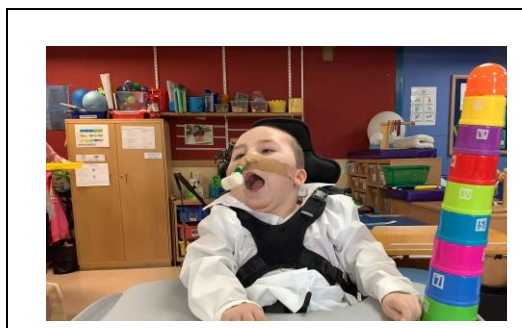




Silverwood School

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Value for Term 4 Perseverance



Campus News

Chippenham Campus

Silverwood Creates Music is again working with Chippenham Campus, working with different groups and spending time in the Bungalow with Will.

The coffee Shop on Tuesday was well attended and thank you to everyone who supported this. The cakes, sausage rolls and hot drinks were delicious and the students practiced their customer service skills beautifully.

The products, including painted flower pots, soaps and wax melts were sold at bargain prices and altogether the event raised £200.



Term Dates

Term 4

20/02/23-31/03/23

Term 5

17/04/23 - 26/05/23

Term 6

Mon 5th June – TD Day

06/06/23 – 25/07/23

Please note that the school is finishing early on the last day of term – Friday 31st March @ 13:40 &

Friday 25th July @ 13:40

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.

Trowbridge Campus

During Book Week the pupils were tasked with taking part in the Book Share Challenge. We had an INCREDIBLE amount of books shared over the week – over 400 on the Trowbridge Campus alone! We cannot tell you how impressed we were. ★ **Wow!** ★

The Green Team from Trowbridge had great fun helping with the tree planting at the Rowde Campus. After their hard work planting 16 trees they enjoyed a well-earned snack by the spring flowers.



Bluebirds had the whole world in their hands (or on their heads) during our Earth S.M.I.L.L.E PACK



We are still working hard on our curriculum theme The Earth.



And finally, here we are having fun being all spotty for Red Nose Day!

Rowde Campus

Visitors at Rowde!

We have had a number of visitors over the last few weeks coming and enjoying the Rowde campus.

Tree planting

On Tuesday we were pleased to welcome members of Willmott Dixon and pupils from all three sites, to help with some tree planting. This is part of the planned grounds work that ties into the new building, opening next academic year. Students enjoyed taking the chance to dig holes, get muddy and make an ecological difference by planting 100s of new shrubs and trees.



New Pupils

We have also had the opportunity this week to meet all our new Yr 6-7 pupils and their families who will be joining the school in September. They had a quick talk in the hall by Miss Chard and then had a tour of our amazing classrooms and grounds. Everyone was impressed and very excited to be starting on their Silverwood Journey with us.

Trowbridge and Chippenham Pupils

We have now been able to organise a weekly visit for some classes to come over and use the Rowde facilities. Penguins, Swans, Parrots and Bullfinch classes are all enjoying their time at the Rowde campus, using the school grounds, meeting new friends and eating in the canteen. Pupils have already started to look after the animals, explore the climbing trees and find beasties in the Rowde pond. We have more exciting activities planned including campfires, shelter building, orienteering, go-carting and many more fun and exciting activities to take part in. It is fantastic to see how the two cohorts of pupils from the difference campuses have started to mix; playing and learning from each other. Staff are already starting to see firm friendships developing and pupils growing in their confidence and independence.



What's on:

Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March 2023

If you haven't already done so but would like to donate to Red Nose Day, please click on the link below. Thank you ☺

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10320>

SEND Cricket

Disability Cricket in Wiltshire opportunities for students - <https://www.wiltshirecricket.co.uk/disability/super-1s.html>

Trowbridge Museum- Easter Activities



Riding for the Disabled – Larkrise Farm, Trowbridge

Riding for the Disabled at Larkrise Farm,
Trowbridge, BA14 6DQ



30 minute lessons available on Tuesday Evenings throughout the summer starting on 18th April 2023

6.15 – 6.45 or 7.00 – 7.30

£10 per lesson

Riding hats will be provided, boots with a heel should be worn

Children aged 6-16 years

Numbers are limited, please email
Jill.hendy197@gmail.com or call 07825 956944
if interested

Easter FUEL Programme

The deadline for eligible families to book their child's place on the Easter FUEL programme (free holiday activity and food programme) is **22 March 2023**.

FUEL holiday activity programme offers eligible children the opportunity to take part in a range of fun activities during the Easter Holidays. All children are provided with a nutritious meal each day that they attend. The menu can be viewed at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure/fuel-programme.

To make an application please visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/Easter-FUEL-SEND-camp-2023-application-form>



Citizens Advice

A number of parent/carers have informed us that they have contacted the Citizen Advice for assistance with completing DLA forms for their child.

If you feel you need support with this please contact them on 0808 808 3555 Mon-Fri 9.30am – 5.00pm.



Reminders:

Drumming Lessons – Term 4

Polite reminder to parents / carers whose children take drumming lessons – payment for term 4 has been added to ParentPay and is due for payment.

Failure to pay will result in cancellation of drumming lessons.

If you do not wish your child to continue in term 5 please contact the Pupil Services team.

Also, please contact the team if you would like to your child to start drumming lessons in term 5 as there are some spaces available.

Pencelli Payment Reminder

The second instalment for the Pencelli Residential Trip in July 2023 is now due.

If you have not yet paid, please can you log on to your ParentPay account to make this payment as soon as possible.

The third instalment will be due on 17th April.

The schedule is a prompt to avoid having to pay the whole amount in one go, but you are also welcome to make more smaller, more frequent payments if more convenient.

Parents / carers are encouraged to meet the dates as full payment is required to ensure attendance on this residential trip.

School Dinner Ordering:

If your child eats a school dinner, you **MUST** book their meal choice on our ParentPay portal - www.parentpay.com . 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.

Curriculum – Parent/Carer Workshop – please book now!

Following feedback from our Parent Engagement Survey, we are delighted to invite you to the third of our parent/carers Silverwood Workshops as detailed below:

Event: Curriculum Workshop

Date: Thursday 30th March 2023

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Where: Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 347 301 939 137

Passcode: KVMQSk

Run by: Mike Loveridge – Director of Learning

Aim: To provide parent/carers with a greater understanding of the Silverwood Curriculum and an opportunity to ask questions.

If you would like to attend the above workshop, please confirm your attendance by email to sophiecovington@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk or call the school office on 01380 850309, no later than Tuesday 28th March 2023.

We look forward to welcoming as many parents/carers as possible. If you are unable to attend but would like to provide some feedback for the session please email this to me at the above email address. Please note that a copy of the power point presentation delivered at the meeting will be made available on the school website.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 30th March 2023 – Enterprise Day
- Friday 31st March 2023 – Last day of Term 4

*Please note that the school is finishing early on the last day of term 4 – Friday 31st March @ 13:40.
Taxis will collect students from school at this time.*

- Monday 17th April 2023 – First day back after Easter Holidays, start of Term 5
- Monday 24th April 2023 – School Photographer - Class Photo's (Rowde)
- Tuesday 25th April 2023 – School Photographer – Class Photo's (Chippenham)
- Wednesday 26th April 2023 – School Photographer – Class Photo's (Trowbridge)
- Monday 1st May – May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May 2023 – Additional Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation
- Friday 26th May 2023 – Last day of Term 5
- Monday 5th June 2023 – Teachers Training Day school closed to students
- Tuesday 6th June 2023 – First day back after half term holiday, start of Term 6
- Tuesday 25th July 2023 – Last day of Term 6

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.

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