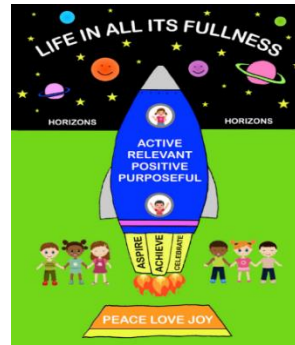


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School
Newsletter



Thursday 21st November 2024

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



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX



The school *Christmas Post Box* will be by the gate, from **Monday 2nd December until Monday 16th December**. Christmas cards must not be brought to school before that time. All cards should be placed in the box addressed with **FULL NAME (first and second name) and CLASS**. We will deliver the cards out to all the children on Thursday 19th December after Christmas dinner.

Please remember this is only for school cards! We can't deliver to Manchester! This is an internal school delivery service only!

Butterfly and Owl Class Nativity – Prickly Hay

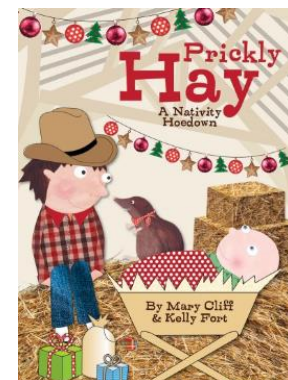
This year the pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 will be performing 'Prickly Hay' on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December 2024. A dress rehearsal in front of the whole school will take place on the morning of Tuesday 10th December with performances to families taking place on the following two days. The children will perform on both of these days, but to simplify ticket allocation, we have designated a day for the families of each class to come along.

Tickets are free for the performances and will be sent home on Monday 25th November. Every child will be allocated 3 tickets for their designated 'class performance'.

Day 1 - Wednesday 11th December: Butterfly Class (09:30 – 10:30)

Day 2 - Thursday 12th December: Owl Class (09:30 – 10:30)

If you want to swap tickets with another family, please don't involve us, just get on and make your own arrangements. This does mean however, that entry on each day is by **TICKET ONLY**.



Christmas Bazaar – Friday 13th December 2024 @ 3.20pm

Raffle tickets will be sent home, in an envelope, with your child, week beginning Monday 2nd December. Please return the envelope with any sold raffle ticket stubs and money and/or unsold raffle tickets to school and put in the!

We will also start collecting items for the Christmas bazaar on Monday 2nd December.

We need:

- Items suitable for the children's tombola and adult/children Lucky Bags. Items in good, nearly new condition please.
- Chocolate for the chocolate tombola
- Christmas craft items – these can be hand made

We would also like cakes and biscuits for the cake stall but will collect these on the day of the bazaar.

Rainbow Raffle

In addition to the items above we also run a rainbow raffle. Each class is allocated a colour and we asked for items of this colour to be donated and then a hamper is made up, for example, if your child's class colour is red you can bring in anything red, eg red wine, baubles, shower gel, Maltesers. Please make sure items are in date, new or nearly new.

The colours for each class are

Butterfly Class: Blue

Owl Class: Silver

Robin Class: Red

Woodpecker Class: Green

Fox Class: Gold

There will be a crate for each class outside the front gate before and after school from Monday 2nd December.

Jolly Jars

From Monday 9th December – Thursday 12th December we are holding JOLLY JAR DAYS in aid of the **Christmas Bazaar**. We are hoping everyone will fill a 'Jolly Jar' and bring it to school on one of these days. The idea is to fill a jar and perhaps even decorate it for the JOLLY JAR STALL at the Christmas Bazaar. The jars can contain anything from sweets to hair bands, crayons to stationery. Everyone bringing in a jar will go into a draw to be the first person to meet Santa and have a special one to one time with him and his elves, on the evening of the Bazaar.

Please give your jars to Mrs Watkins or Miss Crook so they can add your name to the draw.

Please see the photograph below for some fab ideas...



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to all those who donated for Children in Need on Friday, we raised a fantastic total of £270. Well done everyone!



Year 2 Spelling Showcase session Tuesday 26th November

Miss Smith will be leading a spelling showcase lesson for parents of Year 2 children on Tuesday 26th November from 09.00 – 09.45. You are invited to come along and watch the spelling lesson so you can see how we teach spelling in school and how this builds on from the phonics your child has already learnt. This will help you be able to support your child at home with writing.

If you would like to come along please email admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk with **Year 2 Spelling Showcase** in the subject box.

Best wishes
Justine Watkins

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TERM 2

ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 04.11.24
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 04.11.24
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 11.11.24
Parents' Evenings (In person)	Wednesday 13.11.24 Thursday 14.11.24
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 09.12.24
Dress rehearsal to school: Infant Nativity in School Hall	Tuesday 10.12.24
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families (Butterfly Class)	Wednesday 11. 12.24 @ 09.30
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families (Owl Class)	Thursday 12.12.24 @ 09.30
Christmas Bazaar (FOSS)	Friday 13.12.24
School Carol Service in St. Lawrence Church Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.	Wednesday 18.12.24 @14.15

No Night Owls on Friday 20th December 2024

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TERM 3

EVENT	DATE
Teacher Development Day 4	Monday 06.01.25
No before/after school clubs <u>except</u> Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Tuesday 07.01.25
After school clubs commence	w/b Monday 13.01.25
Primary School Deadline for EYFS September 2025/ 2026 (www.wiltshire.gov.uk)	Wednesday 15.01.25
Y6 Parent Workshop – Year 6 SATS TEAMS meeting.	
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 10.02.25
ALL BREAK for HOLIDAY	Friday 14.02.25

TERM 4

ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 24.02.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 24.02.25
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 03.03.25
National Offer Day: SECONDARY	Monday 03.03.25
Open Door afternoon. Come and look round the school and see displays, books and classrooms!	Tuesday 25.02.25 Thursday 27.02.25
Parents' Evenings (Online)	Wednesday 05.03.25 Thursday 06.03.25
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 31.03.25
School Easter Service in St. Lawrence Church: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.	Friday 04.04.25 @14.15

No Night Owls on Friday 4th April 2025

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TERM 5

EVENT	DATE
National Offer Day : PRIMARY	Wednesday 16.04.25
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 22.04.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls.	w/b Tuesday 22.04.25
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 28.04.25
Key Stage 2 SATs Week/Assessment Week.	w/b Monday 12.05.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls.	w/b 19.05.25
Class Photographs	Wednesday 21.05.25
ALL BREAK for HOLIDAY	Friday 23.05.25

TERM 6	
Teacher Development Day 5	Monday 02.06.25
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 03.06.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Tuesday 03.06.25
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 09.06.25
Meeting for Parents of new intake September 2025	Wednesday 18.06.25
Induction Session 1: Year R September 2025	Wednesday 25.06.25
June Fayre	Friday 27.06.25
Induction Session 2: Year R September 2025	Wednesday 02.07.25
Induction Session 3: Year R September 2025	Wednesday 09.07.25
Sports day	Thursday 03.07.25
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 10.07.25
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 14/07/25
Family Open Evening – all welcome	Thursday 17.07.25
Leavers' Service in St Lawrence Church	Thursday 24.07.25 @ 13.30
No Night Owls on Thursday 24th July 2025	

Academic year 2025 2026

Year 6 Braeside residential Wednesday 24th September – Friday 26th September 2025

More details to follow this term