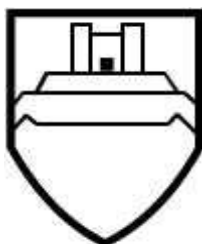


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Tuesday 28th January 2025



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10

Reading

I hope you all found the information regarding reading at Stratford useful. If you have any questions regarding this please talk with your child's class teacher or myself. We are always trying to improve what we do at Stratford and would like your input about reading. Miss Smith, our English lead, has devised some questionnaires for staff, parents and the children to find out about reading habits. We would be very grateful if you would complete the parent questionnaire by clicking the link below. There is no judgement on anyone who completes the questionnaire, it would really help us develop a better reading culture across the school. Thank you!

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KYBWk4t7N0SmYgCiCzz27JybCWXS6ytAofN738pU_n5UM0wyTldRT0ZaSiYyRkdTRDk3WlpZVjBKUC4u

Parents consultation meeting with Brunel Academy Trust (BAT)

Thank you to all who came to the parent consultation with BAT last week. It was a very positive meeting. I will email out the power point that was shared and some FAQs when I receive them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 11th February 2025

Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world each year. The aim of Safer Internet Day is to **inspire a national conversation** about using technology safely, responsibly and positively.

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day's theme is **'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'**

Safer Internet Day will focus on change online, this includes covering, at an age appropriate level:

- Our children's perspective on new and emerging technology
- How is changing technology like generative AI going to impact the approach of scammers?
- And what changes would young people like to see to help protect themselves moving forward?

In an ever changing world where technology is key, it is important that we all work together to support children with how to stay safe online. For more information please look at

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Speed limit outside school

Thank you to all those who have reported that our flashing lights on the 20mph signs are not working. We believe water has caused these to stop working following the rain we have had and have reported this to the council. Please can I remind all of you that the speed limit is 20mph outside school.

Watch out nits are about!

Please can you make sure your child's hair is tidied up if it is shoulder length or longer. I have had reports of head lice being found. The best way to try to avoid them spreading is for hair to be tied up. Please see the link below for how to treat head lice if you find any in your child's hair.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

'Nobody is perfect' parent support group

A couple of our wonderful parents have decided to set up a parent support group at Stratford. Parenting is a hard job and if we had all the answers, we would be very rich! However, we all have experience of little people and supporting our own children at home. Many parents have knowledge and understanding of similar things and we would like to make use of this and support each other in our school community. This would be a safe space where everyone can be honest and ask for help from others in the same position. A place where you can share tips and strategies, support and empower each other. If you are interested in joining this group then please follow the Whats App link below or look in the Class Whats App group where I believe the link has also been shared.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GT5zbHwLt3m0WBejDfe7Wb>



February 2025

Newsletter

Thursday
20th Feb
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION

Supporting Healthy Screen Use

A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens

Monday
3rd Feb
10:00 - 11:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
11th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday
18th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness

Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.

Tuesday
25th Feb
19:00 - 20:30
£24



Understanding the Teenage Brain

A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

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| Understanding Anger | 10 FEB 7pm |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use | 11 FEB 10am |
| Facing Defiance | 14 FEB 7pm |
| Raising Self-Esteem | 27 JAN 7pm 25 FEB 10am |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep | 28 JAN 7pm 24 FEB 10am |
| Supporting a Child with ADHD | 3 FEB 10am 3 MAR 7pm |
| Improving Family Communication | 3 FEB 7pm 4 MAR 10am |
| AUTISM: Improving Communication | 4 FEB 10am 4 MAR 7pm |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 4 FEB 7pm 3 MAR 10am |
| Anxiety-Based School Avoidance | 10 FEB 10am 10 MAR 7pm |
| What is ACT? | 17 FEB 10am 17 MAR 7pm |
| Introduction to OCD | 17 FEB 7pm 18 MAR 10am |
| Anxiety Explained | 18 FEB 10am 18 MAR 7pm |
| Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness | 18 FEB 7pm 17 MAR 10am |
| Decreasing Depression | 24 FEB 7pm 25 MAR 10am |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain | 25 FEB 7pm 24 MAR 10am |

Kindest regards

Justine Watkins

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

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|---|---|
| ALL BACK TO SCHOOL | Monday 24.02.25 |
| No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls | w/b Monday 24.02.25 |
| Open Door afternoon. Come and look round the school and see displays, books and classrooms! | Tuesday 25.02.25 Thursday 27.02.25 |
| Clubs commence | w/b Monday 03.03.25 |
| National Offer Day: SECONDARY | Monday 03.03.25 |
| 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

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| 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