



Stratford – Sub – Castle Church of England VC Primary School

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Life in all its fullness

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Dear Parents,

Firstly, a heartfelt welcome to you all and a huge thank you for trusting us with your children. They have made an amazing start to school and we are very proud of them all. My team and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of their individual personalities and interests. We also value your trust and patience whilst we develop relationships with the children and establish our school routines. Please remember, starting school is a huge step for any child and they may settle quickly or take a bit longer and that is ok. We are here to help support you all into school life.

Thank you to those parents who attended our welcome meeting last night. I hope you found it useful. Please find the slides attached to this letter if you were unable to make the meeting.

Many of you have asked about phonics and how we teach reading, here is a link to an explanation video on our school website, please have a look and if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

<https://stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk/parent-workshops/>

We would like to share your child's learning with you and have some exciting opportunities to do so. Please see the table below

Event	Date and time	RSVP
'Stay and Play' Session	Wednesday 8 th October 2025 2-3pm	Please complete the form below by 7 th October https://forms.office.com/e/Zavp0Bffa6
Phonics Showcase	Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 9.10am (in Term 2)	Please complete the form below by Friday 7th November https://forms.office.com/e/WkiLrPRfTQ
Parents Evening	Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6 th November 2025 (in Term 2)	Booking forms to follow nearer the time.

For our stay and play and showcase sessions we have enough space for one adult per family. Pre-school children are unable to attend.

Our 'Stay and Play' afternoon will give you the opportunity to see how we support children with early literacy and oracy skills and how we challenge and extend their learning through play.

Our phonics showcase session will allow you to see how we teach phonics and early reading skills so you are able to support your child at home.

Finally, please do look at our class page on the school website. There is information about what we will be learning and photographs from this week. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me in person at the gate, by phone or email (via the school office) if something is concerning you. I really value communication and assure you that my door is always open. There is no such thing as a silly question!

Kindest regards,

Mrs Waters
Butterfly Class Teacher