



Tuesday 8th July 2025

The end of term is fast approaching, I cannot believe we only have thirteen whole school days left of this academic year! There is still a lot to do and look forward to including Fox Class Show and a whole school Art topic day. Our last day is Thursday 24th July and we finish at the normal time of 3:20pm. **Please note there is no Night Owls on this day.**

Staffing news

I am sorry to say that Mrs Nicky Watson will be retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs Watson started working at Stratford as a teaching assistant on 1st October 2006. She previously worked as a teaching assistant at Redlynch Primary school until it's closure in August 2006. Mrs Watson has put her 'heart and soul' into her role here as teaching assistant and has supported many children in the classroom, on trips and during sports events. Mrs Watson has voluntarily led an after school netball club and team for many years as well as leading our winter and summer games clubs alongside Mrs Bridson (previous headteacher) and Mrs Webb. She also has given up her time to attend many residential trips over the years. Mrs Watson is known by all the children from her lunchtime duties, although she freely admits to not always remembering everyone's name, calling them Floss instead!!!

Nicky has been a brilliant colleague during her time at Stratford and is a real team player. She supports the staff as well as the children, looking out for them and reminding us 'there is no I in team!'. We will all really miss her here at Stratford-sub-Castle Primary but wish her the very best in her retirement – where she will travel the world and enjoy many cups of coffee and cake!

School office

As many of you will know, Mrs Munt has been struggling for many weeks now with an injury to her wrist. She has been working part time from 11:00 and has tried her best to do as much as she can, which I am very grateful for. Mrs Munt is going to have an operation on her wrist on Wednesday 16th July and will not return to school before the summer holiday. Mrs Tiley will cover the office between 09:30 and 14:30 every day and will come in early on some days. I will cover the office as much as I can when Mrs Tiley is not there. We will be monitoring the admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk email inbox. However, this does mean that there will be times when the office is unmanned. Please bear with us during this time. If you are going to be late for pick up but are unable to let us know please do not worry we will keep your child until you arrive.

Thanks yous!

Thank you to all who came to the June Fayre. The event raised a fantastic £3019.18 which is an awesome effort! This money will go towards providing transport for all our school educational visits and our new OPAL (Outside play and learning) project which starts in September. More importantly, it was a lovely community event and it was great to see grandparents, parents and pupils, former parents and pupils, governors and staff all mixing together and having fun in the sunshine.

Thank you to everyone who helped to set up, manned the stalls and tidied up at the end. Without you the Fayre would not have been the successful event it was.

Thank you to everyone who baked cakes, donated prizes, ponies and cuddly toys! Your support is very much appreciated.

Thank you to all who were able to make it to Sports' Day. It was so lovely to see so much family support for individual children and also the school. Many thanks also to the FOSS for providing refreshments and to all the staff who helped to make the vital preparations, especially Mrs Watson who worked very hard before and on the day! Congratulations to all our winners and to everyone who took part. A very special thank you to the Y6 pupils, who helped to set up the races. Another proud head teacher moment!!





Congratulations to our award winners:

EYFS/KS1 SPORTS DAY AWARD FOR BOYS

1st – Felix Green 2nd – Thomas Sanger 3rd – Regan-Lee Jackson/Oliver Parsons

EYFS/KS1 SPORTS DAY AWARD FOR GIRLS

1st – Grace Cash 2nd -Fern Rusbridge/Carmina Altin 3rd – Lori Legg

KS2 SPORTS DAY AWARD FOR BOYS

1st – Jack Turner 2nd – Edward Stirman/Henry Budd 3rd – Jacob Hecks

KS2 SPORTS DAY AWARD FOR GIRLS

1st - Liyana Abeygunawardana 2nd – Darcie Kemmish/Thea Hack 3rd – Herta Borsos

EYFS PROGRESS CUP – Freddie Swaffield

 ATTAINMENT CUP – Helena Pavic

KS1 PROGRESS CUP – Charlie Ormshaw/Freddie Anderson

 ATTAINMENT CUP – Sam Murphy

KS2 PROGRESS CUP – Cody Brookes/ Scarlett Johnson

 ATTAINMENT CUP – Logan Goodenough/ Angelica Harper-Troughton

BURNETT GOODWILL CUP – Izzy Skinner

SMILE AWARD – Abi Kennedy

MUSIC AWARD (nominated by Mrs Aylett) – Jack Fielding, Iris Doe and Eva Murphy

ART AWARD (nominated by Mrs Richards) – Felix Green and Darcie Kemmish

BRIDSON GOOD SPORT CUP – Immy Waters

School Disco – Friday 11th July 2025

The Foss will be holding the last school disco of the year on Friday 11th July. Tickets are on sale before school this week (£2.00) and can be bought at the door on the night. We are considering holding the disco outside on the main playground by the hall due to the extreme heat that is forecast for the end of the week. More details to follow this week.

Please note this event is for children from our school only. Pre-school siblings are very welcome at the reception/KS1 disco if parents stay as well!

If the disco is in the hall:

Reception, Y1 and Y2 Disco 6:00pm – 7:00pm (Enter by side door to hall from big playground and exit via the front door onto the small playground.)

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Disco 7:00pm – 8:00pm (Enter by side door to hall from big playground and exit by the same door.)

Annual Reports and Parents' Open Evening Thursday 17th July

Your child's end of year report and results (if appropriate) will be coming home this week. If you think there are any errors, don't understand anything or we have left anything out please do speak with myself or your child's class teacher and we will rectify the situation or try and explain the report to you.

You will have chance to discuss this report with your child's class teacher on Thursday 17th July. Please note the evening runs from 3:20pm – 6:00pm.

If you wish to talk to your child's teacher or say hello to their new teacher (if they have one) then the staff will be there to see you. We work on an informal sign up idea for this evening, simply write up your name up on the white board in the classroom on that evening and 'chats' will happen on a first come, first served basis. Please do come and feel free to wander around the school and visit all the classrooms should you so wish! **Each class will have a white board where you can write up your name if you wish to speak with the class teacher.**

Old books will be sent home before the parents' open evening and current books will be rolled over into next year.

Please see the schools statutory test data compared with the national data (2024) from this academic year, on the school website from Monday 21st July 2025.

Please pop into the hall while you are here to try our new menu for hot dinners which will be available from September.

Leavers' Service – Thursday 24th July 2025

We finish the school year on Thursday 24th July. This is marked with our Leavers' service in the Church at 13.30. Year 5 and 6 parents are invited to join us. Children from Robin and

Woodpecker Class will also attend the service. All children should wear their proper uniform so we can go to the Leavers' Service looking smart on the last day.

Last Smiley Face Celebrations – Friday 18th July 2025

The last Smiley Face Celebrations of the school year will be held at 14.40 in the school hall. Gate opens at 14.30.

Reminders

Year 5 (Year 6 in September) Braeside residential online meeting – today (Monday 7th July) at 6pm

Year 4 and 5 swimming - This week is the last swimming session for Year 4 and 5.

Please find the school calendar for next year, 2025 2026, attached to the email.

Best wishes

Justine Watkins