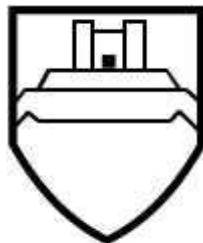


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Friday 17th April 2026



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10



Our theme for assembly this term
is

Friendship

‘Encourage one another and build
each other up.’

1 Thessalonians 5.11



I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. A big thank you to the FOSS who provided and gave an Easter egg to each child when they left on the last day of term.

Term 5 is another short one and we have a busy few weeks ahead, please see more details below.

CLUBS

All after school clubs are on from next week. Please see the clubs grid e-mailed out on 15th April for more details.

Statutory Assessments in the summer term

Throughout their time at Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School children are assessed in various ways, not only to gauge progress and attainment, but also to help us to focus our planning and be better teachers! We, like all primary schools also have to take part in **statutory assessments**, which involve all children in EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6. We try to keep these low key, especially in EYFS and KS1; making them part of what we normally do. The younger children do not sit in silence, in rows etc! An explanation of all these assessments is attached to this email.

Dates to be aware of:

Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6) – week beginning 11th May 2026

Year 4 Multiplication tables test – week beginning Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Phonics Screening (Year 1) – week beginning 8th June 2026



OPAL Grounds day #2
Saturday 25th April 2026
09:00 – 15:00

**If you think you can help out for the morning/afternoon or an hour or two
please complete the form below.**

[Team Stratford Grounds day - Saturday 25th April 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Active Uniform consultation

Thank you to those who completed our parental consultation regarding active uniform. 86% thought having a different uniform, for example like our PE uniform, would be a good idea.

The colour, affordability and smartness of our uniform, along with the school logo were what was liked the most. Parents thought having the same uniform enhanced feeling part of 'Team Stratford'. Being able to purchase uniform from different places and having basics was also really appreciated.

The majority of parents also thought that our current uniform is uncomfortable and that having different uniform for different days was confusing and resulted in a lot of washing. Some parents commented that a change to our white polo shirts would be a good idea, as these get very dirty. While many liked the PE hoodies, it was mentioned that these do not wear well. Parents would appreciate uniform that would dry quickly and not have to go in the tumble dryer.

What next?

Our uniform will continue to be the same for the rest of this year. Any changes that are made will be phased in from September and children will still be able to wear the uniform they have if they want to.

From September 2026 our main uniform will be an active uniform

- Plain black joggers or leggings
- Plain black shorts or cycling shorts (for warmer weather)
- Royal blue or white polo shirt/t-shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt/hoodie (with or without zip)/cardigan/ ¾ zip top/fleece (branded with Stratford logo or plain)
- Socks (with some spare in their bag!)
- Plain trainers or trainer style shoe (black, white or blue preferable)

Other options

- Black/grey trousers or skirt
- Black/grey pinafore dress or blue summer dress
- Black school shoes

The active uniform **must** be worn on PE days (information regarding these days is always sent out at the beginning of the school year.)

I am consulting with different companies both local and national to see what other active uniform they can offer to enhance what we already have.

Sun Safety



As the weather gets warmer, we like to encourage our pupils to look after their skin and to be safe in the sun. **Please put sun cream on your child before coming to school** in the morning and provide them with a sun hat and a bottle of water. Children may re-fill the water bottle during the day. If you wish your child to wear sunglasses, they may keep them in their bag or drawer.



For most children applying sun cream in the morning will be enough however if children need to re-apply sun cream, then it may be sent into school in a sealed and named plastic bag. Name the tube, name the bag! THIS MUST BE HANDED TO A MEMBER OF STAFF IN EACH CLASS.

Staff will supervise pupils to apply this to themselves. If your child has a specific skin condition and requires help to apply cream, please see the school website for our *Intimate Care Policy*.

Kindest regards

Justine Watkins

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	