

Silverwood School

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Value for Term 2 Courage



Campus News

Silverwood school were the very lucky recipients of a 750 tree bundle this year that was specially awarded to our school from a ballot we entered earlier on in term one. The Woodland Trust has a certain number of trees that they were awarding schools and we were one of those selected!

Our commitment to green and ethical issues continues and the Eco-ambassadors set about an enormous plant-off this week. Willow, Birch, Dog Wood, Hawthorn, Elder, Downy Birch, Dog Rose, Oak, Crab Apple and Rowan were few of the saplings that the eco-ambassadorial team successfully planted amongst our already established woodland trees.

They were carefully placed for optimum growing conditions amongst the established trees in small clearings and spaces and on the fringes of the



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.



woodland space. Small copses were made as part of the ever expanding natural greenspace commitment here at Silverwood School.

This planting will be our sustainable woodland of the future and we hope that all the saplings planted will take root and provide us with an amazing bio-diverse green campus that makes us uniquely placed here in North Wiltshire.

The next bundle of 250 trees is due to arrive shortly and we will be spreading the planting to our other campus sites further developing our green infrastructure.

The Eco-Ambassadors have worked tremendously hard with their planting already this term and are showing a great deal of natural knowledge, applying their gardening life skills and becoming very attuned to the outside spaces, really helping with their well-being; assisting their mindfulness and maturity.

A HUGE “well done” to all those students and staff involved with the planting.



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/ kinaesthetic 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!

A HUGE shout out for this week's champion tutor group KS4 CEDAR CLASS, Year 10, who have already been snapped at home with their class mascot. The class adults are setting an incredible precedent and leading the way with Reading at home with the class mascot buddy.



Class Reading Mascots at Trowbridge

We would really like Parents and Carers to share books with their children every day. To raise awareness of the importance of reading at home, classes have chosen a Reading Mascot to take in turns to bring home with them. Classes are now beginning to take home their new reading mascots – so keep an eye open for them, as one will be appearing in a school bag near you very soon!

Please encourage your child to share a book with you each day – we'd love to see photos too (with or without the mascot!) You can send photos of all your book sharing fun to your child's teacher via See Saw. We can't wait to see them!

Trowbridge Campus

We have had a busy couple of weeks on the Trowbridge Campus! Here are some of the activities we have been involved in:

Penguins, Owls, Parrots and Swans had a great time making lanterns with Jennie Quiggly (Wiltshire Council Artist). These lanterns were used at the Trowbridge Christmas lights switch on, on Friday the 17th November.



Into Film Festival Cinema Trip

Pupils from Swans, Finches, Penguins, Flamingos, Owls and Bluebirds Classes took part in the Into Film Festival on the 15th November. The aim of the festival is to celebrate film and to encourage school aged children to develop their visual literacy skills. Pupils attended a showing of The Super Mario Brothers Movie and they all had a marvellous time. We would like to thank the Odeon Cinema in Trowbridge for making us feel very welcome and for going above and beyond to make sure that our pupils enjoyed their visit to the cinema.

Rebound has started successfully here at Trowbridge. Pupils from Bluebirds and Owls classes take part in sessions every Monday. Not only are students working on developing their physical strength, they are also working really hard on developing their ability to communicate during the session.



Trowbridge were very lucky to have a musical experience performed by a charity Music in Hospitals featuring stringed instruments and singing to a mix of genre. It was great fun and enjoyed by all.



Puffins class were showing all of the school values on their walk to the shop on Fridays. We have been practising picking an item from the shop, handing it over to pay (which can be tricky!) and then paying with coins. As well as safely walking to the shop and back. We are so proud of the way the children behave in the community, especially showing respect, kindness and perseverance.



Chippenham Campus

Some of the pupils from Chiipenham Campus visited their local cinema to watch Trolls Band Together as part of the Into Film Festival. They responded well to the experience with some pupils jumping up and down in excitement which was so lovely to see.



Blackbird class have enjoyed getting out into the local community, building up stamina while walking and identifying shapes and colours. We used a communication board to identify that the road sign was a circle shape and the sign on the post box was a rectangle. We have also had a lovely autumnal walk; we collected leaves, twigs, pine cones that we will explore in class. We looked at the different shapes and colours of the leaves, identifying some of the colours and exploring the leaves with all of our senses.

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** 

DEVIZES *Music* ACADEMY

NEW UKULELE GROUPS!

Going live from the 22nd November!

Wednesdays!

Children: 4 - 5pm

(Adults: 5:30 - 7pm if you fancied it too!)

It's a very relaxed, beginner friendly sing and strumalong. A broad mix of old and new tunes. Songbooks are provided and a ukulele can be borrowed! Tonnes of fun!

£25 for a 5 week session

Email jemma@fto.org.uk to book, now!

Devizes Music Academy
7a Bath Road, Business Centre,
Bath Road, Devizes,
SN10 1XA

We also teach drums, piano, guitar, flute, singing! So drop us a line for more info!



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

Clubs:

North Rising Stars
Sheldon School, Chippenham
Thursdays 5pm - 6pm

West Rising Stars
Trowbridge Sports Centre
Wednesdays 4.15pm - 5pm

South Rising Stars
Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre,
Salisbury
Wednesdays 5pm - 6pm

£3.20 per session
Term time only
Pre-booking required

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

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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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](http://book.online) or email: choir@soundabout.org.uk

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





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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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

Corham
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
Briarwood

Warminster
The Avenue School

Malvernham Camp
Slack Camp

Royal 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 bar and keep fill



Unity
We're creating a new family in your community, with friendly staff and supportive and understanding



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

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 would like to thank everyone for their efforts in fancy dress & fundraising for Children in Need. Silverwood School's total amount raised was an amazing £184.00!

Thomas Pratchett from Elder class was in the top 3 Young fundraisers for Children in Need & was even interviewed by Michael Ball on Radio 2.

Thomas comfortably surpassed his target of cycling 60 miles to raise £500 by clocking up 67 miles, in and around Marlborough, and raising £1871 in just three weeks. On average, Thomas rode three miles every day after school and five miles on weekends.



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.



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

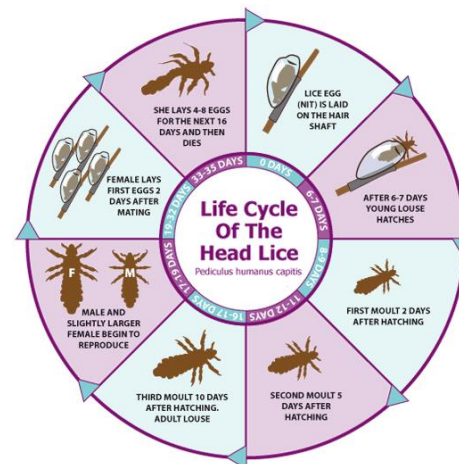


Allergy Information - Chippenham



Head Lice

There has been some reports of Head Lice so please can we ask you are vigilant with checking your child's hair & treating if necessary.



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/carers 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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Telephone - 01380 850309

Email - admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk