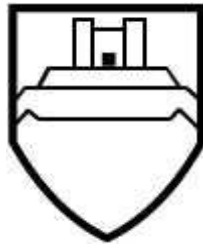


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2026



Life in all its
fullness
John 10:10



Our theme for assembly this term
is
Courage

‘Be strong and courageous: do not be frightened or
dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.’ Joshua 1.9



What a very busy and wet term it has been so far! I think we are all looking forward to when Spring arrives and hopefully some drier weather.

The FOSS are going to run a ‘tuck shop’ at the end of the school day on Friday 13th February. There will be crisps, drinks and sweets if you would like to buy some.

A quick reminder:













Please do not let your children play on the grass around the Willow tree and on the grass verge outside school. We have some beautiful spring flowers emerging in that area and they will get trodden on.

Snacks and lunch boxes

Please remember that we are a nut free school due to having children who have nut allergies, no Nutella or pesto please. Also, we do not allow children to have sweets or chocolate bars for snack or in their lunchbox, a chocolate biscuit, eg. 2 finger Kitkat or Penguin bar, is fine.



We have continued on our OPAL journey, getting outside as much as possible. The children have enjoyed the new resources we have and are creative with our loose parts. Please see our OPAL bingo card below and if you have any of these resources please can you bring them into school after half term.

Pebbles 	Baking pans 	Cake moulds 	Measuring spoons 	Strainers 
Baskets 	Cable spools 	Cones 	Containers 	Corrugated pipes 
Dress up items 	Fabric 	Funnels 	Nets 	Old electronics 
Pool noodles 	PVC pipes 	Jugs 	Hard hats 	Sinks and tubs 
Tires and wheels - big, small and weird 	Pots 	Colanders 	Wheelbarrow 	Watering cans 



Aware+ Session from Wiltshire and Bath Air

Ambulance

Monday 9th February 2026



Mrs Waters has arranged for Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity to come into school, on **Monday 9th February 2026**, to deliver their Aware+ programme. As part of the PSHE curriculum, all schools should provide First Aid training to its pupils. The course content is matched to the age of the children and adapted for individual needs.

We recognise that children may have experience of first aid situations involving the emergency services and encourage you to let your child's school know if this is the case. All topics are covered sensitively and at an age-appropriate level.

Butterfly Class: Making a 999 call/How to get help when someone is unwell
Owl Class: Making a 999 call and recovery Position
Robin Class: Making a 999 call, recovery Position and CPR
Woodpecker Class: Making a 999 call, recovery Position, CPR, AED use and choking
Fox Class: Making a 999 call, recovery Position, CPR, AED use, choking and bleeding

We are asking for donations of £2.50 per child towards the cost of the sessions. Please make payment via Parent Pay.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 10th February 2026

Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world each year. The aim of Safer Internet Day is to **inspire a national conversation** about using technology safely, responsibly and positively.

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day's theme is **'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'**.

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

Your child will take part in learning more about AI, in their class and at an age-appropriate level. For more information please look at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

A chance to find out how your child is getting on...

The **'Open Door'** afternoons will take place on **Tuesday 10th February and Thursday 12th February after school until 16:15.**

These afternoons provide a chance for families to come into school to see the classrooms and look at their child's books as our next **Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 25th February and Thursday 26th February will be online.**

If possible, please could families with surname **A-L** come on **Tuesday 10th February** and families **M-Z** come on **Thursday 12th February**. This will spread the number of people in the classrooms out over the 2 days.

For safety...

- Please wait on the large or small playground and enter the school when invited to by a member of staff
- Use the same doors as used by the children to enter and exit the classrooms in the mornings etc!
- DO NOT enter the toilets used by children
- DO NOT ENTER THE NEST (next to Woodpecker class as Night Owls are in there!)
- Please do not bring buggies/pushchairs into the buildings as there is not enough room

If you are unable to come straight after school please arrive at any time after that... but before 16:15!

ONLINE PARENTS EVENINGS –

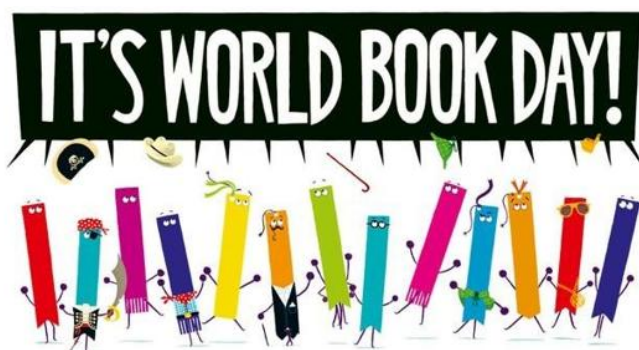
WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY AND THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

Parents' evening with your child's teacher will take place on Wednesday 25th February and Thursday 26th February (15:20 – 18:00). These will be held online using **Microsoft Teams** (please make sure you have this software downloaded onto a mobile, tablet or laptop). We understand that online is easy for many parents but if you do have an issue with this, please contact us and we will arrange a phone call instead. Please complete the link below by Monday 9th February. We will send lists with appointment times before the half term break.

[Parents Evening Wednesday 25th February and Thursday 26th February 2026 \(ONLINE\) – Fill in form](#)

Wednesday 4th March 2026

World Book Day is actually 5th March 2026, however as this is a PE day we are going to celebrate on **Wednesday 4th March 2026**.



To celebrate World Book Day this year, our theme is

Bedtime Stories

**Come dressed in your pyjamas or onesie and bring
your favourite bedtime story to share!
This can be one you have read recently, or one you remember
fondly from when you were younger.**

Extreme Reading!



Take a photo
of yourself
reading in
the strangest
place
possible.

**Entry photos will be displayed
in the hall**

**Our World Book Day
competition is Extreme
Reading!**

**Winners will be announced in Smiley
Face Celebrations on Friday 6th March
2026.**

Your child will bring home their World Book Day token next week!

FOSS Quiz night

Friends of Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School (FOSS)

**QUIZ
NIGHT
FUNDRAISER**

Join us for our adult-only quiz night on
FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026
7pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets £5 per person – nibbles included.
Teams of up to 6 people. Individuals are welcome
and can be placed in a team on the night.
No alcohol to be brought in from outside.

- CASH BAR
- RAFFLE
- INTERVAL GAMES

Scan to book

A QR code located at the bottom right of the poster, with a blue arrow pointing towards it from the text 'Scan to book'.



Free online course Supporting Myself to Support My Child

Three online sessions
Tuesdays 10am - 12pm 10, 17, 24 March

Book by
3 March



- Explore the importance of your own wellbeing
- Develop strategies to support the individual needs of your child
- Learn about further support available

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick **one** of the following criteria: individual income less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee or asylum seeker status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.



Wiltshire Council



Understanding School Anxiety and the Emotional Barriers to School Attendance

Online course



Book by
26
February

Thursday 5 March 10:00-12:00

- Strategies to support children with anxiety and worry
- Identify other professionals who can offer support
- Advice on reasonable adjustments that schools can make
- Group discussion with educational psychologist

For bookings and enquiries:
call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or contact
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
or scan the QR code



Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ on 31 August 2025; they must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick one of the following criteria: on a lower income, individual income less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.



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Kindest regards

Justine Watkins