

# Silverwood School

Building Community, Inspiring Learning

Value for Term 1 Co-operation



## Campus News

### Rowde Campus

#### Rowde 1<sup>st</sup> Term news

All 250 pupils have made a great start to the term at Rowde this year.

Children had a successful transition week and are now onto their normal timetabled lessons. The site is being brightened up with displays of children's work in class and the amazing work outside continues.

We are very proud of our massive pumpkins that we are growing for Halloween. A lot of care and attention has gone in to growing and looking after them.



## Term Dates

### Term 1

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> September – TD Day

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> September – TD Day

05/09/23 – 17/10/23

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> October – TD Day

### Term 2

30/10/23 – 20/12/23

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

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December @ 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.



Children are working hard in their lessons earning Tutor rewards for their joint reward trip in December.



### Chippenham Campus

Healthy Schools Week has been a HUGE success, with our daily Wake and Shake livening us all up for the day!

Fruit of the day saw Mango Monday being enjoyed by all classes, with some children being brave and exploring this fruit for the first time. Being able to know what you don't like is as important as knowing what you do, so even if not everyone enjoys mango - we are super proud of everyone for engaging with the sessions.

Wagtail Class have been going Swimming at the Olympiad. Developing confidence and working together has led to lots of celebration moments!



*Mango Monday  
and  
Wake and Shake*





## Trowbridge Campus

Trowbridge Campus have really had fun engaging in our Healthy Schools Week!

Robins Class have been designing, making and eating fruit salad. Owls Class have been to the supermarket to buy ingredients, and then made Apple & Cinnamon baked oatmeal cups. Parrots Class have been making vegetable soup.

The whole school have had fun engaging in a daily Wake and Shake and mindfulness/yoga session to get their minds and bodies ready for learning.

Don't forget to send in your healthy recipes into school so we can create a 'Silverwood School Cookbook'.





Parrots have been working really hard to show our value of co-operation during our learning this week.

We have worked together to move a cup from one place to another using teamwork and have worked together to complete a sorting activity in Maths within a certain time. This meant we had to take turns to put our counters in the coloured pots and to help our friends when they got muddled and put the wrong colour in.



## What's on:

**SEN HALLOWEEN CRAFTS**  
**THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 11AM - 12.30**  
 Westwood Social Club, BA15 2AP  
**£10 PER CHILD** Welcome to everyone, but SEN inspired, so please be kind.  
 Adults must stay & supervise. 0-16 years

- hand monsters
- halloween wreaths
- puffy ghosts
- witches broomsticks
- pumpkin prints
- pumpkin carving

No food or drink provided at this session. Please wear messy clothes where possible.

Prebooking is required, to book, email

**SEN STAY AND PLAY SESSION**  
**AT ... FUNWAYS**  
**FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2-4PM**  
 Warminster, BA12 0DF

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.

**£6 per child (Under 2s free)**  
 (0-16 years welcome) Kitchen closes 3pm

Booking via Kayleigh Ramplin  
 kay.kr81@gmail.com  
 This is for sole SEN use and siblings

**SEN SPOOK-TASTIC PARTY**  
**THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER 11-1PM**  
**WESTWOOD SOCIAL CLUB, BA15 2AP**  
**£12 PER CHILD** 0-16 years. Sen inspired, but all welcome. Please be kind to everyone.  
 Adults must stay and SUPERVISE. This is not a staffed event.

Limited Tickets, Booking via, kay.kr81@gmail.com

- PARTY GAMES
- COLOURING COMPETITION JUDGING
- CHILD FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
- ADULT FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
- SPOOKY DISCO & DANCING
- PARTY FOOD

Every child will receive a colouring sheet on booking (colour before coming, no adult help!), and some sweets before leaving.

**SEN CREEPY CRAWLIES!**  
**FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER 10.30AM-12**  
 Trowbridge Rugby Club, BA14 6JB

Sen inspired but everyone welcome. Please be kind.

**£10 PER CHILD**  
 (Adults must stay and supervise)  
 Come along and see what Tropical Discovery Workshops brings along. Will there be something that crawls, or maybe something that slithers. Some can be held, some just to look at.

