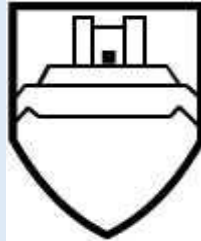


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC  
Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Life in all its fullness

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### Harvest Festival

Thank you to all that attended our Harvest Festival and donated gifts. Your support is very much appreciated. All our donations are going to The Salisbury Food Bank, which supports our local residents. Clare Wooler has kindly offered to take them for us, thank you. Below is some more information about how the Food Bank works, should you need them, and how you can support them if you would like to.

The Trussell Trust was founded in 1997 in Salisbury and has then grown setting up multiple food banks across the country. Some of them are independent although come under the Trussell Trust umbrella. 3 years ago Salisbury Foodbank became independent too, this means that as a charity any fundraising we do goes directly to local residents. Donations made to the Trussell Trust are distributed nationally whereas donations to The Salisbury Food Bank goes directly to the residents of Salisbury. They accept donations of food or money. If you would like to find out more please visit <https://salisbury.foodbank.org.uk/>



### Educational visits

Woodpecker Class and Robin Class Year 4 are going out to visit Salisbury Museum next week. This will follow Salisbury Museum coming into school on Monday to talk with the children. The visits link with their current learning in history about Anglo Saxons and previous learning about the Stone Age.



On **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023** the BBC launched this year's 500 word competition.

We have chosen to use this idea as an optional writing competition in school, to encourage our pupil's to write creatively.

Entries for our competition are being accepted from today! The date the competition will close is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**.

Your child can choose whatever they want to write a story about – this is their chance to be truly creative!

All the stories **must**:

- Be 500 words or less (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be prose, not a rap or poem

Stories **must not**:

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount an historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration)

**All stories** will be judged on the following criteria:

- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment

The stories will be judged by the staff, and we will award prizes for EYFS/KS1 winners and runners up, and KS2 winners and runners up.

Entries can be written as a paper copy, or email electronically to [500@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:500@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk)

The 500 words website has lots more information about the competition, and with your permission, their writing entry for school can also be entered into the national competition. Please follow this link for more information: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

We look forward to seeing some fantastic writing and reading your incredible stories.

Good luck and happy writing!

### **October half-term holiday sports club**

Following a successful holiday sports club, run by Up and Under Sports, Miss Wozniak is going to run another course in October half term. Please sign up using the link below.

<https://www.upandundersports.co.uk/product/october-half-term-2023-stratford-sub-castle-c-of-e-primary-school-multi-sports-course/>

### **PHONICS WORKSHOP – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

Thank you to parents of reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who joined Miss Smith last week for the Phonics workshop. I hope you found this useful. The workshop was recorded and you can find the video on the school website if you were unable to attend or would like to find out more.

<https://stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk/parent-workshops/>

### **Parking and the Reading Rooms carpark**

From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023, work will begin on treating the Death Watch beetle in the chancel roof. This will mean that part of the car park will be closed off. Parents are welcome to continue using the half of the carpark that remains open. It is expected that the work will last approximately three weeks.

This will have a knock on effect to the parking outside school. Our school was first built in 1840 and the village is not designed for the amount of traffic from the school and from people using it as a way into Salisbury. Please can I remind you to drop your children in the morning and then leave so that there is room outside the school.

Also, please can I remind everyone not to park on the zig zags outside school or the double yellow lines, especially by Mill Lane. It makes it very difficult to see oncoming traffic for our pupils who walk home.

### **MATHS GAMES WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS**

On **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October (18:00)** Miss Crook will be running a maths games workshop for parents. During the session, Miss Crook will be sharing (and playing!) some of the different games we play at school to support the children's understanding of maths. The games are easy to learn and play and will help you to support your child with maths at home.

If you would like to come along, please let Mrs Munt know by e-mail with Maths Games Workshop in the subject box, by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**.

