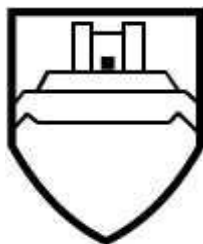


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Tuesday 22nd September
2026



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10



Our theme for assembly this term is

Thankfulness

'Always be thankful.'

1 Thessalonians 5.16



New fences

This week marks the start of us having new fences put up in different places around the outside of the school. As much as I love the openness of the front of the school, I know we have a duty to keep the children safe and the new fences/gates will do this. There may be times when we have to use one entrance rather than both, please bear with us if this happens. Once it is all finished, I will let you know the plan for the beginning and end of the day. I'm hoping nothing will change but until they are all installed, I cannot be sure.

If you have any questions please ask.

Harvest Festival

Our **Harvest Festival** is being held at the **Church** on **Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 2.15pm.** Children from Robin, Woodpecker and Fox Class will attend our Harvest Festival. Fox Class will lead the service. Parents of these children may join us in church.

We are encouraging all our children to bring in non-perishables on Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th October. As usual all our *Harvest Gifts* will go to the Trussell Trust. This organisation brings a bit of hope to families, who are going through a tough time.

THE FOOD BANK provides short-term emergency food to people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy, which allows care professionals, such as Church Pastoral Workers, Health Visitors, Social Services etc. time to put longer-term measures in place.

THE FOOD BANK HARVEST SHOPPING LIST: *Some ideas*

Soup (*Tinned or packet*)

Cooking Sauce (*Sachet*)

Rice Pudding (*Tinned*)

Breakfast Cereal

Sugar

Meat (*Tinned*)

Vegetables (*Tinned*)

Tomatoes (*Tinned*)

Milk (*UHT or powdered*)

Chocolate

Tuna/fish (*Tinned*)

Fruit (*Tinned*)

Pot Noodles

Orange juice (*Carton*)

Biscuits

Please help us to have a **"bumper"** Harvest Festival by donating something from the shopping list above. **A crate will be outside the front gate for donations from 5th - 7th October.**

Welcome & Information Evening for Parents of Reception Children

We are holding a 'Welcome /Q&A Session for New Parents' on Thursday 24th September at 18:00 in the school hall. At this session we will answer any questions now that you have had a chance to get into the swing of things! Mrs Waters will give a short presentation regarding phonics and reading and there will be a chance to ask questions.

PLEASE LET MRS MUNT IN THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND. MANY THANKS.

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Message from Rev Suzie

Breakfast Church - St Lawrence runs a monthly family friendly 'church' with food and a theme centred on learning about Jesus together - what a great combination! We eat a special breakfast together and then share a story with activities to help us think about what we have heard and then a short message before going home. Everyone is welcome.

The next service is on Sunday 27th September in The Reading Room (opposite the church) starting at 9.45am.

Animal service - St Lawrence is holding their first animal service on Sunday 11th October at 10am - everyone is invited whether they have an animal with them or not! The Dogs Trust will be giving a short talk.

Parish Admin Officer and Parochial Church Council Secretary

St Lawrence Church, Stratford-sub-Castle

'Are you looking for part-time remote, flexible work that you can carry out alongside your other commitments/whenever suits you? Are you experienced in basic administrative tasks and email communications?'

Then read on... **We are seeking a part-time employee to support our parish priest for 180 hours per calendar year.** This role combines working from home with attending monthly meetings, plus five evening PCC meetings each year. The post is based on a standard 12-hour month, with an additional 36 flexible hours scheduled as needed.

The salary is **£15 per hour (index-linked)**, plus **12.07% pay in lieu of holiday**. Please note that a **DBS check is required** for this role.

For enquiries, terms of employment, or a full job description, please contact: **Rev Suzie Allen** — revsuzieallen@gmail.com.

A few reminders...

Please make sure your child has a coat in school, even if it is sunny in the morning. We like to get outside for playtimes even if it is raining!

Bikes and scooters are not allowed to be ridden on the school premises under any circumstance.

Please do not let your children play with the school equipment at the end of the school day.

The gate opens at 08:40 every morning, please do not let children play outside the school while waiting.

Kind regards

Justine Watkins