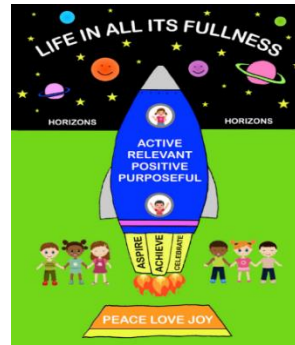


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School
Newsletter



Friday 29th 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

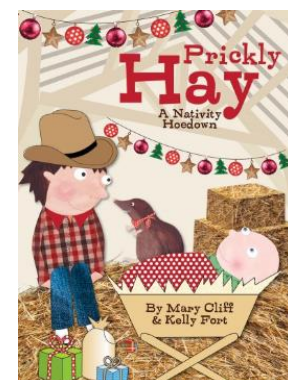
This year the pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 will be performing 'Prickly Hay' on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December 2024. A dress rehearsal in front of the whole school will take place on the morning of Tuesday 10th December with performances to families taking place on the following two days. The 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

Rainbow raffle tickets will be coming home, in a plain white envelope, with your child tomorrow. **Please return completed stubs and money and put in the Rainbow Raffle box that will be out by the gate.**

You can return any unsold tickets in the Rainbow Raffle Box but please can you write on the envelope **unsold**. If you require more tickets there is a slip in the envelope for you to complete and put in the Rainbow Raffle Box.

The contents put in the Rainbow Raffle Box will be emptied daily.

We will be collecting items for the Rainbow Raffle hampers from Monday. Each class is allocated a colour, apologies that I got some of the colours muddled up on the last newsletter! Please bring items of your child's class colour to out in the hamper. For example, if your child is in Butterfly Class then bring items that are 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: Green

Robin Class: Red

Woodpecker Class: Silver

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...



Christmas lunch and 'Christmas jumper/Bling up your Uniform Day'!
Thursday 19th December

Be as subtle or garish as you wish, but 'Christmasify' your uniform if you want to. Christmas jumpers, tinsel or hats may be worn, for example, over normal school uniform.

Strictly Come Stratford / Stratford's got Talent!
Friday 20th December

This year we will be holding our Talent competition in school on Friday 20th December. We are encouraging the children to show off their talents whatever they maybe. They could dance, sing, play an instrument or maybe tell a joke, in the name of entertainment! Children can enter with friends from their class or other classes. We hold preliminary rounds in the morning in classes and then the children vote on who they would like to see in the final. Finals take place in the afternoon. Sorry we won't have room for any visitors but I'm sure you will hear all about it.

Finally,

We currently have vacancies on our governing board, for a foundation governor and 2 parent governors. Information regarding our parent governor vacancies is on the other attachment with this letter. Please see the message below regarding the foundation governor vacancy.



Could this be you?

Our village school is in need of a Foundation Governor.

This role may be filled by any Christian, whether or not they worship at an Anglican Church.

For further details please contact
 Revd Suzie Allen (701333) or Carole Long (324421)

Best wishes
 Justine Watkins

2024 -2025	
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

2024 -2025

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

2024 -2025

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