



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 25th
Year 11 Success
Evening

Fri 26th
Year 11 Thorpe Park
Trip

OCTOBER

Wed 1st
Alpacas - Science
Club Trip

Fri 3rd
Year 8 Maths -
Salisbury Treasure
Trail

Message from the Headteacher ...

This week our assemblies have focused on two important themes.

For **Year 10 and Year 11**, the topic was getting the right start to GCSE. Pupils had the opportunity to reflect on the extent to which they are preparing themselves effectively throughout the year, making the right choices for their future, and understanding the value of “little and often” when it comes to completing extra work. Mr Braddick also shared data from last year’s exam cohort, which showed a clear link between attendance and achievement. Pupils with attendance above 96% were far more likely to achieve their true potential, while those with attendance below that level typically achieved one—and in many cases two—grades lower than their targets in every subject. The message is clear: consistent attendance and steady effort throughout the year really do pay off.

For **Years 7, 8, and 9**, assemblies explored the importance of British Values and how these underpin the way we conduct ourselves at school and in the wider community. British Values include:

- **Democracy** – ensuring everyone has a voice and a say in decision-making.
- **The Rule of Law** – recognising the importance of rules and laws in keeping communities safe and fair.
- **Individual Liberty** – having the freedom to make choices and express views, balanced with responsibility.
- **Mutual Respect and Tolerance** – showing respect for those with different backgrounds, beliefs, and opinions.

This linked closely to our recognition of Democracy Day, which gave pupils the chance to learn about the democratic process in the UK and to reflect on why it is so important in a modern society. The day highlighted how democracy allows us to influence decisions, protects our freedoms, and relies on active participation by all citizens.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who attended Open Evening. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many things our school does so well and the excellent facilities we have invested in to support pupils’ education. Throughout the evening, visitors commented on how impressed they were with the pupils who helped, guided, and represented the school. To all of those who volunteered—you did us proud!



Staff and Families Take on the Colour Dash for Alabare

On Saturday, a group of Stonehenge staff, their families, and pupils came together to take part in the Colour Dash in support of Alabare's work to end homelessness. It was a fantastic community event, full of energy, fun, and (a lot of!) colour.

Our school team included Mrs Dean, Mr Braddick, Mrs Blake, Mrs Thompson, Miss Freemantle, and Mr Roberts, who were joined by family members (plus some of our parents and pupils) who were all eager to get involved. Together, they ran (through a torrential downpour), walked, and laughed their way through the vibrant course, raising awareness and funds for an important local cause.

Alabare is one of the charities we regularly support at The Stonehenge School, and it was inspiring to see so many of our community stepping up to make a difference.

If you would like to show your support, you can make a donation through our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/stonehenge-colour-dash>

Thank you to everyone who took part and to those who have already donated – your kindness helps to change lives.



Celebrating Our Local Hero – Lilly's Award Success

We are incredibly proud to share the fantastic news that Lilly has won the prestigious Local Hero Award in the Child of Courage category. This award recognises her remarkable resilience, dedication, and the positive example she sets for others through her passion for jiu-jitsu and her role as an inspiring young person with autism and ADHD.

The awards evening was a truly special occasion, filled with powerful and moving stories. Lilly's category was sponsored by 5 Rivers, and she even had the honour of meeting the Mayor of Salisbury. Her courage, determination, and ability to encourage others stood out among the nominees, making her a very deserving winner.

Lilly's achievements extend beyond her sporting success. She is a shining example of how challenges can be overcome with resilience and hard work. Her recognition at the awards is a celebration not just of her personal journey, but of the way she uplifts and motivates those around her.

We are also delighted to share that the Air Ambulance Service has shown interest in Lilly becoming an ambassador for them – another exciting opportunity that highlights the impact she is already making within the wider community.

Although Lilly is understandably cautious about bringing her glass trophy into school, we hope you will join us in congratulating her on this incredible success. She is a true role model for our school and a Local Hero in every sense.



Congratulations!!

Year 11 student Kiara Baron, who has been boxing for Salisbury City Boxing Club since she was 8, competed in the Barum Box Cup in the under 50kg category. She travelled to Ilfracombe, North Devon, with her family and coach Eddie McDickson.

