



# THE STONEHENGE

## SCHOOL

### Weekly Newsletter

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#### UPCOMING DATES

##### JULY

18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>  
DofE Silver qualifying  
expedition (Year 10)

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Sports Festival

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>  
LAST DAY OF TERM,  
EARLY CLOSURE 12.30  
PM

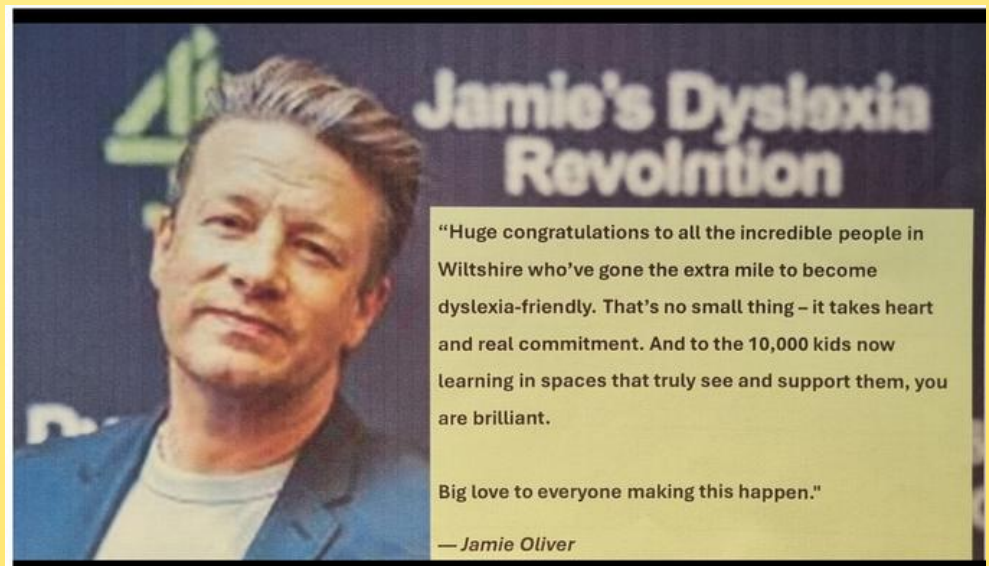
BUSES AND TAXIS AT  
1.00 PM



We are proud to say that we have been awarded the 'Dyslexia-friendly Schools' Quality Mark. We are one of only 22 schools in Wiltshire who have been given this award with others working towards it.

The Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark recognises schools that deliver high-quality teaching, inclusive practices, and a strong understanding of dyslexia.

Ellen Broomé, CEO of the British Dyslexia Association, said: "These awards affirm their dedication to a supportive, inclusive environment where dyslexic learners can excel.





Prom  
Night

2025





# Wiltshire Council

Staying safe near water this summer.

As the summer holidays approach and the weather warms up, we know many children and young people will be spending more time outdoors. While rivers, lakes, and other open water areas can seem like fun places to cool off, they can also be extremely dangerous. The Royal Life Saving Society has some important information around staying safe and below is some key things to be aware of and how to stay safe.

## Key dangers of swimming in the river

- Cold Water Shock: Even on hot days, river water can be extremely cold. Sudden immersion can cause panic, gasping, and even heart failure.
- Strong Currents: Rivers often have hidden currents that can quickly sweep even strong swimmers away.
- Hidden Hazards: Rocks, rubbish, and underwater plants can trap or injure swimmers.
- No Lifeguards: Unlike swimming pools, rivers and lakes are not supervised. Help may not be available in an emergency.
- Water Quality: Open water can contain harmful bacteria or pollutants that can cause illness.

## How to stay safe

- Never swim alone and always let someone know where you are.
- Stick to supervised areas like swimming pools or lifeguarded beaches.
- Avoid jumping into water from bridges or rocks - you don't know what's underneath.
- Wear a life jacket if you're near or on the water, especially when boating or paddleboarding.
- Call 999 immediately if you see someone in trouble - do not enter the water yourself.

Thank you for your support in keeping our young people safe.

## LEGOLAND

On Monday 14th July, a small group of SEN and FSM students embarked on an exciting adventure to LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort. The day was filled with laughter, learning, and unforgettable experiences tailored to ensure inclusivity and enjoyment for all.



