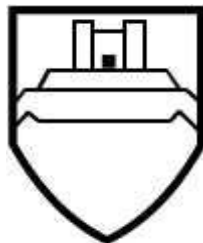


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Friday 17th July 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



Thank you to all who came to our open evening yesterday. It was lovely to see so many of you and the pride with which the children showed everyone around their school.

I would also like to say a big well done to Fox Class, who put on a fantastic show this week. Their teamwork shone through alongside wonderful acting, comic timing and singing! I was very proud of them all. A special well done goes to Mrs Wilson who, supported by Mrs Ford and Mrs Ray, did an amazing job pulling it all together.

The end of the academic year 2025/2026 is nearly here! It has been a very long term (7 weeks so far!) and the children have been amazing especially in all the heat. We have one last push next week.

Our last day is Wednesday 22nd July and we finish at 1:15 pm.

Staffing

I'd like to welcome Mrs Angie Smith to Team Stratford. Mrs Smith joins us as a teaching assistant and will be working in Woodpecker Class next year with Mrs Rudman and Mrs Ford. She has lots of experience and will be able to support the children in the best way she can. I know she is a great addition to our team.

Leavers' Service – Wednesday 22nd July 2026

The Year 6 Leavers' Service will be held in St Lawrence Church, on **Wednesday 22nd July**, as close to **9:00am** as possible. All children from Robin, Woodpecker and Fox Classes will attend. Families are welcome to join us to say goodbye to our leavers including Miss Smith and Mrs Webb.

We will return to school after the Leavers' Service. Year 6 will be the last to leave the school premises after 1.15pm as the staff wish to give them a send-off as they walk down the drive for the last time. Parents may join the staff, if they want to, or wait at the bottom of the drive for Y6 leavers.

Information for first day of 2026 2026

We all return to school after the summer on **Thursday 3rd September 2026**.

Following feedback from parents and staff, we have decided to use a staggered start for the first day of term 2026 2027. Due to the number of children arriving at the same time on the first day, it can be very busy in our small cloakrooms and overwhelming for some, especially our new children. Please see the times below for your child to arrive. Early Birds will run from 08:00 as usual.

08:40 – Children with surnames beginning with A – G

08:50 - Children with surnames beginning with H - P

09:00 - Children with surnames beginning with Q – Z

Parents may come onto the school site but please say goodbye and leave as soon as possible. Please do not come into the buildings. We encourage most people to drop off at the gate.

When dropping off children... Make sure you do not park on the zig-zag lines, bus stop or double yellow lines and take great care when pulling in and when you leave. Take care of ALL OUR CHILDREN! The Reading Room carpark is available. You may park and walk from there.

From Friday 4th September, we will return to our normal morning routine

Gates open at 08:40. School starts promptly at 08:50

If you have any questions please ask.

The staff and I wish you a lovely summer break!

Kindest regards

Justine Watkins