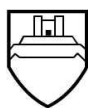
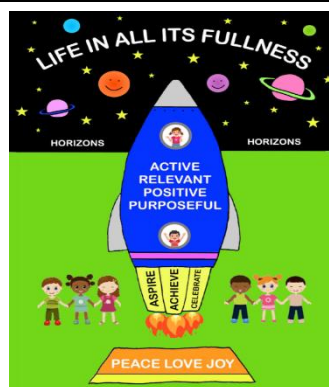


**Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School
Newsletter**



Thursday 11th December 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



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARDS / POST BOX



The school *Christmas Post Box* will be by the gate, **until Monday 15th December**. 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!

Christmas Bazaar – Friday 12th December 2025 @ 3.20pm

We are really looking forward to the Christmas Bazaar tomorrow. Thank you to all of those who have signed up to volunteer help run the stalls, we couldn’t do it without you.

Cakes and bakes!

We are collecting cakes and biscuits tomorrow for the cake stall. Please leave on the table at the front of school on that day, hand in to the office or to myself or someone on the gate.

**Carol service in St Lawrence Church
Wednesday 17th December @ 2:15pm**

Woodpecker Class will be leading the Carol Service and Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be attending our wonderful Christmas Carol service. Choir will also be singing. Families of Year 3, 4,5 and 6 pupils are invited to join us at this service.

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. **If you pay for school lunches and your child is having a Christmas lunch, please ensure funds are on ParentPay no later than the day of the lunch.**



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

Please can I remind you to not park on the double yellow lines outside school when you are collecting children. I do understand it can be very busy at the end of the day but this is more reason to park sensibly and keep our children safe. I have been informed that some people are parking on the double yellow lines at the end of Mill Lane again. We have a lot of children who walk home that way and they cannot see turning traffic when people park there. I do have car registrations of cars parked on the double yellow lines and will be speaking with those drivers.

Choirs last session will be today, 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.

We are back to school on Tuesday 6th January as Monday 5th is a TD day.

Message from Rev. Suzie



You and your families are all invited to the Christingle Service held at St Lawrence Church on Sunday 14th December @ 10am. You will be given a Christingle to make during the service. Come along and join us for this festive fun service.

You are also all invited to our wonderful Christmas Eve Outdoor nativity service at 11am. Come dressed as a person from the nativity... or just come! This outdoor simple service will welcome not just baby Jesus but our animal friends too (camels and donkeys!) Weather permitting.



OPAL

We continue to have fun with our new resources at playtimes.



Best wishes
Justine Watkins

2025 -2026

TERM 2

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 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 27th 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 22 nd July 2026 School finishes at 13:15	