## Week of year 10 work experience and life skills for our SEND department

Monday 7th July - We had a visit from the Army in school to talk to us about jobs within the Army, then we caught the bus to Salisbury and went to Salisbury Museum for a tour, we did some drawings of things we saw, then caught the bus back to school.

Tuesday 8th July - We visited Stonehenge visitor centre, took a lovely walk up to and around the stones, we then had a panel of staff to talk to at Stonehenge about what jobs they have within English Heritage and how they all got their jobs.

Wednesday 9th July - We visited Amesbury Tesco, best part was going in the freezer and seeing how the bakery works, a staff member then showed us how to apply for the retail jobs that they have, in the afternoon we had First Aid Instruction delivered by St John's Ambulance, the children got stuck in and really enjoyed learning all things first aid.

Thursday 10th July - We went to Amesbury History Centre, had a talk and a tour and enjoyed the VR headsets and dress up! We then went to Wiltshire college for an extra transition, had a tour of the college, learnt about all of the courses they offer and did some activities.

Friday 11th July - We walked up and back to Birchall Tea. We had a lovely tour of the factory and ended with a great tea tasting session and we were all kindly gifted with a goodie bag. Then lastly we spent the afternoon exploring Porton Garden centre.





## Year 10 French class visited La Parisienne Restaurant in Romsey

For their final term, the Year 10 French class visited La Parisienne Restaurant in Romsey to practice their language skills while enjoying a traditional French lunch. Surrounded by an authentic French atmosphere, the students confidently ordered their meals in French.

They really appreciated this immersive experience because it helped them build confidence in speaking and gave them a real taste of French culture. An experience to definitely carry on with the following Year 10 next year!



