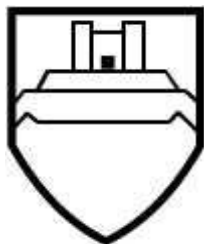


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Thursday 12th June 2025



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10

Welcome back after half term, I hope you all had a good week in between the rain and showers! The next few weeks are going to be extremely busy. I hope they will also be purposeful and fun! It has been lovely to see so many parents/ grandparents at Smiley Face Celebrations recently. We look forward to seeing many more of you in the coming weeks.

Reading Fluency and Spelling Showcase sessions

Miss Smith will be leading a spelling showcase lesson for parents of children in **Year 1 and 2** on **Tuesday 24th June @ 9:00am**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Gdn4najV6E>

She will be leading a reading fluency showcase lesson for parents of children in Years 2, 3 and 4 on **Friday 27th June @ 09:00am**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/xAw5vhH6Vp>

You are invited to come along and watch the lesson so you can see how we teach reading and spelling. This will help you be able to support your child at home with these areas.

If you would like to come along, please complete the forms by following the links above.

JUNE SUMMER FAYRE (FRIDAY 27TH JUNE @ 6:00 – 8:00 pm)

Thank you for all your donations for the June Summer Fayre. The bottle battle is very close winners will be announced in Smiley Face Celebrations tomorrow.

DONATIONS FOR JUNE FAYRE (MONDAY 16TH JUNE TO FRIDAY 27TH JUNE)

Please put all donations in the crates outside the school gates

Children; Adult & Teddy Tombola Prizes:

We're hosting **Children and Adult Tombolas** and need **good quality items** for prizes. Plus, there's a **lucky dip**—perfect for clearing out those party bag bits! 🎉

Don't miss the **teddy tombola**! Bring any soft toys (in good condition) that need a new home. 🧸

Cakes; Plants & Perishable Items

Cakes, Plants & perishable items can be donated and brought into school on the day - June 27th – not before as we have nowhere to store them.

Raffle Tickets

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June Fayre Raffle tickets should come home with your children tomorrow in a white envelope. Please return the envelope as soon as possible with any sold raffle ticket stubs and money and/or unsold raffle tickets to school using the red raffle ticket bin by the gate!

For those requiring more, please drop and email with your name, child's class and number of tickets required to friendsofstratfordschool@gmail.com or drop a message via the facebook group. If we get enough volunteers, raffle tickets will be on sale at the Fayre too.

PLEASE HELP!

👉 Volunteer to Help! 👉

We need your helping hands to make this event a success! Whether you can spare some time in the morning to move donations to the FOSS cupboard, wrap lucky dip prizes, help set up on the day, or run a stall for just 30 minutes, your support is invaluable.

Sign up here: volunteersignup.org/DWCXT or reach out via Facebook, email us at friendsofstratfordschool@gmail.com, or join our WhatsApp group:

FOSS MEMBERS CHAT



Together, we can make this event amazing!

SPORTS DAY – Thursday 3rd July @ 09.15

This is always one of the year's high-lights. I do hope you will be able to join us and cheer all the competitors on. We will be starting as near to 9.15am as possible and finish at about 11.30am. Refreshments provided by the FOSS will be available during the morning.

Please bring a chair if you have one, we have run out of chairs in the past

SAFETY RULES FOR SPORTS DAY

- **Sit or stand on the side designated for parents- do not approach pupils on their side**
- **Carry refreshments with care, please do not purchase cakes and drinks for school pupils**
- **Stay away from the finishing line / zone**
- **Please do not allow younger siblings to play on the track or equipment**
- **During the water race please stand as close to the running track as possible**

Free Guitar and Ukulele Lessons!

Our visiting guitar and ukulele teacher Simon Sheffield has a few spots available for lessons from September. And if your child will be in years 3 to 6 and would like to give guitar or ukulele a try,

Simon is offering some free trial lessons between now and the summer. Let the office know if you're interested. Simon will provide instruments.

How to support your child with change.

Change is part of life and can be good but can also cause some anxieties for children, and adults too. It is important we support our children so that they can build resilience and learn strategies to be able to cope with change in the future.

Big life changes are inevitable, but that doesn't make them any easier for children (or adults) to manage. Structure and stability feel safe for children, so new experiences like changing class, moving school, divorce or welcoming a baby sibling can be scary.

As we face changes, we develop the skills of resilience. By navigating and growing from these experiences, we strengthen and train our "resilience muscle." Children who are new to major life changes need extra support in addressing their feelings, understanding and adjusting to change, and learning new strategies and skills along the way.

Remember that children feel our emotions, so start by acknowledging and regulating your *own* feelings about the big change.

1. GIVE THEM TIME TO PREPARE

When preparation is an option, give your child plenty of advance warning that a major change is coming. This allows them **time to process** and begin to accept the change.



2. LISTEN TO THEIR CONCERNS



Take time to address your child's questions and concerns. Help them **work through the emotions** that they're feeling.

If your child struggles to name what they are feeling, help them label the emotion (e.g., anxious, sad, nervous, worried, or scared).

3. READ BOOKS ABOUT BIG LIFE CHANGES

There are plenty of children's books written to **help kids cope** with major life changes.

Check out the Top 85 Growth Mindset Books for Children and Adults in our Growth Mindset Printables Kit on biglifejournal.com



4. KEEP ROUTINES THE SAME



Give your child as much consistency and stability as possible. Bedtimes and mealtimes in particular should remain consistent. Structure feels safe for children so provide as much of it as possible to restore a sense of safety.

5. PROVIDE CONNECTION AND PLAY

Remain consistent is your child's **connection with you**. Make sure your child knows that no matter what else changes, you aren't going anywhere, and neither is the bond you have with your child.



6. GIVE THEM CHOICES AND ASK FOR HELP



During a big life change, children feel that they have no control over their lives. Give some **sense of agency** by allowing your child to make small choices:

- What color do they want to paint their bedroom at the other parent's home?
- What should you cook for the first meal in the new house?
- What outfit do they want to wear for their first day at a new school?

7. TALK ABOUT OTHER CHANGES

Talk about things they **successfully coped with** in the past. They might include:

- Starting school
- Getting a new pet
- Joining the soccer team
- Going to first grade



Best wishes

Justine Watkins

2024 -2025	
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	