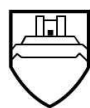
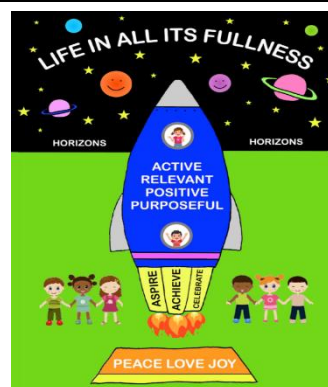


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School
Newsletter



Wednesday 26th 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



OPAL

What a different week it was last week in terms of weather! This meant the children were exploring and investigating with different types of play. We have had the big loose parts (pallets, tyres, ropes etc) used to build some great things.

Woodpecker Class have had the last of their sponsor money in and have raised a fantastic £980!! They are discussing what they would like to add to the OPAL resources with the extra money.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX



The school *Christmas Post Box* will be by the gate, from **Monday 1st December until Monday 15th December**. Christmas cards must not be brought to school before that time. All cards should be placed in the box addressed with **FULL NAME (first and second name) and CLASS**. We will deliver the cards out to all the children on Thursday 18th December.

Please remember this is only for school cards! We can't deliver to Manchester! This is an internal school delivery service only!

Butterfly and Owl Class Nativity – It's a party!

This year the pupils in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 will be performing 'It's a party!' on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December 2025. A dress rehearsal in front of the whole school will take place on the morning of Tuesday 9th December with performances to families taking place on the following two days. The children will perform on both of these days, but to simplify ticket allocation, we have designated a day for the families of each class to come along.

Tickets are free for the performances and were sent home with your child on Tuesday 25th November. Every child will be allocated 3 tickets for their designated 'class performance'.

Day 1 - Wednesday 10th December: Butterfly Class (09:15 – 10:15)

Day 2 - Thursday 11th December: Owl Class (09:15 – 10:15)

If you want to swap tickets with another family, please don't involve us, just get on and make your own arrangements. This does mean however, that entry on each day is by **TICKET ONLY**.



Christmas Bazaar – Friday 12th December 2025 @ 3.20pm

Rainbow Raffle

Rainbow raffle tickets will be coming home today, in a plain white envelope. **Please return completed stubs and money and put in the Rainbow Raffle box that will be out by the gate.** You can return any unsold tickets in the Rainbow Raffle Box but please can you write on the envelope **unsold**. If you require more tickets there is a slip in the envelope for you to complete and put in the Rainbow Raffle Box. The contents put in the Rainbow Raffle Box will be emptied daily.

We will be collecting items for the Rainbow Raffle hampers from Monday 1st Dec. Each class is allocated a colour, Please bring items of your child's class colour to out in the hamper. For example, if your child is in Robin Class then bring items that are red, eg red wine, baubles, shower gel, Maltesers. Please make sure items are in date, new or nearly new.

The colours for each class are

Butterfly Class: Blue

Owl Class: Green

Robin Class: Red

Woodpecker Class: Silver

Fox Class: Gold

There will be a crate for each class outside the front gate before and after school from Monday 1st December.

Jolly Jars

From Monday 8th December – Thursday 11th December we are holding JOLLY JAR DAYS in aid of the Christmas Bazaar. We are hoping everyone will fill a 'Jolly Jar' and bring it to school on one of these days. The idea is to fill a jar and perhaps even decorate it for the JOLLY JAR STALL at the Christmas Bazaar. The jars can contain anything from sweets to hair bands, crayons to stationery.

Everyone bringing in a jar will go into a draw to be the first person to meet Santa and have a special one to one time with him and his elves, on the evening of the Bazaar.

Please give your jars to Mrs Watkins or Miss Crook so they can add your name to the draw.

Please see the photograph below for some fab ideas...



Christmas lunch and 'Christmas jumper/Bling up your Uniform Day'! Tuesday 16th December

Be as subtle or garish as you wish, but 'Christmasify' your PE uniform if you want to. Christmas jumpers, tinsel or hats may be worn, for example, over normal PE uniform.

Christmas performance by the school choir.

A Christmas performance by the school choir will be held on Thursday 18th December @ 14:30, for their families. So that we have an idea for the number of chairs to put out, please complete the link below if your child is in choir and you would like to come along.

[Choir Christmas performance - Thursday 18th December – Fill in form](#)

Strictly Come Stratford / Stratford's got Talent! Friday 19th December

This year we will hold our Talent competition in school on Friday 19th December. We are encouraging the children to show off their talents whatever they maybe. They could dance, sing, play an instrument or maybe tell a joke, all in the name of entertainment! Children can enter with friends from their class or other classes. We hold preliminary rounds in classes on Thursday 18th December and then the children vote on who they would like to see in the final on Friday. Sorry we won't have room for any visitors but I'm sure you will hear all about it.

Important messages for this term

The last week for clubs is week beginning Monday 1st December, except for choir whose last session will be Thursday 11th December. Early Birds and Night Owls continue as usual.

There will be no Smiley Face Celebrations on Friday 12th December due to the Christmas Bazaar.

The last Smiley Face Celebrations on Thursday 18th December will be held at 09.00 (not 14.40).

There will be no Night Owls on the last day of term, Friday 19th December as we finish at 13.15.

Please note there will be no bus for after school on this day.

Best wishes

Justine Watkins

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TERM 2

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 @ 3.20pm
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	

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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	