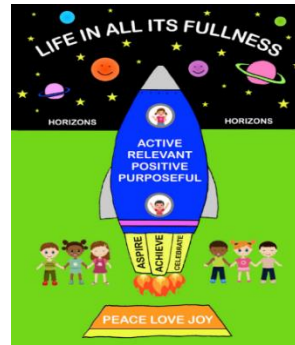


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School
Newsletter



Monday 16th December 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



Thank you all for your support last week through all our staff illness and changes. Hopefully the children all had a good week and didn't really notice anything different! Most staff are back to full health and have return to work today. Unfortunately, Miss Hardiman is still very unwell and will not be returning before the end of term. We are all missing her and wish her well, we hope she recovers over the Christmas break.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who stepped up last week, sharing classes, covering extra break times and lunchtimes and leading assemblies. A special thank you to Mrs Ray and Mrs Ford who have covered extra early Bird and Night Owls sessions to ensure they have continued.

Once again, **THANK YOU** for helping to make the **Christmas Bazaar** such a success. It just showed, yet again, what a strong community we are! Thank you to all the FOSS committee who worked so hard behind the scenes to get everything prepared. However, the FOSS committee could not have succeeded without your generosity; helping to make the stalls and the Rainbow Raffle so sparkling! To everyone who baked cakes and biscuits, donated Jolly Jars, donated gifts, manned stalls, created a fabulous grotto for Santa, helped set up and helped to tidy up at the end... a very big **THANK YOU!**

In the words of a Year 3 child **'It was EPIC!'**



Important messages for this week

Butterfly Class and Owl Class will be performing their nativity 'Prickly Hay' on Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure you have your tickets for the day you are attending. **Doors to the hall will open at 08.40** when I open the gates.

Woodpecker Class will be leading our Christmas Carol service in the church on Wednesday afternoon. Robin Class and Fox Class will also be attending. The service starts at **2.15pm** if you would like to join us.

Smiley Face Celebrations on Friday 20th December will be held at 09.00, not 14.40, as this is the last day of term and we are holding our Talent show in the afternoon.

There will be **no Night Owls on the last day of term, Friday 20th December**. All children to be collected from school at 3.20pm.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX



Today was the last day for posting cards in our post box. Our little elves in Fox Class will now begin sorting them and we will deliver the cards out to the children on Thursday 19th December after Christmas dinner.


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.

We currently have vacancies on our governing board, for a foundation governor and 2 parent governors. Information regarding our parent governor vacancies has been sent previously but if you are interested and would like more information please contact Mrs munt and she will e-mail it to you again. 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)

We break up for the holidays at 3:20pm on Friday 20th December . **THERE WILL NOT BE ANY NIGHT OWLS ON FRIDAY**

Monday 6th January is a TD day. All children return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

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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