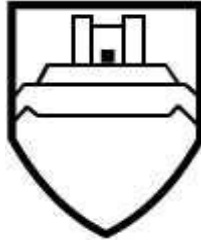


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Monday 5th October 2026



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10



Our theme for assembly this term is

Thankfulness

'Always be thankful.'

1 Thessalonians 5.16



Year 6 Braeside residential

Our Year 6 visited Braeside for their residential last week and had a brilliant time. Mrs Wilson, Mrs Ray and Mr Mintram joined them and were extremely proud of their bravery, resilience, team work and support for one another.

I would like to say a big thank Mrs Wilson, Mrs Ray and Mr Mintram for giving up their own time to take the children. It is a wonderful experience for them all and they wouldn't have been able to do it without them.

New fences and access to the school office

The first part of our new fences is nearly complete. This week work will be completed on the smaller gate involving a video intercom for access to the school office. Once this is complete we will only use the big gates to enter and leave the school. The smaller gate can be used via video intercom can be used if you would like to speak to Mrs Munt or Mrs Tiley in the school office.

The second phase to complete the fencing around the school will be carried out later in the school year.

Parking

I understand how difficult it can be to park around school. When the school was built in 1840 there were not many cars on the road! However, it has been brought to my attention that parents are parking on the double yellow lines at the corner of Mill Lane on both sides, parking in the bus stop and doing 3 point turns in the road while children are walking along the pavements. We have very nearly had an accident, in the past, when someone did a three point turn and didn't realise the boot of their car was over the pavement where a child was running past. We have many children who walk home on their own.

Please help us all keep our children safe by parking sensibly. I would rather your child was collected slightly late than someone getting hurt or an accident happening. Many thanks.

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 (<i>Tinned or packet</i>)	Meat (<i>Tinned</i>)	Tuna/fish (<i>Tinned</i>)
Cooking Sauce (<i>Sachet</i>)	Vegetables (<i>Tinned</i>)	Fruit (<i>Tinned</i>)
Rice Pudding (<i>Tinned</i>)	Tomatoes (<i>Tinned</i>)	Pot Noodles
Breakfast Cereal	Milk (<i>UHT or powdered</i>)	Orange juice (<i>Carton</i>)
Sugar	Chocolate	Biscuits

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

Message from Rev Suzie

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.

School Disco: Friday 9th October 2026

Please note this event is for children from our school only.
(Pre-school siblings are very welcome if parents stay as well!)

Parents are very welcome to stay at the EYFS/ KS1 Disco and we always need help for the second session if you can stay for that. Children must not stay at the disco that isn't for their age group without the permission of myself (and only in very special circumstances).

Tickets are on sale on the school gate this week.

ALL TICKETS ARE £2 and include a drink in the price, they can also be purchased on the evening if needed. Cakes and drinks are also on sale during the evening.

Reception, Y1 and Y2 (Butterfly and Hedgehog Class) Disco 6:00pm – 7:00pm
(Enter by side door to hall from big playground and exit via the front door onto the small playground.)

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 (Robin, Woodpecker and Fox Class) Disco 7:00pm – 8:00pm
(Enter by side door to hall from big playground and exit by the same door.)

ANY DONATIONS OF CAKES GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, please bring to the school office on the day of the disco. Prices for cakes range from 10p-20p at the disco.

A few reminders...

Mrs Diserens and Environment Club have planted wild flowers seeds outside the new fences at the front of the school. Please can you make sure your children do not play on there at the beginning or end of the school day.

We seem to have a lot of tops and hoodies that are going missing. Please can you make sure your child has their name in their top/hoodie. Also, please can you do a regular check to see that they do have the one with their name in. You would be amazed at how many children pick up another child's, by accident, and take it home!

Please find dates for term 1 and 2 below

Kind regards

Justine Watkins

2026 -2027	
TERM 1	
EVENT	DATE
Online application forms for admissions into EYFS September 2027/2028 available.	01.09.26 www.wiltshire.gov.uk
Harvest Festival in Church for KS2	Wednesday 07.10.26

	@14.15
ALL BREAK for HOLIDAY	Wednesday 21.10.26
Online application forms for admissions into Year 7 September 2027/2028 need to be completed.	31.10.26 www.wiltshire.gov.uk
TERM 2	
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 02.11.26
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 02.11.26
Parents' Evenings (In person)	Wednesday 04.11.26 Thursday 05.11.26
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 09.11.26
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	From w/b Monday 07.12.26
Dress rehearsal to school: Infant Nativity in School Hall	Tuesday 08.12.26
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families (Butterfly Class)	Wednesday 09.12.26 @ 09.15
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families (Hedgehog Class)	Thursday 10.12.26 @ 09.15
Christmas Bazaar (FOSS)	Friday 11.12.26
School Carol Service in St. Lawrence Church Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.	Thursday 17.12.26 @14.15
No Night Owls on Friday 18th December 2026 School finishes at 13:15	