Refreshments available, Tea/Coffee £1.50 Cup of squash 50p & snacks too!

Safeguarding - please do not upload any other children attending the session. Crop or cover if needed.

Booking is essential, via kay.kr81@gmail.com



Christmas



coffee shop



Tuesday



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December



Silverwood Sixthform, Cocklebury



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**FACE** October 2023  
**Newsletter**  
**LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!**

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>18th Oct</b> 18:30 - 19:30 <b>FREE</b>		<b>FREE SESSION</b> <b>Family Meetings:</b> <b>Why and How</b>
<b>Monday</b> <b>2nd Oct</b> 18:30 - 20:30 <b>£24</b>		<b>Understanding the Teenage Brain</b> Why teens think, feel and behave differently from adults
<b>Monday</b> <b>23rd Oct</b> 18:30 - 20:30 <b>£24</b>		<b>Understanding Anger</b> Yours and theirs - what is anger, why do we feel it and how can we manage it?
<b>Thursday</b> <b>26th Oct</b> 18:30 - 20:30 <b>£24</b>		<b>Supporting a Child with ADHD</b> interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

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

## 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.

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

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



**Beat the Street**  
**Trowbridge**  
 4 October - 1 November 2023

Play the free, fun, walking, cycling and wheeling game!  
 Create a team with your friends and colleagues or join your school team and you could win loads of great prizes.

Visit [beatthestreet.me](http://beatthestreet.me) to find out more.

## SEN Dance Sessions

Age 5-10 4.15pm-4.45pm  
 Age 11-25 5pm-5.45pm  
**starting 11 September 2023**  
**Melksham Community Campus**



**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.

To register, please contact -  
[sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Get Out Active  
 Wiltshire Council

## 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.

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.

This is especially important when there is any digital contact concerns such as pictures, social media, Tik Toc messages etc...



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.

## Family Support Worker

Hello my name is Vanessa Haines as your Family School Support Worker at Rowde Campus.

I am here to provide support, advice and information to families regarding all aspects of matters ranging from health and education to benefits. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you are ever worried about or would like to discuss your child's wellbeing.

I can be reached by ringing the School reception and asking for me or by emailing [vanessahaines@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:vanessahaines@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk).

I would also like to remind you to look at our Website, which has a lot of helpful advice and guidance for parents and carers. The Family School Support Team and Terri Chard (DSL) will send out a new advice leaflet soon, detailing all the Early Help on offer from the School.

In the meantime, I have included the link for the charity Family Fund.

They provide grants to families on low income for items that may not otherwise be affordable. For example, family breaks, digital equipment, white goods, clothing, bedding, furniture and play equipment. Together with where to go for support with money, benefits, budget planning and information on mental health and wellbeing. <https://www.familyfund.org.uk>



**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**

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

#### **Rowde Contact**



**Vanessa Haines**

[vanessahaines@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:vanessahaines@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk)

#### **Chippenham Contact**



**Tracey Penny**

[traceypenny@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:traceypenny@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk)

#### **Trowbridge Contact**



**Vanessa Richardson**

[vanessarichardson@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:vanessarichardson@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk)



## 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](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](mailto: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



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





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.

## **Funding Information Request**

### **Pupil Premium**

Schools will receive additional funding for each child who is in receipt of free school meals (FSM). If you believe you may be entitled to free school meals for your child and have not yet made a claim please click on the link to see how you qualify - <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals>

Registering does not mean that your child has to have school meals, but it does mean we can access further funding towards your child's education from the government, this also means some activities which incur a payment are less for children who receive free school meals. Please enquire at school if you need further information or a form to complete.



### **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](mailto:admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk) to confirm and we will update our school records accordingly.

## **Dates for your diary**

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Individual school photos (Chippenham)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Support for Restricted Diets Workshop for Parent/Carers 10-11am  
Location - Trowbridge Campus
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Last Day of Term 1
- *Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – TD Day No students in school*
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – First Day back – Term 2
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Individual school photos (Trowbridge)
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Children in Need Day
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Last day of Term 2

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### **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](mailto: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](http://www.silverwood.wilts.sch.uk)

Telephone - 01380 850309

Email - [admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@silverwood.wilts.sch.uk)

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