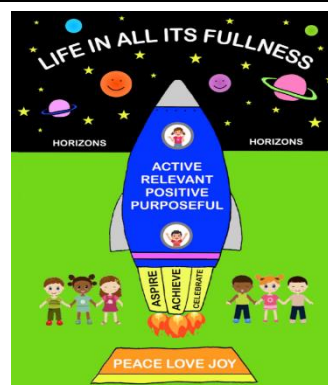


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School Newsletter



Friday 17th 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*



Stratford Grand Design!

Mrs Waters has named our OPAL playtime renovations 'Stratford grand Design'! We are looking forward to Sunday and making changes to our school environment ready for the new playtime launch after half term. We have a fantastic 'Ground Force' team as they are now named, ready to help us on Sunday, but if you would still like to help please let me know either by completing the form or speaking to me on the gate. The more the merrier! Please remember children in Year 5 and 6 are able to join us and help out, however younger children are not.

We still need some more palletts to build our mud kitchen so if you have any please can you let me know and drop them off at school before Sunday. Any other resources maybe dropped off on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday next week.



OPAL Launch – wellies and waterproofs

After half term we are going to launch our new playtime and lunchtimes and this means we will be going outside even if it is raining! We will use the field for the whole year not just when it is dry. Therefore if your children would like to go on the field they will need to bring their own wellies in after half term. These will be kept in school and stored near their classroom. All children will also need a waterproof coat as they will get wet on some lunchtimes! There will be a space to go to if they would prefer not to be out in the rain but this will also be outside.

Harvest festival

Thank you to all that attended our Harvest Festival on Wednesday afternoon and donated gifts. Your support is very much appreciated. All our donations are going to The Salisbury Food Bank, which supports our local residents. Our school chaplain, Katie, has kindly offered to take our gifts to the food bank, thank you Katie. Below is some more information about how the Food Bank works, should you need them, and how you can support them if you would like to.

The Trussell Trust was founded in 1997 in Salisbury and has then grown setting up multiple food banks across the country. Some of them are independent although come under the Trussell Trust umbrella. 3 years ago, Salisbury Foodbank became independent too, this means that as a charity any fundraising we do goes directly to local residents. Donations made to the Trussell Trust are distributed nationally whereas donations to The Salisbury Food Bank go directly to the residents of Salisbury. They accept donations of food or money. If you would like to find out more please visit <https://salisbury.foodbank.org.uk/>

The children created some wonderful 'Soup'er Heroes that are also going to the foodbank. Hopefully they will brighten someone's day!



FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER

Lord of the Harvest
We welcome your spirit to work in our lives.
Let your word take root so that,
Your love may grow up
Your joy may spread out
And your peace become deeper in us every day.
Amen

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.

If you haven't made an appointment yet but would like to please follow the link below
<https://forms.office.com/e/a0WNvMzX8R>

Watch out nits are about!

Please can you make sure your child's hair is tied up if it is shoulder length or longer. I have had reports of head lice being found. The best way to try to avoid them spreading is for hair to be tied up. Please see the link below for how to treat head lice if you find any in your child's hair.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

**Please note we finish the school term on Tuesday 21st October.
Wednesday 22nd October is a Teacher Development Day.**

We all return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Best wishes

Justine Watkins

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TERM 1

EVENT	DATE
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 19th December 2025 School finishes at 13:15

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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	

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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 22nd July 2026 School finishes at 13:15	