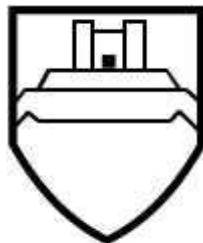


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC  
Primary School  
Newsletter

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026



Life in all its fullness  
John 10:10



Our theme for assembly this term is

**Respect**

'Do to others as you would have them do to you'

Matthew 7.12



Welcome back after half term, I hope you all had a good week with the lovely summer weather. The next few weeks are going to be extremely busy. I hope they will also be purposeful and fun! It has been lovely to see so many parents/ grandparents at Smiley Face Celebrations recently. We look forward to seeing many more of you in the coming weeks.

**Staffing News**

After 15 years teaching at Stratford, Miss Kat Smith will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Miss Smith has secured another job which is closer to home which will give her more time to spend with her family. This is something she has wanted to do for a while so I am pleased for her but I am sorry to see her go as she's been an important part of our school.

Miss Smith joined us on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 as Owl Class teacher at the beginning of her teaching career. I have had the pleasure of watching her blossom into the confident, creative and amazing teacher and subject leader she is today. Miss Smith is a well-liked teacher with all the children and we often have past pupils return for work experience asking to go into her class.

Kat is also a fantastic colleague and is always on hand to help offer advice and support others using her knowledge and experience (especially when it comes to any technology difficulties!!) She is a great team player and a big part of the 'Team Stratford' Community, supporting many FOSS events.

We will all miss her but I am sure you will all join me in wishing her well in her new role and in her future.

We will be interviewing prospective candidates next week for a Y1/2 teacher and will inform you as soon as we can.

I am also sorry to say that Mrs Caroline Webb will be retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs Webb started working at Stratford as a teaching assistant on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007. Mrs Webb has put her 'heart and soul' into her role here as a teaching assistant and has supported many children in the classroom, on trips and during sports events. Mrs Webb voluntarily led our Summer Games Club for many years, sharing her passion for cricket and inspiring many of our children to take up the sport outside school. She has also supported Miss Hardiman with Early Birds and Night Owls.

Caroline has been a brilliant colleague during her time at Stratford and is a real team player. She supports the staff as well as the children, looking out for them and helping out where ever she can. She has been very handy with a screwdriver or mop and bucket on many occasions! We will

all really miss her but wish her the very best in her retirement – where she will have more time to spend with her grandchildren, travel and enjoy many cups of tea and cake!

### **Active Uniform update**

As I have previously mentioned in a newsletter 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.

I now have samples of the new active uniform, with our logos, from Work Innovation (a local company). These will be on display in Robin Class on the night of the disco for you to see and I will let you know as soon as the page on their website is ready to go live. Orders can be made online and either delivered to school, collected from their business in Longhedge or be delivered to your home.

Our other uniform will still be available from My Clothing and School Trends for now too.

From September 2026 our main uniform will be an active uniform

- Plain black/navy joggers or leggings
- Plain black/navy 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.)

### **JUNE FAYRE - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Our June Summer Fayre is always a wonderful, fun evening when the whole community comes together. Please remember that all the funds raised by the FOSS go towards enhancing the experiences of each child in school. The FOSS always contribute to the transport costs of any event or educational visit we do as well as paying for our OPAL subscription. They have also supported the school in buying books, i-pads and other technology that is needed.

#### **NEXT WEEK IS BOTTLE WEEK!**

**MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Traditionally we hold bottle week at the beginning of June, so that we can have a brilliant bottle tombola at the school **June Fayre**. This has always proved to be very successful, thanks to some of

you having a real competitive streak! This is the second week back after the break so I thought I'd give you some advance warning!

#### Points System

50 points = a bottle of spirit  
 20 points = a bottle of wine/alcohol  
 10 points = a bottle of lemonade/squash, ketchup, shampoo, bubble bath etc.  
 5 points = a bottle of water

This is not an exhaustive list and all your ideas/contributions will be welcomed. If a bottle is not on the list, then I reserve the right to categorise it and award points. I am the referee and my decision is final!!! I may give bonus points for the most unusual and interesting bottles. The class with the most points on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** will be awarded an extra play-time or another prize of their choice which doesn't cost any money and is safe! The winner will be announced the following week.

**THERE WILL BE A CRATE FOR EACH CLASS AT THE GATE TO PUT YOUR BOTTLES IN THAT WEEK.  
 MANY THANKS!**

**Clubs start again next week W/C 08.06.26 and finish W/C 06.07.26**

**Date for your diary – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 14:00 – 15:20 . OPAL Stay and Play afternoon – come along and learn more about OPAL and play with your children**

**Thank you for your BAG2SCHOOL donations on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May which weighed 237 kg - £23.70**

Kindest regards

Justine Watkins

<b>2026 -2026</b>	
<b>TERM 6</b>	
<b>Teacher Development Day 5</b>	<b>Monday 01.06.26</b>
<b>ALL BACK TO SCHOOL</b>	<b>Tuesday 02.06.26</b>
<b>No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls</b>	<b>w/b Tuesday 02.06.26</b>
<b>Clubs commence</b>	<b>w/b Monday 08.06.26</b>
<b>Meeting for Parents of new intake September 2026</b>	<b>Wednesday 17.06.26</b>
<b>Induction Session 1: Year R September 2026</b>	<b>Tuesday 23.06.26</b>
<b>June Fayre</b>	<b>Friday 26.06.26</b>
<b>Induction Session 2: Year R September 2026</b>	<b>Tuesday 30.06.26</b>
<b>Sports day</b>	<b>Thursday 02.07.26</b>
<b>Induction Session 3: Year R September 2026</b>	<b>Tuesday 07.07.26</b>
<b>Reserve Sports Day</b>	<b>Thursday 09.07.26</b>

<b>No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls</b>	<b>From w/b Monday 13.07.26</b>
<b>Family Open Evening – all welcome</b>	<b>Thursday 16.07.26</b>
<b>Leavers' Service in St Lawrence Church</b>	<b>Wednesday 22.07.26 @ 09:00</b>
<b>No Night Owls on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026 School finishes at 13:15</b>	