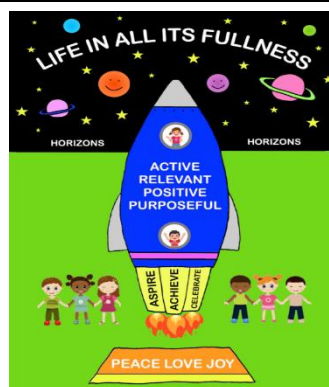


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School Newsletter



Wednesday 5th November 2025

Life in all its fullness John 10:10



Our theme for assembly this term is **Compassion**

‘Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience’
Colossians 3.12



Parents’ Evenings

We are looking forward to our first Parents’ Evening of the school year, this evening and tomorrow evening. 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.

OPAL

We have had a fantastic start to our OPAL playtimes. The children have enjoyed exploring the new areas and the different activities there are. It has been lovely to hear their giggles and squeals of excitement, as well as see the team work and creativity – especially on the stage!! We continue to need

- Tarpaulin, sheets etc to make dens
- Trowels for the digging area
- Small world toys – figures, cars and trucks

If you are able to provide any of these please bring to the gate and give either to myself or one of the teachers. The more equipment we can offer the children the more fun they will have.

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



One of our parents, Susie Cooke, has kindly wrapped some boxes for anyone who wishes to use one for this year's Christmas Box Appeal. These are stored in the glasshouse for anyone who would like to use one. You can also use your own wrapped shoe box if you would like to.

Leaflets will be available near the boxes and there is one in each wrapped box. We do appreciate that times are tricky now, so if you are unable to fill a whole box perhaps you could team-up with someone else and do a box together.

Please return all boxes to school by Thursday 20th November 2025.

Reception Phonics Showcase session

Tuesday 11th November

Mrs Waters will be leading a phonics showcase lesson for parents of reception children on Tuesday 11th November from 09.00 – 09.45. You are invited to come along and watch the phonics lesson so you can see how it is taught. This will help you be able to support your child at home when reading.

If you would like to come along, please email admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk with **Reception Phonics Showcase** in the subject box.

Year 1 Phonics Showcase session

Wednesday 12th November

Miss Smith will be leading a phonics showcase lesson for parents of Year 1 children on Wednesday 12th November from 09.00 – 09.45. You are invited to come along and watch the phonics lesson so you can see how it is taught. This will help you be able to support your child at home when reading.

If you would like to come along, please email admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk with **Year 1 Phonics Showcase** in the subject box.

Year 2 Spelling Showcase session

Wednesday 19th November

Miss Smith will be leading a spelling showcase lesson for parents of Year 2 children on Wednesday 19th November from 09.00 – 09.45. You are invited to come along and watch the spelling lesson so you can see how it is taught. This will help you be able to support your child at home when spelling and writing.

If you would like to come along, please email admin@stratford-sub-castle.wilts.sch.uk with **Year 1 Phonics Showcase** in the subject box.

Bags2School Collection – Friday 21st November

We will be having another collection for Bags2School on Friday 21st November. If you are having a sort out please save your items and **bring them to school in a black bag on the morning of Friday 21st November** and put in the gated area at the front of school. The bags are being picked up that day and this will help us to do the minimum of carrying and moving! For each kilo of items collected we will receive a cash amount towards FOSS funds.

Please see below for what you can put in your bags!

Bags2School...

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties
- Jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts
- Household linen, curtains and towels
- Soft toys

Bags2School...

We DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

And finally....

A big thank you to the FOSS team who raised a fantastic £169 from the cake sale at the end of term. This money will be used to buy a new speaker to play music at playtimes which I know the children will enjoy!

Remember clubs start next week and we are on **Group 2 of art and drawing, stories and craft and environment clubs**. If you are not sure if your child was in group 2 please check the lists attached to the letter.

Best wishes
Justine Watkins

2025 -2026	
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	