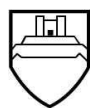
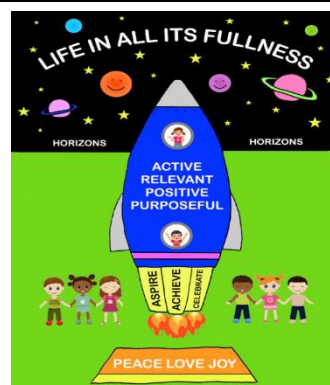


**Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School
Newsletter**



Thursday 2nd October 2025

Life in all its fullness John 10:10



Our theme for assembly this term is

Generosity

*'God loves a cheerful giver'
2 Corinthians 9.7*



Help needed!

Thank you to those who have already signed up to help us on our Team Stratford 'tidy up' day on Sunday 19th October 2025. We still need people to help with building a stage out of pallets, putting together some sheds and digging an area on the field. Any carpenters, gardeners or painters that can help? We also need people to do some general tidying up of areas, removing broken furniture and lifting and carrying to the skip or to the tip! If you think this could be you then please complete the form below

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

I would be grateful even if you could only offer an hour of your time on that day. Hopefully, together we can get lots done and improve the area for the children to use more freely. I am happy for the Y5/6 children to be involved in this day but only if they are able to do some of the jobs (this will not be a day where they can play at school).

Reading Rocks Challenge

Miss Smith has launched a new 'Reading Rocks' challenge with the children. The challenge is to read (or share for the younger children) books that they haven't read before that fit into the categories. Each child will have the challenge board, with the categories on, stuck in the back of their reading record in the next few days.

The children will receive certificates for reading 5, 10 and 15 books and will be able to choose a new book from my treasury if they complete the challenge. The challenge starts next week and ends on Friday 12th December.

If you have any questions please ask your child's teacher, Miss Smith or myself.



READING ROCKS CHALLENGE AUTUMN TERM



Welcome to the Autumn Reading Rocks Challenge!

At Stratford, we want our pupils to read widely, and to enjoy as many books as possible during their time here.

We challenge you to read as many books as you can! 😊

These books need to be **new and something you haven't read before**. Use the suggestion in the squares to broaden the range of books you choose to read!

5 books – Asteroid Award

10 books – Comet Award

15 books – Meteor Award

Complete the challenge and you win a new book of your choice from Mrs Watkins's book treasury!

Reading Rocks Certificates will be awarded in assembly after your teacher has seen your record.

Happy reading!

Harvest Festival

Our **Harvest Festival** is being held at the **Church** on **Wednesday 15th October 2025 at 2.15pm**. Children from Robin, Woodpecker and Fox Class will attend our Harvest Festival. Fox Class will lead the service and the choir will perform a harvest song. Parents of these children may join us in church.

This year we are holding a **'Soup'er hero challenge!** Decorate a can of soup to make them a 'soup'er hero and we will display in assembly for everyone to see! Katie has started us off with Captain Mulligatawny!

Alongside the challenge we are still encouraging all our children to bring in non-perishables during the week commencing Monday 6th October. Please place in the crates outside the school gate. Any 'Soup'er heroes can be put on the side outside Mrs Watkins office to show to everyone!

As usual all our *Harvest Gifts* will go to the Trussell Trust. This organisation brings a bit of hope to families, who are going through a tough time.

THE FOOD BANK provides short-term emergency food to people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy, which allows care professionals, such as Church Pastoral Workers, Health Visitors, Social Services etc. time to put longer-term measures in place.

THE FOOD BANK HARVEST SHOPPING LIST: *Some ideas*

Soup (Tinned or packet)

Cooking Sauce (Sachet)

Rice Pudding (Tinned)

Breakfast Cereal

Sugar

Meat (Tinned)

Vegetables (Tinned)

Tomatoes (Tinned)

Milk (UHT or powdered)

Chocolate

Tuna/fish (Tinned)

Fruit (Tinned)

Pot Noodles

Orange juice (Carton)

Biscuits



Captain Mulligatawny!

Designed by Katie.

Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to our first Parents' Evening of the school year at the beginning of term 2, on **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November 2025**.

These will be held in the school hall where the teachers will all be stationed to talk with you. Your child's classroom will be available for you to see any books they have and look at the displays around the room. We encourage children to come along too, especially the older children so they can be involved in the conversation about their learning with their teacher.

All appointment times will be e-mailed out before half term. If you would like to make an appointment please follow the link below

<https://forms.office.com/e/a0WNvMzX8R>

We seem to have a lot of jumpers/hoodies that are going missing. Please can you make sure your child has their name in their jumper/hoodie. Also, please can you do a regular check to see that they do have the one with their name in. You would be amazed at how many children pick up another child's, by accident, and take it home!

A few reminders...

Please make sure your child has a coat in school, even if it is sunny in the morning. We like to get outside for playtimes even if it is drizzling!


Bikes and scooters are not allowed to be ridden on the school premises under any circumstance.

Please do not let your children play with the school equipment at the end of the school day.

The gate opens at 08.40 every morning, please do not let children play outside the school while waiting.



Best wishes

Justine Watkins



Wiltshire Family Hubs

Support for Families to Build Healthier Relationships



Family Hub Wiltshire Council

Issue 8 - 2025

www.wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk

At the Family Hub we recognise that there are times when the family dynamic can become increasingly stressful with communication that often ends in conflict.

Why not try Within My Reach?

Within My Reach is a four-week programme offered by Wiltshire Family Hubs, designed to support parents and carers living under the same roof who are seeking help in rebuilding a healthier relationship.

This program is ideal for couples and individuals alike—the flexibility allows either joint or solo participation.

Want to Get Involved? Here's How:
Request your place online. Sign-up is easy:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Why not try - Triple P Family Transitions


Triple P Family Transitions is a five-week programme where co-parents can come along, separately, to learn strategies and skills to manage their emotions, learn coping strategies during separation and divorce and balance play, work and life as you transition through the change.

[CLICK HERE](#)

Choking and Strangulation

Did you know?

- Asphyxia (which also includes choking and strangulation) is the third most common cause of child accident deaths in the UK. Most of these accidents happen to children under 5.
- It takes just a few minutes for a baby to suffocate, and they are too weak to move themselves out of a position where they can't breathe.
- For some top tips to avoid risk for your little one click the link –



[CLICK HERE](#)

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2025 -2026

TERM 1

EVENT	DATE
Harvest Festival in Church for KS2	Wednesday 15.10.25 @14.15
ALL BREAK for HOLIDAY	Tuesday 21.10.25
Teacher Development Day 3	Wednesday 22.10.25

TERM 2

ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 03.11.25
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 03.11.25
Parents' Evenings (In person)	Wednesday 05.11.25 Thursday 06.11.25
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 10.11.25
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	From w/b Monday 08.12.25
Dress rehearsal to school: Infant Nativity in School Hall	Tuesday 09.12.25
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families (Butterfly Class)	Wednesday 10.12.25 @ 09.15
Infant Nativity in School Hall to families (Owl Class)	Thursday 11.12.25 @ 09.15
Christmas Bazaar (FOSS)	Friday 12.12.25
School Carol Service in St. Lawrence Church Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.	Wednesday 17.12.25 @14.15
No Night Owls on Friday 19 th December 2025 School finishes at 13:15	

2025 -2026

TERM 3

EVENT	DATE
Teacher Development Day 4	Monday 05.01.26
No before/after school clubs <u>except</u> Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 05.01.26
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 06.01.26
After school clubs commence	w/b Monday 12.01.26
Primary School Deadline for EYFS September 2026/ 2027 (www.wiltshire.gov.uk)	Thursday 15.01.26
Y6 Parent Workshop – Year 6 SATS TEAMS meeting	Thursday 22.01.26
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 09.02.26
Open Door afternoon. Come and look round the school and see displays, books and classrooms!	Tuesday 10.02.26 Thursday 12.02.26
ALL BREAK for HOLIDAY	Friday 13.02.26

TERM 4

ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 23.02.26
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 23.02.26

Parents' Evenings (Online)	Wednesday 25.02.26 Thursday 26.02.26
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 02.03.26
National Offer Day: SECONDARY	Monday 02.03.26
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Monday 23.03.26
School Easter Service in St. Lawrence Church: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.	Thursday 26.03.26 @14.15
No Night Owls on Friday 27 th March 2026	

2026 -2026	
TERM 5	
EVENT	DATE
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Monday 13.04.26
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls.	w/b Monday 13.04.26
National Offer Day : PRIMARY	Thursday 16.04.26
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 20.04.26
Key Stage 2 SATs Week/Assessment Week.	w/b Monday 11.05.26
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls.	w/b 18.05.26
Class Photographs	Wednesday 20.05.26
ALL BREAK for HOLIDAY	Friday 22.05.26
TERM 6	
Teacher Development Day 5	Monday 01.06.26
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 02.06.26
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Tuesday 02.06.26
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 08.06.26
Meeting for Parents of new intake September 2026	Wednesday 17.06.26
Induction Session 1: Year R September 2026	Tuesday 23.06.26
June Fayre	Friday 26.06.26
Induction Session 2: Year R September 2026	Tuesday 30.06.26
Sports day	Thursday 02.07.26
Induction Session 3: Year R September 2026	Tuesday 07.07.26
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 09.07.26
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	From w/b Monday 13.07.26
Family Open Evening – all welcome	Thursday 16.07.26
Leavers' Service in St Lawrence Church	Wednesday 22.07.26 @ 09:00
No Night Owls on Wednesday 22 nd July 2026 School finishes at 13:15	

