



## Weekly Newsletter

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### UPCOMING DATES FEBRUARY/MARCH

**FEBRUARY**  
**Friday 10th**  
**END OF TERM**

Monday 20th  
Students return

22nd & 23rd  
Year 11 Drama Exam  
(Students will be notified which  
day they are on)

Wednesday 22nd lunch - girls'  
compulsory DofE expedition  
training in room 79.

Thursday 23rd lunch - boys'  
compulsory DofE expedition  
training in room 79.

24th Feb - 23rd March  
Year 11 Mock Exams

**MARCH**  
**NEW DATE** - Wednesday 1st  
March  
Year 10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 2nd  
**STRIKE DAY**

9th March  
World Book Day

### UPDATE ON PHASE 2



Concrete all laid and the  
start of the roof going  
on.



The end of term seems to have arrived really quickly but has been packed with activities including outside groups coming in to work with our Year 11 students and trips out of school.

Thank you for your support when the school was closed to the Year 8, 9 and 10 students due to strike action. This was very much appreciated. A letter has been sent out to clarify what will be happening on the remaining dates.

I hope you all have a relaxing break and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 20th February.



## Holders Field

Unfortunately since the fencing has gone up on Holders Field we have received complaints from neighbours to say that pupils are trespassing into gardens to gain access on their way to and from school. This is causing some of the older residents in particular a great deal of anxiety. Please can all parents remind pupils that they should not be entering into anybody's private gardens or on to Holders Field.



We are advising residents to inform the police should instances continue.



## VAPING

Dear Parents/Guardians

Some information regarding how students might be accessing vape devices has come to our attention which we would like to share with you so we all remain vigilant.

As you know vape devices are a banned item in our school but recently we have found the number of students in possession of them rise slightly. Although we will continue to address this in line with our behaviour policy we also have a duty of care to find out where students are getting these devices from and as such have been exploring this. We have discovered that some students are ordering them online to be posted to their home address. This reduces the need to produce proof of age as it relies on the postal workers requesting this which, apparently, is not always the case. We have also found that parents are not always aware of when this is happening. We ask that as we will remain vigilant in school that you also continue to do the same, especially if packages are being delivered to your home that you may not be aware of. You may also wish to be more vigilant in relation to online activity if you know your child is found at home with a vape device.

We will endeavour to keep you informed of any further information that we may receive and ask that you too keep us informed if you come across any information that concerns you. You can report this directly to [admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk).







# LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS...

The Children's Commissioner listens to children and young people and makes sure their voices are heard.

Recently, we asked all the children and young people in England how they were feeling, and we had over half a million replies!

Children told us the pandemic had an impact on them and it's sometimes difficult to know who to talk to about your feelings.

**It is completely normal to have more difficult times, and to ask for some extra help.**

LONELY?

SAD?

Worried?

**TALKING  
HELPS**

## YOUNG PEOPLE TOLD US THEIR WORRIES DURING THE PANDEMIC

"School was closed in lockdown, I found that really difficult and now have anxiety."  
— Boy, 16

"There's a lot of pressure with exams and now having to deal with the strain on friendships because of lockdown and catching up on school work I think has negatively affected a lot of people's mental health and increased worries about the future."  
— Girl, 15

"If young people had someone they could talk to, they would feel a lot more confident, and would have a lot more belief in themselves."  
— Girl, 17

"If you have something to say, like your depression is getting worse and your parents just don't care about any of it then contact someone who will understand and listen to you and will care."  
— Boy, 13

**TALKING  
HELPS!**

### REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

Asking for help with your mental health can be difficult, but remember that you are not alone, and there are a range of people you can turn to for support.

These include:

- Your family
- Your friends
- Professionals: Your GP, staff at school, and mental health charities.

### HOW TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

- Approach someone you feel comfortable talking to about your feelings.
- Think about the outcome you would like: would you like someone who you can talk to and express your feelings to, or would you like more practical support?
- Make a list of things you would like to talk about to help you express your feelings.

### ORGANISATIONS FOR HELP AND ADVICE:

**Childline** ([www.childline.org](http://www.childline.org))  
Calls are free, 24 hours a day: **0800 1111**  
**Shout** ([www.giveusashout.org](http://www.giveusashout.org))  
Text: **SHOUT** to **85258** for advice  
**The Mix** ([www.themix.org.uk](http://www.themix.org.uk))  
**Young Minds** ([www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk))

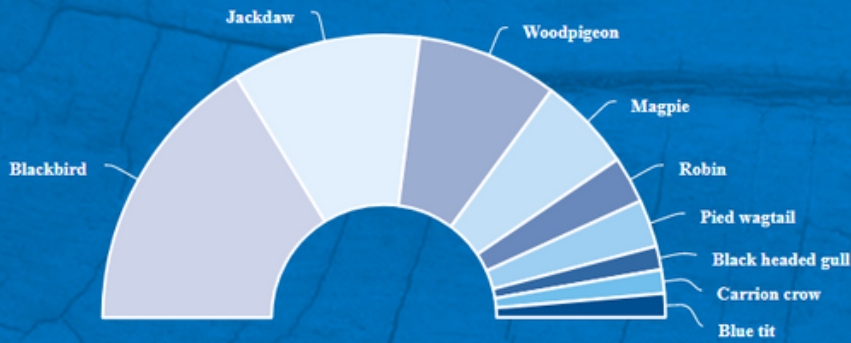
### ORGANISATIONS FOR CRISIS SUPPORT:

**NHS Urgent Mental Health Advice**  
([www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline](http://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline))  
**Papyrus** ([www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.papyrus-uk.org))  
Calls are free, 9am-midnight: **0800 068 4141**  
**Samaritans** ([www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org))  
Call are free, 24 hours a day: **116 123**

**Children's  
COMMISSIONER**



## Your top 9 birds:



## RESULTS OF BIRD WATCH 2023



## AMESBURY LITTER PICK

For the first time in at least 29 years a group of students from Stonehenge School went into Amesbury to clean up their town. Members of the public stopped, stared and thanked the students for caring for their environment. Members of the student parliament team asked if they could organise such a litter pick and despite the cold weather are keen to do a similar activity again in the future



## TERM DATES 2023 - 2024

We have had a number of parents asking for these date which are now available on our website by clicking [here](#)



# World Book Day is coming!

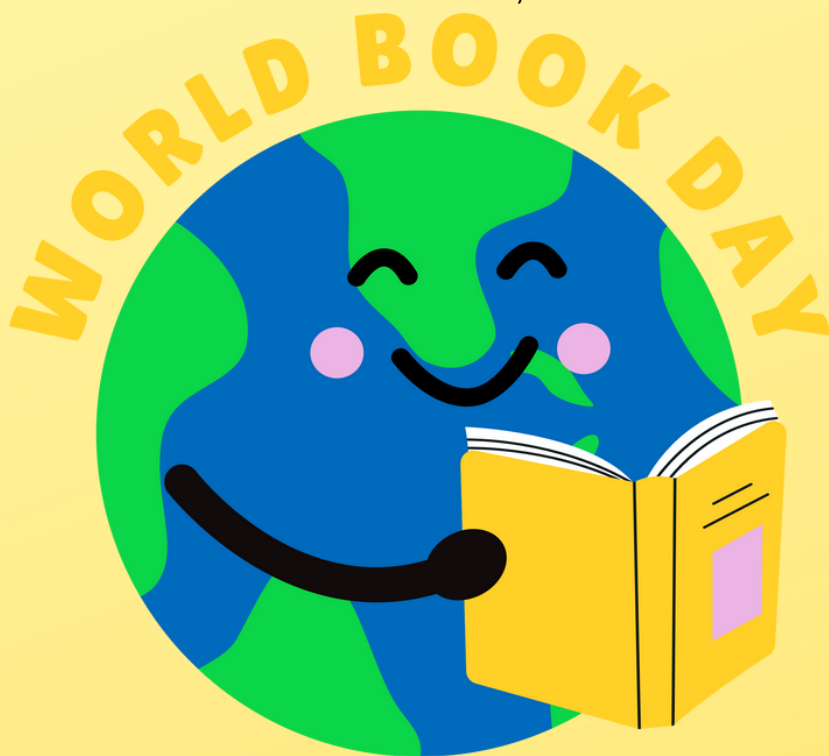
World Book Day this year will, for us at least, be on Thursday 9th March. During the day, there will be a number of book-themed activities running across the school.

If you're in Key Stage 3, each lesson throughout the day will start with a section of a short story- you won't find out the end of the story until Period 5!

There will also be two competitions running after Half Term- a short story competition, and a book cover recreation competition. Look out for the details on Classcharts soon!

In addition, Year 7s will be able to come and exchange their World Book Day tokens for the special-edition World Book day books that will be displayed in the Library.

Finally, watch out for teachers being dressed a little differently to usual- can you guess their costumes, or will you have to ask them which book character they are?





## REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR SPARSHOLT COLLEGE'S NEXT OPEN EVENT ON SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2023.

To attend, students will need to register for the event as soon as possible by visiting Experience Sparsholt - Sparsholt College Hampshire as the events do fill up quickly! At this event students will have a tour of the subject area they are interested in at a specific time which they will book in advance.

Also, it is not too late for year 11's to apply to Sparsholt College as applications are still open and students can apply by visiting the Sparsholt website or by using How to Apply - Sparsholt College and University Centre Sparsholt.



## VALENTINE'S DAY DELIVERY SERVICE

Students have been busy delivering roses and cards to some lucky recipients this morning



## BASKETBALL "WARRIORS BEATEN IN EPIC GAME"

TRAFALGAR STATS-8th February 2023										
NAME	SHIRT	POSITION	HEIGHT	FOULS	3's	2's	1's (FT)	TOTAL POINTS	SUPPORTERS RATING / 10	Coach Award
Henry Sui	3	Guard	6" 1	2	0	1	0	2	9	Best Defence Award
Maks Kovalenko	4	Forward	6" 2	2	0	1	0	2	9	
Benek Loftus	5	Forward	6" 6	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Xavier Lessey	6	Guard	5" 10	0	0	1	0	2	8	
Chis Narruhn	7	Guard	5" 10	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Joseph Vuki	7	Forward	6" 0	1	0	0	0	0	9	Outstanding Commitment
Kane Mi-Ria(c)	8	Forward	6" 1	0	0	10	3	23	10	MVP
Stanley Balawakula	9	Forward	6" 0	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Aaron Soulsby	10	Forward	5" 11	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Joseph Flynn	11	Guard	6" 4	2	0	2	0	4	9	
Joshua Mensah	12	Guard	5" 10	2	0	0	0	0	8	
Nickhil Gurung	13	Forward	5" 11	2	0	0	0	0	9	Most Improved Player
Jack Martin	14	Guard	5" 11	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Gaibrial Potts	15	Guard	5" 8	0	0	0	0	0	8	
Alfie Jones	16	Guard	5" 10	0	0	0	0	0	8	
TOTALS >>>>				11	0	15	3	33		



## BASKETBALL REPORT- “WARRIORS BEATEN IN EPIC GAME”

The Stonehenge School “Warriors” Basketball Team U16 Boys took on UK NBA Junior League opposition Trafalgar U16 Boys at Amesbury Sports Centre on Wednesday with about 100 Warriors supporters in fine voice. The team, sponsored by Stonehenge Plumbing and Heating, plan was to dominate defensively their opponents on every inch of the court, be consistent in finishing and be very aggressive in attack from the tip off.

An inform starting five of Kane Mia Ria, Joseph Vuki, Henry Sui, Chris Narruhn and Maks Kovalenko took to the court. The first period was a high scoring affair with Warriors dealing with a 6” 7 player who was faster, a better dribbler and finisher than any other Warrior players. It was a very physical affair with some Warriors players having to come off to recover from knocks. Kane Mia Ria scored well with Joseph Flynn and Joseph getting into the action with a first period score of 18-12 to the visitors.

In the second and third period coach Carter put Josh Mensah and Aaron Soulsby on Number 12 to double team him and stop his scoring, meaning that defensively it was 4 on 3 with the bench working hard to curtail the scoring of Trafalgar School. It worked well. However, our star player and scoring machine Henry Sui was really quiet offensively with some unlucky plays and shots rolling around the rim. Just not his day. His defence, crowd pleasing blocks and rebounds were outstanding though. In those 2 periods we also had great scoring again from “Captain Kane” with Xavier Lessey and Maks Kovalenko getting into the action. In fact, in Period 2 and 3 the Warriors outscored the visitors 15-11 to bring the score at the end of the 3rd period to 29-27 to the visitors. Exciting!

A very tense 4th Period started with Warriors dominating but the ball just wouldn’t go in! Lay ups missed and shots rolling around the rim meant that the Warriors couldn’t get the points they needed. Their effort and defence were outstanding with tired players putting in a maximum effort. Warriors couldn’t break their defence enough and even with Kane Mia Ria scoring well, the Warriors fell short at the whistle, losing 37-33. A really good performance in parts but Warriors need to improve their attacking options, pass the ball quicker and be more consistent in finishing. Lots to work on. Warriors are next in action on Wednesday 1st March vs Wellington Academy at home. Ticket details coming out soon.

I know some of the squad took the loss personally but remember what Michael Jordan (the greatest player of all time) said about his NBA career and life:

"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.

Thank you too for our amazing supporters and drummers that created an electric atmosphere. The coach of Trafalgar said “Thanks for hosting am glad your boys enjoyed it. It is safe to say that our boys did too, as they did not stop talking about the quite frankly amazing atmosphere that your students created yesterday, the whole way home. I must also add that those watching were incredibly positive and even came up to my players after the game to congratulate them and say how well they played. They are a real credit to your school.

Remember to follow the Warriors on Instagram





## **STAFF VACANCIES**

### **Support Staff Vacancies**

#### **Focus Centre Manager**

37 hours per week/39 working weeks per year (Permanent Contract)

Monday - Friday 8.00am - 4.00pm and 3.30pm on a Friday (30 minutes unpaid lunch)

Wiltshire Council pay grade H Points 15 - 17, (£14.17 - £15.26 per hour) actual salary

£23,420 - £25,214 per annum

#### **Reset Room Coordinator**

30 hours per week/39 working weeks per year (Permanent Contract)

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 3.00pm (30 minutes unpaid lunch)

Wiltshire Council pay grade E Points 6 - 8, (£11.39 to £11.81 per hour) actual salary £15,256

- £15,817 per annum.

#### **Examinations Officer**

35 hours per week/39 working weeks per year plus 1 week to cover results week in August (Permanent Contract)

Monday - Friday 8.00am - 3.30pm (30 minutes unpaid lunch)

Wiltshire Council pay grade G Points 12 - 14, (£12.93 - £13.91 per hour) actual salary

£20,728 - £22,305 per annum

#### **Teaching Assistant (Temporary Maternity Cover)**

Required as soon as possible

31 hours per week/38 working weeks per year (not including TD Days)

Temporary Maternity Cover Contract

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 3.00pm with one day per week finishing at 4.00 pm  
(30 minutes unpaid lunch)

Wiltshire Council pay grade E Points 6- 8, (£11.39 - £11.81 per hour) actual salary £15,390 -  
£15,956 per annum

#### **Cover Supervisor**

32.50 hours per week/39 working weeks per year (this includes TD Days)

Permanent Contract

Monday - Friday 8.15m - 3.15pm

Wiltshire Council pay grade F Point 9 - 11, (£12.02 - 12.70 per hour) actual salary £17,449 -  
£18,429

Full details on all the above vacancies can be found on our website at  
<https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/>

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.



## TAX FREE CHILDCARE REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

HM Revenue and Customs are reminding families that they can save up to £2,000 a year on childcare costs with Tax-Free Childcare.

Tax-Free Childcare can help working families pay for any approved childcare for children aged 11 or under, or 16 if the child has a disability - whether the child goes to nursery, a childminder, attends breakfast or after school club, has holiday care or goes to an out-of-school activity.

For every £8 paid into an online account, families will automatically receive an additional £2 from the government. Parents can receive up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year), or £1,000 (£4,000 a year) if their child is disabled.

**MORE INFORMATION AND TO  
REGISTER FOR TAX-FREE  
CHILDCARE [CLICK HERE](#)**



## THE FAMILY HELP SURVEY HAS BEEN LAUNCHED.

If you're a parent or carer and you or someone in your family needs support - where do you go for help?

How do you prefer to find out information, or get in touch with someone who can help? What's the best way to come together with other people in similar situations?

All these questions and more are part of a new survey Wiltshire Council is launching to find out how parents, carers, and parents-to-be and their children want to access services in 2023. The short survey is available until 2 April 2023.

The results will provide the council with an understanding of residents' preferences and will help inform future delivery of services.

**TO COMPLETE THE FAMILY HELP SURVEY [CLICK HERE](#)**