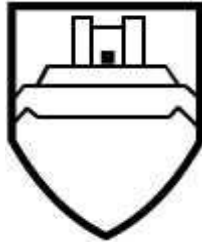


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10



Our theme for assembly this term is
Perseverance

*I can do all things through Him who strengthens me
Philippians 4:13*

A chance to find out how your child is getting on...

The 'Open Door' afternoons will take place on **Tuesday 25th February 2025 and Thursday 27th February 2025 after school until 16:15.**

These afternoons provide a chance for families to come into school to see the classrooms and look at their child's books as our next **Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 5th March and Thursday 6th March will be online.**

If possible, please could families with surname **A-L come on Tuesday 25th February** and families **M-Z come on Thursday 27th February 2025.**

For safety...

- Please wait on the large or small playground and enter the school when invited to by a member of staff
- Use the same doors as used by the children to enter and exit the classrooms in the mornings etc!
- DO NOT enter the toilets used by children
- DO NOT ENTER THE NEST (next to Woodpecker class as Night Owls are in there!)
- Please do not bring buggies/pushchairs into the buildings as there is not enough room

If you are unable to come straight after school please arrive at any time after that... but before 16:15!

ONLINE PARENTS EVENINGS –

WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH AND THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025

Parents' evening with your child's teacher will take place on Wednesday 5th March and Thursday 6th March (15:20 – 18:00). These will be held online using **Microsoft Teams** (please make sure you have this software downloaded onto a mobile, tablet or laptop). We understand that online is easy for many parents but if you do have an issue with this please contact us and we will arrange a phone call instead.

Please use the link below to select your appointment times. We will need you to **complete one online form per child, and it needs to be with us no later than Wednesday 12th February**. Your allocated appointment times will be emailed out to you via Parent Mail with a link to the meeting. Please click on the link just before your appointment time.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4zazxERpWT>

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?

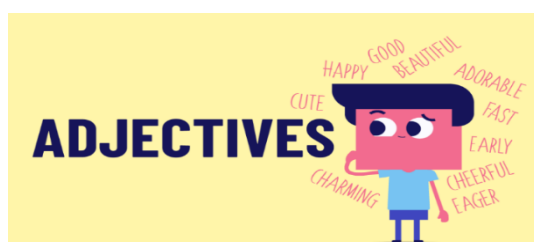
In an ever changing world where technology is key, it is important that we all work together to support children with how to stay safe online. For more information please look at

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

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025

We shall be celebrating World Book Day in school week beginning Monday 3rd March. The children will be involved in lots of different activities linked to books and reading over the week. We will have a dress up day on **Friday 7th March**. This is a day later due to everyone having PE on Thursday!

This year's dress-up theme is...



An adjective is a describing word, for example brave, strong, fast, colourful.

We would like you to dress up as an adjective. For example, you could dress up in colourful clothes or one particular colour, or someone who is tired and wear your pyjamas!! Be as creative as you like. Winners will be voted for in each class and award with a prize.

If this is not your kind of thing, please do not feel pressurised into having to join in! If you don't like dressing up then don't! Wear your uniform and be the adjective smart or sensible!

Parents consultation meeting with Brunel Academy Trust (BAT)

Please find attached the Power Point Presentation that was shared with Staff and Parents at the recent meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Reading

Please complete the parent questionnaire about Reading 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_n5UM0wyTldRT0ZaSjYyRkdTRDk3WlpZVjBKUC4u

'Nobody is perfect' parent support group

First meeting Wednesday 12th February after drop off in The Tompkins Room (Behind The Reading Room).

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>

And finally a few reminders:

Please do not let your children play on the grass around the Willow tree and on the grass verge outside school. We have some beautiful spring flowers emerging in that area and they will get trodden on.

Snacks and lunch boxes

Please remember that we are a nut free school due to having children who have nut allergies. Also, we do not allow children to have sweets or chocolate bars for snack or in their lunchbox, a chocolate biscuit, eg 2 finger Kitkat, is fine.

Uniform

We rely on you, as parents, to ensure that your child wears the school uniform. Children really dislike being different and enjoy feeling part of the "Stratford Team"!

I have noticed that some of the older children have been wearing nail varnish or have acrylic nails and some make-up has been worn. Please may I remind this is not acceptable at school.

The required school uniform is as follows:

- royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- white polo shirt or collared shirt
- grey or black trousers or shorts

- grey or black pinafore dress or skirt
- blue and white checked / striped dress or skirt (summer / hot weather option)
- black school shoes that are safe and appropriate

We encourage the wearing of grey, black or white socks, or dark tights.

Appearance

Children should be smart, clean and safe at all times.

Hair: Long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons. This is essential during PE and DT lessons but is encouraged in all activities.

Jewellery: Pupils may wear watches and a small pair of studs for pierced ears (in ear lobes only). Nose studs and other types of body piercing are not allowed. No other jewellery is allowed. In order to comply with L.A. Health and Safety guidelines, pupils are required to remove earrings for PE activities. If children cannot remove them, they are asked to cover them with tape.

Make-up: The Governors believe that any form of make-up or hair colouring is inappropriate for this age group. Nail varnish may not be worn.

Kindest regards

Justine Watkins

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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
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

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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