End of Term 2023 Newsletter

Silverwood School

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Value for Term 6 Kindness



Dear Parents and Carers

As the school year comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement and active participation in school activities, parent-teacher meetings, and workshops, have been invaluable.

Our values underpin the culture at Silverwood and the value of 'Kindness' this term has been keenly demonstrated by our pupils. We see this in their attitudes to learning, interactions with each other and relationships with staff.

'No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.' (Aesop)

This has been a positive year for Silverwood's development and many of the changes we have made over time have now been embedded, not least our curriculum. You will be aware we ended the year with an Ofsted inspection; the report will be published in September 2023.

I am incredibly proud to work alongside a team of teachers and support staff who work incredibly hard, with energy and enthusiasm, to provide personalised learning and support to each pupil. I feel confident that this work is evident in the progress your children have made.

As we look ahead to the future, we remain dedicated to continuous improvement. We are committed to providing the highest quality education,

Term Dates

Term 6

06/06/23 - 25/07/23

Please note that the school is finishing early on the last day of term 6 –

Tuesday 25th July @ 13:40

Term 1

Fri 1st September – TD Day

Mon 4th September – TD Day

05/09/23 - 17/10/23

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.



care and support to your children, and we will continue to explore innovative approaches to enhance their learning experiences.

Thank you again for your support.

I wish you all a restful summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

With warmest regards,

Sean McKeown

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Executive Headteacher

Special thank you

We would like to send a big thank you to one of Chippenham campus pupil's - Josh Jago's uncle Jack Tyyzach-Smith and his friends who rowed the distance of the English channel (40km) in 2hours 45minutes to raise funds for Silverwood School on the weekend of Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd July.

We are very grateful you have chosen Silverwood School as your charity to raise funds for and would like to show our full support by sharing the just giving page to enable anyone who may wish to make a donation, the ability to easily do so using the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Jack-Tyzack-Smith-7?utm_term=ewe4Kxxrr

There is also a further Football Tournament event taking place on the 19th August organised by Jack to continue to fund raise, where there will be a maximum of 10 teams playing against each other for the top spot which will include a penalty shootout with the prize of EFL match day tickets up for grabs.







Campus News

SILVERWOOD SCHOOL INAUGURAL COMMUNICATION DAY CELEBRATION & RECOGNITION EVENT-15.06.2023







Silverwood School celebrated everything *Communication* with its inaugural whole school event recognising the importance of the divergent ways in which we all express ourselves and learn across the school.

This special day was a Silverwood first event and positively enforced the school's commitment for a fully inclusive approach to give all members of the school community access to our Total Communication approach to education and learning.

Silverwood School is very proud in its approach to recognising the breadth of ways of communicating and the importance of the many ways in which we can support our young learners through a variety of augmented and alternative approaches to communication.

Whether Makaton, singing, braille, drama, digital technologies or adaptive language, all students will have the right to access learning via any communication approach, which will enable them to not only access our rich curriculum but be able to access the wider world.

We celebrated our commitment for Total Communication with a collapsed timetable filled with many activities that centred around the many ways in which we all communicate. We also invited in parents and carers to see our Communication Extravaganza performance showcase. Groups from both KS3 and KS4 took part in an extravaganza like no other!

Mrs. Caslin was the compere of our communication day and listened to our drummers rehearsing with Mr. Fletcher, sneaking in a quick rehearsal just before the main event!

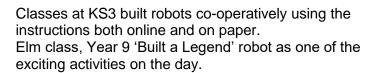
Mrs. Curwen and Beech class really excelled with their is working acronym explaining what Communication is!

Mrs. Chard and her KS4 Dance Troupe stole the show with a showstopper of a performance! KS4 were TREMENDOUS! An amazing dance and performance and signing montage!!





Miss. Evans and Hollie from Plane class celebrating Communication day with print stampers and mark makers!





Miss. Jago our Assessment Co-ordinator very kindly brought in the £94,000 Search and Rescue vehicle. Miss. Jago has worked for many years as a search and rescue volunteer, who has an incredibly important role in helping to find missing persons in our local community. Communication for this role is incredibly important and this was a key feature of our celebration communication day. Students were mesmerised by the S & R van with all of its various GPS and radio communication equipment. Thank you so much to Miss. Jago who showed students just how important the Search and Rescue role is in saving lives and in keeping people safe.

Elm Class, Year 9 with Miss. Jago having a photo taken next to the amazing Search and Rescue van. Sid Razzell and Tyreese loving the front seat experience of the Search and Rescue vehicle.









Maths day - Tuesday 20th June 2023







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Mug cake making, measuring ingredients using cups and spoons in cooking.





Fortnite / Among-Us / Harry Potter sums

Stepping stones to sequence numbers











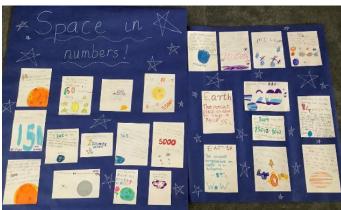




Lots of counting and score keeping in Active lunchtime club.



Measuring height using handprints



Researching number facts about space in English.



Data handling and tally charts



Using money to make an exchange and working out how much Rowlands (pig) food













Year 11 Work Experience

Congratulations to all our Year 11s on completing their Work Experience placements in June.

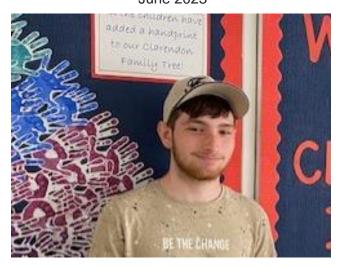
This year we had students working with children in nurseries and classrooms, with vehicles in garages and show rooms, with animals at Fairfield and with hair at a salon. Once again a group went to wonderful Lowden

Garden Centre to experience a range of roles from horticulture to shop assistant. For the first time, a student helped in the PE Department at Melksham Oak. We even had a tailor-made remote project with Wiltshire College for one student to create a piece of publicity which will be going on display later this year... Check it out in a future News Letter!



A huge thank you to everyone, teachers, TAs and local businesses for making Work Experience week such a success enabling students to grow in skills and independence.



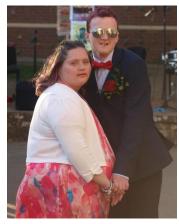






Silverwood Prom 2023



















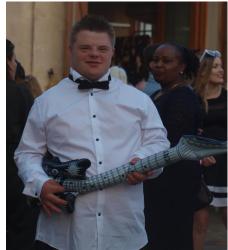




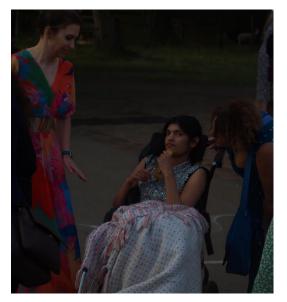


Silverwood Prom 2023





















Chippenham Campus

Phunky Foods: Term 5 and 6 ©

understanding to these sessions.

Over the last two terms some of the classes at our Chippenham Campus have had the privilege of experiencing sessions where they explored a variety of foods including salmon dip, banana cheesecake and pizza. The pupils have come on in leaps and bounds in smelling, touching, tasting, tolerating and even eating food items they would not have done previously. Small steps but certainly a huge achievement for all our lovely pupils involved. You are super stars!



The providers engaged with the pupils, staff and parents through use of clear language, and were keen to learn and use Makaton signs with the pupils. The provider and teachers worked together closely to make the recipes even more accessible for our learners by using Widgit to symbolize, add meaning and depth of

It was a positive and lovely experience for all involved. It is encouraging to see how pupils have broadened their horizons. All the Phunky foods recipes are free for anyone to access on their website: www.phunkyfoods.co.uk, so parents and children, get making and baking this summer holiday.

We look forward to these sessions moving on to Trowbridge in Term 1 of the new school year in September 2023 and later on to Rowde.









We would like to thank YB Fixings Ltd in Swindon who have kindly donated some plastic 'living wall' panels to enhance the outdoor areas and support the sensory experience for learners at Chippenham.







We are very proud to have been awarded a 'Good Front Garden Award' in Chippenham for our beautiful pots created by Woodpecker Class.







The Plus Programme

As the academic year draws to a close, the Plus Students and Staff can reflect on an enormously successful year for this Alternative Provision Programme. There have been so many successes and highlights, but choosing just a few draws our focus to the integral role the Silverwood Values have played in all our Plus days. Each term the students have gained an invaluable insight into what each of the six values means to them, each individual barrier to employing these values, overcoming these barriers and how each value can be incorporated into their daily lives in the wider world. The students have been given a chance to own their choices and outcomes, working alongside each other in the wonderful outdoor environment that Silverwood provides. The values have been expanded to include other classes, with kindness this term demonstrated by the way each daily cohort of Plus Students have helped to create an outdoor space for Yew Class to enjoy.



The Plus students have worked hard to clear the wooded area behind the classroom, removing dead wood, cutting back branches and clearing debris off the ground.

This has enabled a shelter to be positioned under the Yew trees and play areas to be created. The work is to continue to provide a sand pit area and other features, so that Yew Class can thoroughly enjoy the outside space. This act of kindness has been so well received by Yew Class, with the Plus Students clearly enjoying using the skills learned at Silverwood to help created this play area.



We wish all the Plus and Silverwood Students a wonderful summer holiday.

Cedar Class

In Term 6, Cedar Class have been learning all about newspapers. As part of our work, Cedar Class helped to write this newsletter article!

In Humanities in Term 6, Cedar have been learning about Black History. 'I felt very sad when I learnt about Black people being forced into slavery but I was happy to learn about the Underground Railroad which helped them to escape.' explained Ava. 'We made a Freedom Quilt which had coded messages to help the slaves escape. My square showed them which way was North.' described Thomas.

In Life Skills, we have been learning about Democracy and Parliament. 'We learnt about voting, held a General Election and sat in Parliament. I was the leader of the Conservative Party.' explained Loui. 'We used the Calm Zone as our Polling Station and put our voting papers in the Ballot Box.' said Rachael. 'In Parliament, we talked about and voted in a law that said animals should not be in zoos' said Olivia.

It has been a really busy but fun last few terms and we still have Activity Week to go! Cody explained 'We are hoping to visit Parrot Class in Trowbridge to see where they learn!'

Well done Cedar Class for such an amazing and fantastic Year 9!





Plane Class

Plane Class have had an amazing time investigating fossils and soil. We made our own using bread and we also created a giant fossil! We have enjoyed time in the garden and dug up our potatoes. We also had an unexpected visitor in R8, a goat! This inspired some amazing newspaper writing.







Website - www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk

Beech Class



Beech Class were set the challenge of producing a presentation for the first Silverwood Communications Day in June and they came up trumps with a performance in which everyone played a part.



On Maths Day we researched and then drew the dimensions of a Viking long Ship.

(Model by Eddie – not to scale)

Over the last 2 terms, students have been learning about rainforests and woodlands, space and the planets, Vikings and staying safe.

They had a great time on Sports Day and we're looking forward to Activities Week.







Elder class

It has been another busy term in Elder Class and we have been inspired by our English topic 'Save our Seas'. We have been reading facts and fictional stories about underwater animals and how they are affected by plastic pollution. We have thought about what this means for the animals and our environment and in Science have looked at how plastic consumption can be reduced.

In PSHRE we have learnt about the diversity of relationships people have and celebrated PRIDE month.



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In Maths we have been learning about measures and have been monitoring our sunflowers that we planted in LOTC. We have been recording the measurements each week and making sure they received enough sunlight and water to grow. These will come home at the end of the term to carry on growing in our gardens!

One of the highlights of the term was the Elder Dance students taking part in the communication day. They were so proud of themselves for performing in front an audience as they were really quite nervous!









We have also been using Numicon to support our Maths learning.

Well done Elder Class – you have worked so hard this term!

Holly Class

This term in Holly class, students have been really challenging themselves in Music. They were so fantastic at following a rhythm that we moved on to recording our own compositions using formal notation. Students have been composing a rhythm with a 4/4 beat using whole and half beats. They have also begun composing a tune by rehearsing their rhythm on the chime bars and recording which notes they have used. Our next challenge will be writing some lyrics!









Willow Class

Willow Class have enjoyed exploring art from famous artists such as Paul Klee, Kandinsky and Andy Goldsworthy. It's been great to see the students use a range of techniques to practice their mark making and use different materials such as oil pastels and paint washes to explore colour and shape. We have used the wonderful outdoor space at Silverwood to find different patterns and textures in the environment and showed our creativity by making art from all the items we collected. Willow are so proud of their artwork and have shown the school values of cooperation and respect by working together and giving feedback on each other's work. Well done Willow!













Trowbridge Campus

Students from Woodpeckers, Blackbirds, Bluebirds and Owls classes from Chippenham and Trowbridge campuses recently took part in a Multi-Sensory Art project led by staff from Roche Court.

The story was based on the sculptures that can be found in the grounds of Roche Court. The experience was filled with a variety of different stimuli to immerse students in the story from tasting honey to taking part in a drum procession. It was a spectacular session that was enjoyed by all.







Robin's Class

Olivia Hunt from Robin's Class sang the most wonderful solo of "I can sing a rainbow" at the Silverwood Music Festival. She was very brave singing to a large audience for the first time. Robin's Class are very proud of her success.



SPORTS DAY 2023

It was exciting to hold Sports Day on the same day on all sites this year and to encourage pupils to work towards earning points not only for themselves, but for their team. The day was filled with activity and the sound of cheers of encouragement from every corner of Silverwood. Congratulations to the Red team who were overall winners with a total of 2368 points.













What's on

















PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023





ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

TRAVELODGE

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

RILLS

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal.

During the school holidays

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

TO BE CONFIRMED...

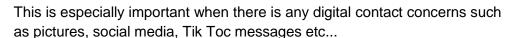
M&S and Farmhouse Inns

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Information:

Could we please request if there are any concerns Parent/Carers would like the school to be aware of or support with, that these are communicated directly to school and not through PA's on Taxi's.

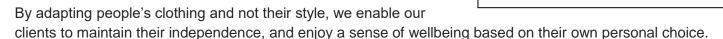




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Dressability is a friendly and welcoming independent charity which supports the clothing needs of individuals with disabilities and those with limited dexterity.

From hems to haberdashery, a personal, tailored and bespoke service is provided, focused on the development of practical and innovative solutions to everyday problems.



Website link https://www.dressability.org.uk/about-us/

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.

Summer Holiday FUEL programme



The Local Authority are currently reviewing their summer holiday provision for the FUEL programme.

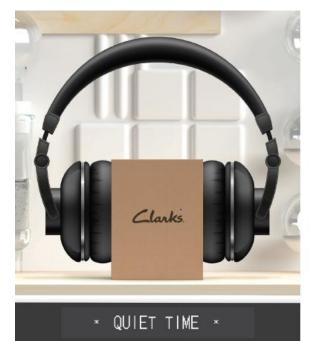
Unfortunately their main activity provider has ceased to trade with no notice. We know how important this programme is to families so they are considering all options and have come up with a plan which they hope will ensure a range of activities at venues this summer. They have bought together different sections of the council to respond swiftly to this. I appreciate this will be worrying news for you however they want to stress they are doing everything they can to provide alternatives and will keep you updated.

Meanwhile if you have queries please look at their FUEL page <u>FUEL programme - Wiltshire Council</u> which will be regularly updated with information.

Clarks have been in contact with us to inform us of their quiet time appointments they have available during the busy back to school period for shoe fittings.

These appointments are offered all year round but during June/July/August the stores can get very busy so Clarks would like to reach out to parents to make things a little easier when having shoe fittings.

Once the appointment has been booked you will be seen at your chosen time on your chosen day in your chosen branch, effectively jumping the queue and getting served quicker with all of their school shoes/accessories needs.





With nearly 200 years of expertise, it's safe to say we know what is takes to craft the right shoes for growing kids. And we're here to help you find the perfect pair for happy, healthy feet as they head back to the dassroom.

Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children if you'd like to visit us during a time with fewer crowds, noise and bright lights, then book a Quiet Time appointment





Here at Silverwood we have a family support team who are able to help with lots of different Silverwood Family Support Workers

We offer a range of support to our parent/carers throughout Silverwood School. For more details about our School Family Support Workers follow this link:

https://www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk/our-school-articles/parent-support

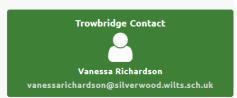
Family Support

We offer a range of support to our parent/carers throughout Silverwood School.

You can contact our School Family Support Workers who will be able to assist and sign post you.







Reminders:

School Dinner Ordering:

If your child eats a school dinner, you <u>MUST</u> book their meal choice on our ParentPay portal_-<u>www.parentpay.com</u>. This can be done weekly or for the whole term. If you child qualifies for a free school meal, you must still book your meal choices via Parent Pay.

The deadline for ordering is midnight each Wednesday for the following week.



Eynon Catering are our catering suppliers at the Chippenham and Trowbridge Campuses and we are required to place our food orders with them every Thursday. We are unable to do this accurately if parent/carers have not ordered the meal choices for their child via ParentPay.

Please note, any child meal that has been booked via ParentPay will be provided each day. Those that have not booked their meal will be supplied with a meal but this may not be the child's first choice, it will depend on what food is available. To

avoid this happening, please book your child's meal choices on Parent Pay.

If you require any support with this please contact a member of the Pupil Services Team on 01380 850309 and they will be more than happy to help.

At Silverwood School we are very proud of the way that our pupils behave and use the school values and expectations to support the School's positive learning culture.



The School's and staff believe strongly in the ethos that "All behaviour is communication". We would like to take the opportunity to share with you the School's Inclusion Support (Behaviour) Policy

https://www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk/uploads/1/3/6/5/136583151/behaviour_for_learning_policy_2023a.pdf

Please click on the link or alternately visit our website where it can be found in the Policies section. If you have any queries of feedback regarding the policy please contact Terri Chard.



With the hope of warmer weather to come please can you ensure your child has a hat in school, they wear sun cream or bring some into school to apply. Please note if your child has sun cream in their school bag you are consenting for this to be applied by a member of staff if they are unable to do this themselves.







Armed Forces

As a school, we gain extra funding for children's education if parents/carers are a member of the armed forces. If you are a military family please could you email admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk to confirm and we will update our school records accordingly.

Attendance and Term Time Holidays

We know that attendance to school for our children is vitally important. We expect all children to be above 95% attendance for the year. We ask parents to try and make any medical appointments out of school hours. **We do not authorise any holidays during term time.** Please ensure you only book holidays out of school times.

Transport

Wiltshire council have a FAQ's section on their website to help with any questions regarding transport. Please use the link below –

Silverwood School Rowde transport - frequently asked questions - Local Offer (wiltshire.gov.uk)

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 25th July 2023 Last day of Term 6 Early finish time of 13:40
- Friday 1st September 2023 Inset Day No students in school
- Monday 4th September 2023 Inset Day No students in school
- Monday 18th September 2023 Individual student photos Rowde Campus
- Friday 29th September 2023 Sponsored Wheel & Walk <u>All Campuses</u>
- Thursday 5th October 2023 Support with restricted eating workshop for parent/carers
- Monday 9th October 2023 Individual student photos <u>Chippenham Campus</u>
- Tuesday 17th October 2023 Last day of Term 1
- Wednesday 18th October 2023 Inset Day No students in school
- Monday 30th October 2023 Individual student photos <u>Trowbridge Campus</u>

Student Photo Permissions

Please note that this newsletter is circulated to 400+ student parent/carer 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.

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Email - admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk