



Stratford – Sub – Castle Church of England VC Primary School

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Life in all its fullness

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Dear All

Our school and how it is!

Miss Crook and I have looked very closely at the school as a whole for next year. We are a small school with five classes. Seven year groups have to fit into these classes. This is the framework within which we have to work and organise the school. I personally feel that the advantages of us being the size we are, outweigh the disadvantages. All the staff know the children and I also know all the children well. The September/August year grouping is a man-made construction. However, your child is always in their year group and they are not being held back a year or pushed on a year regardless of which class they are in. Our tracking always shows that the pupils make equal amounts of progress whatever class they are in, even if their year group is split!

We welcome Miss Veratau to Stratford, she will teach our new Hedgehog Class (Year 1 and 2). All our other teachers will remain in their current classes.

Mrs Richards will continue to teach in Woodpecker Class for one day a week. Mrs Richards will also continue to teach Robin Class when Miss Crook supports others school with their Maths Mastery curriculum and she will teach Art to classes to cover teachers Planning, Preparation and Assessment time.

Mrs Diserens will teach Butterfly Class on a Friday and continue teaching outdoor learning to all classes over the year.

Class organisation for 2026/2027

Class	Year Group	Teacher
Butterfly	EYFS & Y1	Mrs J Waters (Monday – Thursday) Mrs R Diserens (Friday)
Hedgehog	Y1 & Y2	Ms Jaz Veratau
Robin	Y3 & Y4	Miss H Crook
Woodpecker	Y4 & Y5	Mrs J Rudman (Monday – Thursday) Mrs E Richards (Friday)
Fox	Y5 & Y6	Mrs J Wilson

How have we made our decisions?

Basically, we have to spread the children amongst the five classes. We have considered the following when making our decisions:

- the need to spread the children amongst five classes
- age
- siblings
- friendship groups/ social skills
- size of classrooms

Children still remain in their year group and are not held back or pushed up. Each child in each class is treated as much of an individual as possible.

Please trust us

I understand that any change is unsettling, but please help your child to progress through the school without getting too worried. Your child needs to learn to cope with change, as they will have to meet the challenge of 'change' many times in the future. As we well know!

Miss Crook and I have been teaching for a combined total of fifty years at Stratford! We have worked with a lot of children and have a lot of experience between us. Please trust us. We have both been at the school for a long time and we have always had to organise the school differently every year.

All our children make good progress and are generally very happy. They all get to their final year of primary school via a different route; they all have their own journey. I am always proud of each one of them because they turn into people ready to move onto the next phase of their education.

Please find a class list attached, indicating your child's class for 2026/2027. This means you will be able to reassure them that they will be with people they know!

Kindest regards
Justine Watkins



BUTTERFLY CLASS

Class Teacher: Mrs Jodie Waters (Mrs Rachel Diserens Fridays)

Number in class 30		
EYFS		
Blake	Nellie	
Cash	Bonnie	
Clarke	Bonnie	
Devine	Rosalie known as Rosa	
Duncan	Liv	
Evans	Daisy	
Gibson	Emilia	
Hamilton	Edie	
Hawkins	Beatrix known as Bea	
Hughes	Gruffydd	
Hunt-Snook	Lyra	
Jaeggi	Reuben	
Lake	Ronan	
Lenaghan	Aurora	
Rudman	Daisy	
Stapley	Inaya	
Stiles	Stella	
Stockwell	Maryann	
Wakeman	Finley	
Waters	Harriet	
YEAR 1		
Berrisford	Poppy	
Browning	Riley	
Goody	Jaxson	
Hislop	Rosie	
Langan	Olivia-Rose	
Mantle	Jacob	
McKinnell	Charlie	
Mirys	Mia	
Price	Barney	
Vickery	George-Peter	



HEDGEHOG CLASS

Class Teacher: Miss Jaz Veratau

Number in class 31		
YEAR 1		
Brooks	Freddie	
Cash	Harry	
Faulkner	Geraint	
Green	Georgie	
Hoare	Harper	
Murray-Sproat	Olive	
Narang	Robyn	
Ormshaw	Margot	
Shuttlewood	Edgar	
Smith	Joshua	
YEAR 2		
Altin	Carmina	
Astley	Myla	
Barr	Aurora	
Barr	Astrid	
Batty	Thomas known as Tommy	
Diment-Card	Mya	
Elliott	Enzo	
Howes	Sophie	
Jackson	Regan-Lee	
Lampe	Alisia	
Lumby	Holly	
Machin	Bernie	
Manalang	Caleb	
Marshall	Amelia	
Matthews	Freya	
Pallister	Harry	
Parsons	Oliver	
Pavic (Zimmer)	Helena	
Rushing	Nova	
Swaffield	Freddie	
Wakeman	Albie	



ROBIN CLASS

Class Teacher: Miss Hannah Crook

Number in class: 29		
Year 3		
Barlow	Amelia	
Blake	Albie	
Blake	Riley	
Cash	Grace	
Cash	Nancy	
Chant	Reggie	
Doe	Louis	
Ferguson	Rory	
Gibson	Francesca	
Goldring	Arthur	
Goody	Rae	
Hislop	Sophie	
Johnson	Tabitha	
Lampe	Cruz	
Legg	Lori	
McKinnell	Kit	
Sanger	Thomas	
Stapley	Parker	
Year 4		
Anderson	Freddie	
Badcock	Sophia	
Borsos-Grenier	Logan	
Crespo	Matilda	
Ewing	Esther	
Faulkner	Aneurin	
Harwood	Caprice	
Hull	Cody	
Kennedy	Lydia	
Ormshaw	Charlie	
Paton	Ronan	



WOODPECKER CLASS

Class Teacher: Mrs Jenny Rudman (Mrs Emily Richards Fridays)

Number in class 30		
Year 4		
Altin	Zara	
Blake	Hollie	
Elkins	Arthur	
Green	Felix	
Lake	Phoebe	
Lumby	Zoey	
Murphy	Samuel	
Phillips	Vienna	
Rusbridge	Fern	
Sawyer	Leo	
Varney	Jasmine	
Year 5		
Anderson	Marley	
Anthony	Myles	
Barlow	Isla	
Budd	Freddie	
Burt	Brooklyn	
Denton	Scarlett	
Dowsett	Lilah	
Hecks	Jacob	
Hollywood	Ella	
Mackenzie	Jessica	
Manalang	Esmé	
Matthews	Arthur	
Sanger	Charlotte	
Small	Maisie	
Smith	Oscar	
Tamkute	Matilda	
Taylor	Jackson	
Webber	Herbert known as Herbie	
Wooler	Hugo	



FOX CLASS

Class Teacher: Mrs Jane Wilson

Number in class 28		
Year 5		
Abeygunawardana	Liyana	
Clare	Iris	
Gibson	Arthur	
Kirton	Deshaun	
Tamkus	Markas	
Year 6		
Barclay	Harriet	
Barr	Alexis	
Brookes	Cody	
Doe	Freddie	
Elliott	Cecelia	
Ewing	Charlotte	
Gavin	Louise	
Goodenough	Logan	
Green	Hughie	
Hack	Thea	
Hanson	Nancy	
Legg	Arlo	
Mintram	Charlie	
Murphy	Jack	
Newbury	Charlie	
Parsons	Eva	
Pascoe	Bethan	
Phillips	William	
Rusbridge	Ben	
Toth	James	
Varney	Freddie	
Weston	Beatriz	
Wooller	Thomas	