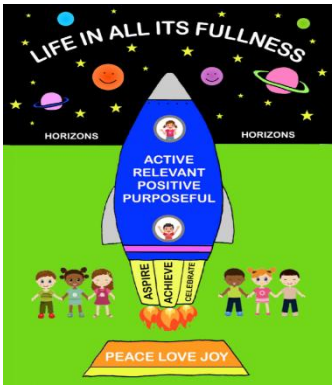
Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School Newsletter

Monday 2nd November 2026

Life in all its fullness John 10:10





Our theme for assembly this term is

Trust

'My God is my strength in whom I trust'
Psalm 18.2



Parents' Evenings – Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November

We are looking forward to our first Parents' Evening of the school year, this evening and tomorrow evening. These will be held in the school hall where the teachers will all be stationed to talk with you. Your child's classroom will be available for you to see any books they have and look at the displays around the room. We encourage children to come along too, especially the older children so they can be involved in the conversation about their learning with their teacher.

Please see attached appointment times, apologies for those that were missed off, I've learnt my lesson – less haste more speed!

OPAL

Our playtimes continue to be a hive of activity. It has been lovely to hear the children's giggles and squeals of excitement, as well as see the team work and creativity – building dens, dressing up and using the mud kitchen!! Some of the resources have broken or got damaged and we need to replace them. We need:

- Tarpaulin, sheets etc to make dens
- pegs
- Trowels and buckets for the digging area
- Pots and pans, cups and cutlery for the mud kitchen
- Dressing up clothes – these can be outfits or your old clothes!

If you are able to provide any of these please bring to the gate and give either to myself or one of the teachers. The more equipment we can offer the children the more fun they will have.

We are also going to introduce wheeled resources in the next week, we have some new scooter boards and have scooters for the younger children. Please think of us if your child has grown out of their scooter or no longer uses it!

The wooden climbing equipment in the den area has rotted and become unsafe for the children. We would like to remove this and put some hammocks and swinging equipment in its place. If there is anyone who is handy with a mallet and could help break the old equipment down and put in the skip, we would be very grateful. Please contact Mrs Munt or myself if you are able to help.

Poppy Appeal

The school has a collection tin for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be available to children and families at the gate before and after school from tomorrow. We do ask that children make at least a 20p donation for poppies and 50p for the other items (reflective poppies for coats or bags, bracelets, wrist bands and pencils).

We will mark Remembrance with a moment of silence and reflection at 11am on Wednesday 11th November.




Christmas Box Appeal 2026




One of our parents, Susie Cooke, has kindly wrapped some boxes for anyone who wishes to use one for this year's Christmas Box Appeal. These are stored in the office and will be put out on the gate for anyone who would like to use one. You can also use your own wrapped shoe box if you would like to. Leaflets will be available near the boxes and there is one in each wrapped box. We do appreciate that times are tricky now, so if you are unable to fill a whole box perhaps you could team-up with someone else and do a box together.

Please return all boxes to school by Tuesday 17th November 2026.

Reception Phonics Showcase session
Tuesday 10th November

Mrs Waters will be leading a phonics showcase lesson for parents of reception children on Tuesday 10th November from 09.00 – 09.45. You are invited to come along and watch the phonics lesson so you can see how it is taught. This will help you be able to support your child at home when reading.
If you would like to come along, please email admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk with **Reception Phonics Showcase** in the subject box.

And finally….

Remember clubs start next week and we are on **Group 2 of Drawing Club, Art Club and Stories and Craft Club**. If you are not sure if your child was in group 2, please check the lists attached to the letter.

Best wishes
Justine Watkins

2026 -2027

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EVENT	DATE
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	