you could ask the CYP within your SEND cohort to complete one of the surveys.

- The surveys are fun and interactive and can be completed on a computer, tablet or phone.
- They only take around 10 minutes to complete.
- Their answers will be anonymous and can be completed with support of an adult.

The surveys are online and will be live until 31st January 2024. They can be completed by simply clicking on the links below:

Primary school age survey: <https://www.menti.com/alh794r7raev>

Secondary school age/collage age survey: <https://www.menti.com/aldntqhvp41>

We are also holding three interactive face-to-face events for parents to come along to in January, to have their say on SEND&AP provision in Wiltshire.



Feedback request:

Dear parent/carer,

At Silverwood School we are committed to listening to the views and opinions of our parent/carers by conducting parent surveys. These provide us with a general and broad picture of feedback from the parent/carer body and questions typically cover:

- Satisfaction with the school curriculum, teaching, behaviour and communication with parents
- Effectiveness of the school's approaches on key issues such as anti-bullying and homework
- Perceptions of how well the school encourages children to work hard at school, be healthy and treat others with respect
- Perceptions on progression, standard of teaching, happiness of child and support when joining the school
 - Satisfaction with how the school creates a safe environment
 - Effectiveness of school leaders
 - Overall satisfaction with the school
 - Open responses to what is good and what could be improved in the school

Please find below a link to a Survey Monkey Questionnaire to gather your feedback and any additional comments you may have. I would be grateful if you could please take a few minutes to complete the survey by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VDM56C9>

If you would like a paper copy of the survey please contact the Pupil Services Team on 01380 850309 and a member of the team will be happy to arrange this for you.



Pupil permissions

Can we remind parent/carers to complete the consent form for Pupil photo permissions at your nearest opportunity please. Below is a link which will take you directly to it.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Y6ViQfoLFUq0yECeBtox_5X8ac4XX1ZKm9STqkUdid1UMUs4QkpURzBKS0pNT09PQ0c4TE5ON1dRVC4u

School Dinner Ordering

Can we remind parent/carers to let pupil services know if you require any pre-booked school lunches to be cancelled in advance, for occasions where you are aware of any upcoming appointments due to arise or if your child will be off poorly for the upcoming days ahead.

If you require any support with this please contact a member of the Pupil Services Team via email pupilservices@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk and they will be more than happy to help.

Allergy Information Questionnaire

We are in the process of updating our records to ensure all pupils allergy information is accurate.

Please could I ask that you spend a couple of minutes to complete the online questionnaire you will have received via email.

Alternatively scan the QR code below.



Allergy Information - Trowbridge



Allergy Information - Rowde



Allergy Information - Chippenham



Dates for your diary

- Friday 15h December 2023 – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 15th December 2023 – Christmas Dinner Day
- Wednesday 20th December 2023 – Last day of Term 2

Please note that the school is finishing early on the last day of term 2 – Wednesday 20th December 13:40. Taxis will collect students from school at this time.

- Thursday 4th January 2024 – TD Day No students in school.
 - Friday 5th January 2024 – First day of Term 3
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Student Photo Permissions

Please note that this newsletter is circulated to 400+ student parent/carers families fortnightly. If you would like to change your child's photograph permissions and remove them from appearing in any photographs in the Silverwood School newsletter please email admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

We hope that you will find this informative.

If you have any questions regarding the content of the newsletter or about school, you should contact your child's site or use the 'contact us' form found on the school website.

Website - www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk

Telephone - 01380 850309

Email - admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk
