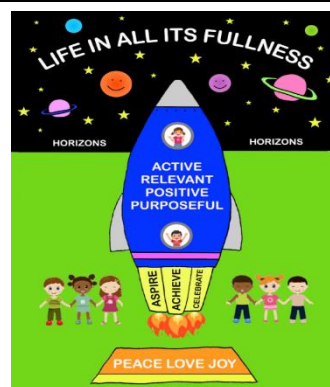


**Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School
Newsletter**



Tuesday 21st 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*



Well done to our reception pupils who have completed their first term in school. It has been a very busy term, and all our pupils have worked hard, I feel we are all in need of this half term break! Let's hope we have less rain, more sunshine and can create some good memories over the holiday.

**Please note today is our last day. We all return to school on
Monday 3rd November.**

Stratford Grand Design!

A big thank you to all that helped on project Stratford grand Design on Sunday. It was an amazing day, despite the awful weather, and really summed up Team Stratford. We have spoken with the children today about our rights and responsibilities for playtimes and have devised our Play Charter for us all to follow. Below are some photos of the day and our wonderful creations.







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 at least a waterproof coat as they will get wet on some lunchtimes! If they would like to bring in waterproof trousers as well then that is fine. Please label everything as I'm sure we will have doubles of the same clothing!

There will be a space undercover to go to if they would prefer not to be out in the rain but this will also be outside.

Poppy Appeal

The school has a collection tin for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be available to children and parents at the gate before school and after school during the first week back. We do ask that children make at least a 20p donation. We have paper poppies and ones that attach to your bag or coat. We will mark Remembrance with a moment of silence and reflection at 11am on Tuesday 11th November.



Christmas Box Appeal 2025



As in previous years we shall be taking part in the Christmas Box Appeal. If anyone would kindly wrap some shoe boxes, so we can use them after half term, I would be grateful. I will provide more details after the break.

FOSS 100 CLUB WINNERS (OCTOBER)

1st – Borbon Manalang (67) £40

2nd Miss Crook (20) £20

3rd Geren Abraham (91) £10

Congratulations all!

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>

Best wishes

Justine Watkins

2025 -2026	
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 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 22nd July 2026 School finishes at 13:15	