

Silverwood School

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Value for Term 2 Courage



Campus News

Rowde Campus

The weather never stops us at Rowde Campus! Although we have had a lot of wet weather recently, classes have still been getting outside to have their Learning Outside the Classroom lessons.

When you have animals to look after and gardens to tend the work never stops.



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.



These are pictures from Oak Class looking after the gardens and Beech class learning all about Bird's nests and even giving building nests a go themselves.



Last week our Year 11 Performing Arts Music group performed their version of 'Someone You Loved'; by Lewis Capaldi to an audience of Key stage 3 and 4 pupils along with staff. The dedication on display demonstrating our Silverwood values, particularly courage, were as evident as was the desire to give everything for their audience.

The students have been working on a variety of pieces and this is their 3rd performance of this kind. We are very much hoping to establish an easy to transport repertoire, so, we might be seen busking in a town near you soon.



It is with great sadness that we have to share with you the passing of Liz Lamb from our Rowde campus. Liz was not only a great Colleague but a valued member of our cleaning team who will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

It was a gift to have known and worked with her. Her friendliness and readiness to help anyone that needed it, be they adult or pupil was so touching to see. She always had time to listen. The sun has set on such an amazing person, it was both a privilege and honour to have known her.

We won't cry because she left us but smile because of the memories she have left us with. Always in our thoughts. Thank you for being part of the Silverwood family.



We were really happy to welcome Steve Pope, the Chair of Imperial Charity, to Silverwood who presented us with a cheque for £2000. The money has been used across Silverwood to pay towards activities for all our pupils. We are incredibly grateful to the charity for their continued support and the children were very excited to meet him.



Chippenham Campus

Starling class have been enjoying visits from Chloe's mobile farm and this week we met a rabbit and a guinea pig. The pupils are becoming more confident each week and starting to approach the animals and even stroke them. They are really embracing this term's value of courage by being as brave as they can when trying something new.



Chaffinch class have been working together to make biscuits in cooking and nutrition this term. We have been pointing out the ingredients on our communication boards and taking it in turns to use the switch to mix the ingredients together in the bowl.



Yellowhammer class enjoyed exploring pumpkins. We looked at different sized and coloured pumpkins. We enjoyed scooping out the seeds and feeling the different textures. The pumpkin was carved and we shone a torch in it! It looked very spooky!!



In Learning outside the classroom – LOTC we have been making art work using leaves collected from our outside area.



Trowbridge Campus

Trowbridge Campus had a wonderful end to Term 1 with our Harvest Festival Celebrations. We would like to pass on a great big thankyou to everyone that joined us during the day and also for the amazing donations – your generosity was incredible. All of the food we received went to the Storehouse Food Bank, Trowbridge who were very grateful for the support.



Term 2 has already been very busy. In Robins class have explored pumpkins. First, they felt the outside of the pumpkins and they were cold and smooth; then they cut the tops off to see what was inside. The children described the inside of the pumpkins as 'squishy and squashy' and 'wet'. All of the children in the class either looked closely, touched or played with the pumpkins.

Owls successful start has included shopping trips to buy ingredients for their seasonal themed cooking sessions. Pupils have also taken part in Team games in PE and have enjoyed completing their physiotherapy programmes in the hydro pool.

And... Swans class have been working really hard in Maths, recognising and ordering numbers to 50.



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.

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

PLAY & PLAY

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.

Winter Fair AND Laser Show

Ticket request form All Welcome

Early bird	On the day
Adult - £5	Adult - £7
Child - £3	Child - £5

Corsham Primary School
Gate opens 5pm

Pound Pill 17 November  **Broadwood 24th November** 



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Newsletter

LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

<p>Tuesday 21st Nov 18:30 - 19:30 FREE</p>	 <p>FREE SESSION Decreasing Depression A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression</p>
<p>Tuesday 28th Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24</p>	 <p>What is ACT? Acceptance & Commitment Therapy. How it can help with anger, anxiety and neurodiversity</p>
<p>Monday 13th Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24</p>	 <p>Autism: Improving Communication Small changes in how you communicate, lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd Nov 18:30 - 20:30 £24</p>	 <p>Supporting a Child with ADHD Interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.</p>

facefamilyadvice.co.uk info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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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Rising Stars Sports Clubs



Rising Stars sports clubs are open to any young person with SEN and/or disability from the ages of 8 to 16 years.

Clubs:	
<p>North Rising Stars Sheldon School, Chippenham Thursdays 5pm - 6pm</p>	<p>West Rising Stars Trowbridge Sports Centre Wednesdays 4.15pm - 5pm</p>
<p>South Rising Stars Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre, Salisbury Wednesdays 5pm - 6pm</p>	<p>£3.20 per session Term time only Pre-booking required</p>

For more information and to book your place please contact:
Rob Paget disability sports development officer
Tel: 01722 434770 Email: robert.paget@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wiltshire Soundabout Choir Open Music Session

Join the Wiltshire Soundabout choir for a fun, free, inclusive music session!

Sunday 19th November
Warminster Civic Centre, BA12 8LB*

2-3pm: Music
3-3:30pm: Tea and Cakes

To book a free ticket and receive the welcome information including a social story please [book online](https://www.soundabout.org.uk) or email: choir@soundabout.org.uk

*The venue is fully accessible with a changing places toilet.



Can you help

We are hoping, with your help again, to support a local Wiltshire based Charity called Re:Fresh.

Re:Fresh is a schools based project that provides toiletry and sanitary items to children and young people in need. It was established in 2015 in response to a growing awareness that many students are facing complex circumstances which means that their basic hygiene requirements are not being met.

Re:Fresh discovered that by providing a simple bag of toiletries young people were empowered to take control and care for themselves.

We are asking for donations to help Re:Fresh carry out their mission and to ensure as many young people as possible can access the benefits of these toiletry bags.

The items currently needed are:

Shampoo

Shower Gel

Soap

Toothpaste

Toothbrush

Sanitary Towels

Brush/Comb

Deodorant



We have collection points set up at all four of our main Campuses in the reception area, please feel free to either send items in with your child or drop them at reception. Any donation would be hugely appreciated.

Children in Need:

We are fundraising to raise money for Children in Need and students can come into school wearing spotty clothing should they wish to. This is not compulsory and could we ask if any donations would like to be made that they are made through our ParentPay link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12610>



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.



Reminders:

SeeSaw



SeeSaw is a digital student portfolio that gives students an audience for their work. It gives parent/carers a window into what's going on every day in their child's classroom.

Teachers can add posts to the pupils' journal to showcase creative projects they have been working on in the classroom and also communicate directly with parent/carers concerning their child.

Families are notified when there are new posts in their child's journal. They can view posts and add likes and comments.

Sign up An invite is sent to the parent/carer via email from your child's teacher in order to sign up. If you do not have a link, contact your child's teacher. Up to 10 family members can connect to one child's journal.

App. There is a SeeSaw App which can be downloaded at the Apple App Store or Google Play, simply search 'SeeSaw'.

Steps to Connect

Look for a **printed, email, or text** invite and follow instructions!



- ① Download the **Seesaw app** or go to **app.seesaw.me** on a computer
- ② Click '**I'm a Family Member**'
- ③ **Printed Invites:** Scan the QR code
Text/Email Invites: Click the link
- ④ Follow the prompts to **create an account** or **sign in**

How to Use Seesaw



Adjust **Account Settings** and connect to Seesaw Journals for additional children



View and engage with **all recent posts** from all of your children using Seesaw



View posts from **one child or class** (vs. all recent posts in the Home tab)



Use Messages to Communicate with teachers

Connected family members see only their own child's learning

[Learn more at web.seesaw.me/privacy](https://web.seesaw.me/privacy)

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 17th November 2023 – Children in Need Day
- Tuesday 5th December 2023 – Sixth form college Christmas coffee shop
- Friday 15^h 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.

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.

Website - www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk

Telephone - 01380 850309

Email - admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk