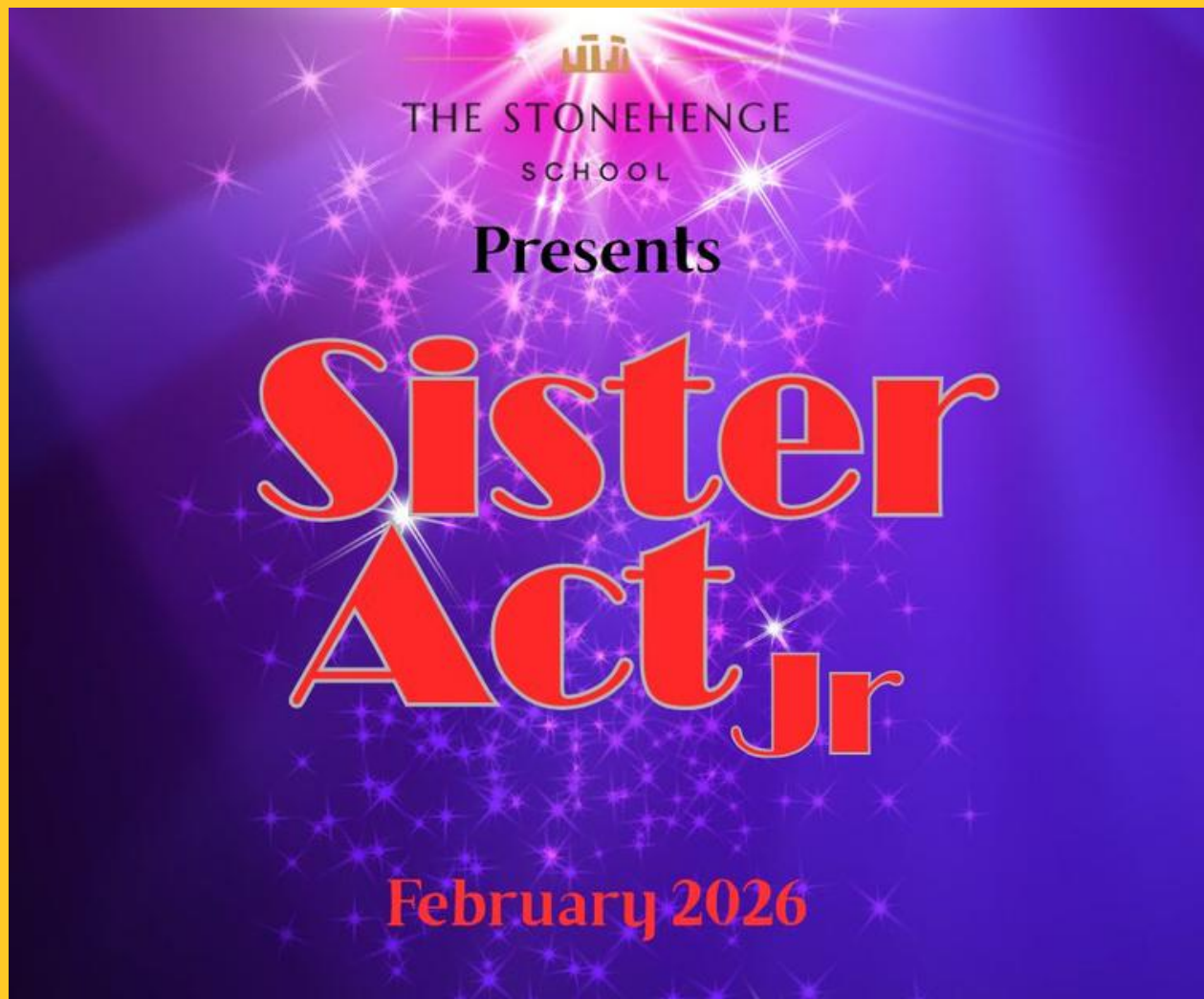
Bonjour

Huge Congratulations to Gabby as last weekend she became British Champion in Jiu jitsu.

Gabby fought 3 incredible athletes, however she made it look effortlessly in her wins.

She had a big bracket of 5 girls and she won all her 3 fights and got a gold medal.

Congratulations Gabby we will be following your career with great interest.





# Bedrock-end of year prizes

1st prize- £10 Amazon voucher + book +certificate

2nd prize- book+ certificate

3rd prize-book+ certificate

4th -10th place- certificate

## Y7- Points

1. Saugat Rai	740
2. Albert Hatfield	473
3. Ali Salehsoy	386
4. Jessica Heatley	313
5. James Proud	268
6. Zeo Holdsworth	267
7. Jacob Rimmer	257
8. Lily Shoemark	249
9. Elijah Marakalou	248
10. Nathan Ross	246

## Y7- most progress

1. Kayla Hennessy	322%
2. Logan Clark	300%
3. Belle Poulter	230%
4. Balin Harvey	208%
5. Max Sherring	200%
6. Tatiana Biribwa	200%
7. Afia Sarpong	138%
8. Daniel Noble	130%
9. Daniel Noble	126%
10. Daniel Noble	124%

## Y8- Points

1. Bibi Aisha Qazikhel	344
2. Archie Sarfas	292
3. Thomas Soulsby	264
4. Amelie McCall	252
5. Shannan Muller	250
6. Rory Moir	247
7. Elizabeth Sturman	244
8. Louise Judd	244
9. Joseph Sandu	241
10. Ciara Ruth	240

## Y8- most progress

1. Jacob Brown	300%
2. Mckenzie Gent	277%
3. Alfie Fletcher	276%
4. Jacob Doris	270%
5. Dylan Hughes	245%
6. Sophia Hodson	207%
7. Rosie Smith	200%
8. Hunny Emm	185%
9. Brandon Daniel	167%
10. Robert Meehan	167%

## Y9- Points

1. Amelia Tabor	544
2. Gordon Lam	535
3. Alfie Gray	519
4. Summer Cole	306
5. Tayfun Dyer	280
6. Emmanuel Oladejo	276
7. Jamie Baggs	271
8. Faith Lally	265
9. Eleanor Hollis	262
10. Reyash Gurung	260

## Y9- most progress

1. Meleoni Musunamasi	900%
2. Leon Gowing	488%
3. Ethan Jarvis	450%
4. Felix Pawlak	420%
5. Douglas Bailey	389%
6. Jacob-James Mullins	291%
7. Daniel Crosse-Montano	248%
8. Brooklyn-Rose Palmer	207%
9. Corey Clark	194%
10. Gordon Lam	188%

## Respecting Our Community

We have recently received concerns from members of the local community about the behaviour of some students outside of school, particularly in the area near Tesco especially near the bus stop. While the vast majority of our pupils conduct themselves well and are a credit to the school, we have been made aware of incidents involving anti-social behaviour, including littering and loitering near private residences.

We are reminding all pupils that our expectations for respectful, responsible behaviour do not end at the school gate. Whether in uniform or not, students represent The Stonehenge School at all times in the community, and their actions reflect on the entire school.

As a result:

- \* We are investigating any specific incidents that have been reported and, where students are identified, appropriate sanctions will follow.
- \* We will be reinforcing key messages in tutor time and assemblies around personal responsibility, respect for the local area, and the importance of being considerate neighbours.
- \* We are asking parents to please speak to their children about how they conduct themselves before and after school, particularly when walking in groups through residential areas.

We want to maintain the positive relationship we have with our local community, and we are grateful to the individuals who have contacted us constructively to raise concerns.

Let's work together to ensure that all our students uphold the values of respect and integrity that we stand for.

Thank you for your continued support.



Saying Goodbye... As we get close to the end of the academic year, we often see students moving during the Summer holidays ready to start new schools in September. If your child(ren) will not be returning to us in September and you have NOT already made us aware, please send an email to [office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk) confirming their name, leaving date, new address if applicable and the name of their new school.

School Office N



Notice to Parents: We would like to inform you in advance that the Drove Gate (on Cold Harbour Road) will be permanently locked starting in September 2025. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Please use alternative entrances at either Antrobus Road or Holders Road moving forward. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation



# SEND FEST

A fun, inclusive festival celebrating young people with **SEND** through music, workshops, and creative activities for all abilities.

Join us at Wiltshire Music Centre  
20 September, **10am-6pm**

**Have fun  
get involved  
share your voice!**

Scan the QR code to book your place!



**Wiltshire Council**

The Stonehenge School have partnered with Wiltshire Library Service to promote and celebrate their Story Garden Summer Reading Challenge 2025



The Summer Reading Challenge is for children up to and including 12 years old to read six books (or the equivalent) over nine weeks of the summer - in return for various prizes. The free challenge will run in Wiltshire libraries from Saturday 5 July to Saturday 6 September. The first two weeks (5 to 19 July) will be for registration only; from Monday 21 July children can start to collect stickers (and continue to register). Children must be library members to take part – it's free and easy to join, for more information pop along to Amesbury Library or visit: [wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-join-the-library](http://wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-join-the-library).

The 2025 theme is: Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors, which will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. When registering children will receive their own Story Garden sticker booklet to record their reading and as they finish reading books – will receive stickers for each one read, plus a certificate a badge on completion.

Although the challenge is to read six books, there is flexibility in this number, especially for children who struggle with reading or read longer books. Children can read any books of their choice; they don't have to be linked to the theme and they can read/listen to eBooks and audiobooks as well. It's all free and can make a real difference to a child's motivation and enjoyment of reading. Books on the official 'Story Garden Book Collection' list are available to reserve and borrow for free from any Wiltshire library. The list includes a mix of fiction (picture books, early readers and middle grade titles), non-fiction, poetry and graphic novels, plus several dyslexia-friendly books.

Children can also visit [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk), where they can use the Book Sorter to discover new books, find fun reading activities and active challenges, play games, watch videos and write book reviews.

For children who want a further challenge and those older than 11 we have the Story Adventurers' Club, a personal reading challenge where children set their own reading goals, the target to read 100 books. For children aged under 4, we have a fun family book sharing challenge called 'Story Sharers'.

For any Year 7 pupil who participates in this brilliant opportunity The Stonehenge School will reward their efforts and achievements. Pupils need to keep their booklet and certificates safe and bring them to their new English Teacher in September. Every pupil that participates will receive house points and edible goodies. Every participant will also be entered into a prize draw where 5 lucky pupils will win a book vending machine voucher!

For more information contact Amesbury library 01980 623491 or email: [amesburylibrary@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:amesburylibrary@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Year 7 have also been sent a Summer Holiday challenge which has been sent out to them via ClassCharts





# Read Easy

Helping adults learn to read



## Do you know someone who struggles to read?

**one-to-one reading coaching for adults.** People can learn to read or improve their reading skills at their

**please contact:**

Jocelyn: 07942 382318

**[readeasy.org.uk](http://readeasy.org.uk)**

# WILTSHIRE POLICE



Police Headquarters  
London Road  
Devizes  
Wiltshire  
SN102DN

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

As your local Neighbourhood Policing Team, we want to offer some advice and guidance around knife crime, particularly with the summer holidays approaching, when young people may be spending more time out with friends and exploring their independence.

Sadly, the issue of children carrying knives is a reality across the UK – not just in large towns or cities. While Wiltshire remains statistically safer than many areas, we cannot ignore the risks and influences that may lead a young person to make dangerous choices.

We want to reassure you that Wiltshire Police works closely with a range of partner agencies to prevent knife crime through education, early intervention, and, when necessary, enforcement. If a child is found in possession of a knife, we always consider the full context and use a combination of support and appropriate consequences, including prosecution if proportionate.

If you're concerned your child or someone you know might be carrying a knife, and it feels safe to have a conversation, we encourage you to talk with them. They may share reasons for their choices that can be addressed together.

Often, children say they carry knives for protection, under the false belief that "everyone else does." The truth is the vast majority of young people do not carry knives – and carrying one actually increases the risk of serious harm to the person carrying it.

A knife doesn't make you safer – it puts you in greater danger.





The reality is:

- Carrying a knife is illegal.
- It increases your risk of getting hurt.
- It can cause deep distress or danger to friends and family.
- Police have the legal power to stop and search individuals if they suspect someone is carrying a weapon.  
A conviction for carrying a knife can affect future opportunities, including going to college or university, or travelling abroad to countries like the U.S.
- If someone is killed, two lives are lost—the victim's and the person responsible.

If you're worried that your child or someone you know is at risk, support is available.

You can contact us directly on email: [AmesburyAreaNPT@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:AmesburyAreaNPT@wiltshire.police.uk) and we'll help however we can.

If you'd prefer to seek advice outside of the police, the following organisations offer excellent, non-judgemental support:

- Fearless – [www.crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless)  
Anonymous advice and reporting, tailored for young people.
- The Ben Kinsella Trust – [www.benkinsella.org.uk](http://www.benkinsella.org.uk)  
Educational resources for young people, challenging myths and encouraging positive choices.
- Action for Children – [www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk)  
Guidance for parents on discussing knife crime with children.
- Live Safe – [www.livesafe.org.uk](http://www.livesafe.org.uk)  
Practical tools for parents to spot warning signs.

Wiltshire Police also delivers school inputs on this topic. If you'd like to learn more about those, or if you have any other concerns about keeping your child safe, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Sergeant Caroline Ralph  
Amesbury Neighbourhood Policing Team  
Wiltshire Police

# SAFE SCHOOL ZONE

Help keep  
our school  
community  
safe

Disabled parking for the use  
of visitors to the school only



For drop off & collection  
please use car parks at:



Tesco



B & M



Please do not drive  
through the school site



Please do not use  
visitor parking spaces

**CARS AND KIDS  
DON'T MIX**



THE STONEHenge  
SCHOOL



# Support Team STEMHenge!

Amesbury's FIRST Tech Challenge Robot Team

We're a group of students from The Stonehenge School  
designing, building, and coding a robot for the 2025 *FIRST  
Tech Challenge UK*, DECODE season.

We are aiming to raise £2,000 for:

- ☒ Robot parts and electronics
- ☒ Travel to competitions
- ☒ Entry fees and event costs
- ☒ Team branding and outreach
- ☒ Repairs for the robot



[www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/stemhenge](https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/stemhenge)

Your support helps us develop our STEM skills and  
represent our local community on a national stage.



Every pound brings us closer  
to competition!

Scan the QR code to donate  
- it's fast, secure, and every  
donation makes a difference!

Thank you for helping us  
DECODE the future!

Team STEMHenge,  
The Stonehenge School



## Family and Community Learning

### Supporting My Teen With Wellbeing

Online Course

Booking essential



- Understand the changes in a teenage brain
- Learn techniques to promote wellbeing
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**Friday 19 September 10am - 12pm or  
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Booking closes one week before the course

Contact [familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk)  
Visit <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>  
Call the FACL team on 01225 770478  
or scan the QR code



Our courses are free if you are 19+ years old, resident in the UK/EU for over  
three years (some immigration status exempt, including resettlement schemes),  
have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet any of the following criteria: earn less than  
£25,000 pa, in receipt of benefits, military or ex-military family, foster carer/care  
leaver/carer, have a disability or learning difficulty.

Wiltshire Council



## STAFF VACANCIES

Further details and an application form for all our vacancies can be found on our website via the following link  
- <https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Informal visits to the school are welcome; please contact the Head's PA, Debra Harker on 01980 676660 or e-mail [harkerd@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:harkerd@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk)

You should provide detail outlining your skills applicable to the role and reasons for applying. This should be returned to Mrs D Harker, The Headteacher's PA, The Stonehenge School, Holders Road, Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7PW

### Caretaker

Salary: Support staff grade E £25,183 - £25,992 per annum with 26 days holiday to be taken in school holidays

Hours are to be discussed with the successful candidate but would be 37 per week, working Monday - Friday

The post will be effective as soon as possible; this is a permanent position.  
This position will remain open until filled

We are seeking to recruit a reliable, enthusiastic, and efficient Caretaker to join our Site Team to be responsible for maintaining our school premises.

You will support the Premises Manager to keep the school a safe and engaging environment for our students to learn in. This will involve carrying out both reactive and planned maintenance tasks which may include some plumbing and decoration both internally and externally.

### Exam Invigilators

Scale B point 2, £12.26 per hour

We require additional Exam Invigilators to work with us at The Stonehenge School. We are looking for enthusiastic and supportive individuals to work varied hours during the school day, mainly during GCSE exam periods but also covering internal and modular exams throughout the year. Must be available to work from 8.30 am to cover morning exams.

Previous experience is not essential, as all training will be provided.

Ideal candidates will be , reliable and flexible , have good communication skills , be confident and able to offer reassurance during exams





# E-scooters & electric bikes - do you know the law?



E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988.

You therefore need to have:

- A driving licence
- Insurance
- MOT and Tax

It is against the law to ride them on the roads/ pavements or in public spaces. This includes car parks and play parks.

Legal electrically assisted pedal cycles can be ridden by people over 14 years old. To be compliant with the law:

- It must have pedals which you need to turn to propel it
- It should have a motor of 250 watts or less
- The electrical assist should cut out at 15.5 mph

If it doesn't meet these criteria, it is classed as a motor vehicle and needs a licence, insurance, MOT and tax to be ridden legally.

If you use an e-scooter or e-bike against the law, you run the risk of it being seized and destroyed. You may also be prosecuted.



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# Wiltshire Family Hubs

Family Hub  
Wiltshire Council

All Together  
Supporting families in Wiltshire

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[www.wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk)

## Supporting Families with children with SEND

At The Family Hub, we understand the unique challenges faced by families with children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Our commitment to providing tailored support and resources is at the heart of everything we do. From parenting courses and informational Let's Talk Sessions to sensory spaces, we are here to empower families on their journey.

**Did you know we offer parenting courses to support families with children with SEND?**

For parents of children aged 3-12 years

and

For parents of teenagers

Go to our website page to find out more and to register your interest. [CLICK HERE](#)

**Visit the page on our Website for more information about support available and for a list of specialist services in Wiltshire.**

[CLICK HERE](#)

**Sensory Play Spaces**  
available free in our Flag Ship Hubs-  
talk to us about what you need.



## Summer Safety



A BBQ and the ground underneath it can stay hot enough to cause a serious burn for a long time after it's been used. So stay alert and keep children well away from the cooking area until it's completely cooled

Open windows warning

- Keep low furniture away from windows so that children can't climb up and fall out.
- Install window catches to limit how far they can open.



Click here for more information

[child accident prevention trust](#)

Contact us by email:  
[wiltshirefamilyhub@spurgeons.org](mailto:wiltshirefamilyhub@spurgeons.org)

Contact us by phone:  
0800 970 4669



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