



# Stratford-sub-Castle Church of England VC Primary School

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Dear Parents

Firstly, a heartfelt welcome to you all and a huge thank you for trusting us with your children. They have made an amazing start to school and we are very proud of them all. My team and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of their individual personalities and interests. We also value your trust and patience whilst we develop relationships with the children and establish our school routines. Please remember, starting school is a huge step for any child and they may settle quickly or take a bit longer and that is ok. We are here to help support you all into school life.

Many of you have asked about phonics and how we teach reading, here is a link to an explanation video on our school website, please do watch it and ask me any questions at the Reception meeting next week:

<https://youtu.be/7sJ8IOOMJGs>

We would like to share your child's learning with you and have some exciting opportunities to do so. We would like to invite you to a 'Stay and Play' afternoon in Butterfly Class on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 from 2-3pm. This will give you the opportunity to see how we support children with early literacy and oracy skills and how we challenge and extend their learning through play. We have enough space for one adult per family. Here is a summary of events for our reception children's parents coming up which you can also attend:

Event	Date and time	RSVP
Reception Welcome Parents' Meeting	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 6pm	Please let the school office know ASAP if you can attend by emailing <a href="mailto:admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk">admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk</a>
'Stay and Play' Session	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 2-3pm	Please let the school office know if you can attend by Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October.
Phonics Showcase	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 9.10am (in Term 2)	Please let the school office know if you can attend by Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November.
Parents Evening	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 (in Term 2)	Booking forms to follow nearer the time.

Finally, please do look at our class page on the school website. There is information about what we will be learning and photographs from this week. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me in person at the gate, by phone or email (via the school office) if something is concerning you. I really value communication and assure you that my door is always open. There is no such thing as a silly question!

Kindest regards,  
**Mrs Waters**