Fighting an opponent from Manchester, both boxers got through to the final.


Both boxers fought hard in the first round, but Kiara took the lead, winning both the first and second rounds.

In the third round, Kiara demonstrated her strength, giving her opponent two standing eight-counts and stopping her opponent, securing her the win.

This victory earned Kiara the gold medal and the title of Barum Box Cup under 50kg champion.

Kiara's next fight will be on September 20 at the Salisbury City Boxing Club Home Show at the Downton Leisure Centre, where we wish her good luck.






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

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**

Important Notice: Vehicle Access Restrictions - Effective from Monday 15th September

As part of our continued commitment to safeguarding and ensuring the health and safety of all our students, we will be introducing new vehicle access restrictions from Monday 15th September.

To reduce traffic on site and to keep students safely separated from vehicles, the vehicle gates at the Holders Road end of the school site (near the Sports Centre) will remain locked. This change is being made due to increasing traffic and the associated risks to student safety.

Key points for parents and carers:

- The vehicle gates at the Holders Road end of the site will remain locked.
- The Antrobus Road entrance will remain open for pedestrian and staff vehicle access only.
- If you drive onto site to drop off your child, you will be unable to exit via the Holders Road gates once they are locked, causing delays or requiring you to reverse or turn around, which creates a serious safety risk.
- Please do not drive onto the school site to drop off or collect children at any time. Instead, we ask that you use nearby locations such as Tesco or B&M car parks, which offer safer alternatives and reduce congestion around the school.
- Please respect all 'No Entry' signs. The school operates a one-way traffic system, and the car park is for staff use only.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all students and staff

Modern Foreign Languages

European themed cake bake off!

Celebrate the European day of Languages by baking a European themed cake.

Join us lunchtime to judge and taste the cakes 😊

Please collect an entry form from Mrs Wellings in room 75 if you would like to enter

Change of date!

Please bring your cakes in on Monday the 29th of September



European themed Bake Off entry form

Name:

Tutor group:

Can we eat your cake at lunchtime? Yes / No

If yes, please provide allergy information.

My cake contains: (tick all that apply)

Gluten (flour) ☐

Milk (including milk powder, butter, cream, margarine, some chocolates) ☐

E numbers (eg in sprinkles or icing) ☐

Eggs ☐

Soya ☐

Tree nuts or peanuts ☐

Sesame seeds ☐

Sulphur dioxides/sulphites (used to preserve dried fruit) ☐

Lupin ☐

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

At the start of the new academic year, the Governing Body of The Stonehenge School has a number of vacancies for Parent Governors. If you have not received the relevant paperwork to apply, then please feel free to contact the Clerk to Governors via this email

TaylorK@Stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The link to booklet is [here](#) and will inform you about the extra-curricular clubs and activities we are able to offer. Please discuss all activities with your child before booking them a place; students will receive the information booklet as well via Class Charts, but not the booking form.

Please read it carefully so that you select the correct option on the booking form. You will not be able to book onto First Tech Challenge as this is an established, time-limited activity. If your child is already part of this group, they will automatically be added to the register.

You will not be able to book onto The Duke of Edinburgh Award. Information evenings about this qualification are coming up this term.

Please complete this booking form by Sunday 14th September:

<https://forms.office.com/e/P3Scczpcsp>

House Point Reward Update

Points earned **THIS TERM** will now result in the winning House receiving the Christmas pantomime trip reward at the end of December. This has been agreed in order to give students in the winning House enough time to sign up for the trip properly. The winning House will be announced in the last week of this Half Term.

This also means there will be a double reward taking place in Term 2, as there will still be a winning House for Term 2 and they will receive their reward in that term.

Total - This Week



House	Attendance	Bonus	Homework	House Points	Library	Staff Points	Tutor Challenge	<u>Total</u>
Archer	200	0	149	5138	200	100	130	5917
Barrow	400	0	167	4829	400	190	80	6066
Sarum	400	0	134	4721	100	130	60	5545
Solstice	200	0	129	4107	300	150	180	5066

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Archer	500	0	206	10707	200	280	220	12113
Barrow	800	0	214	9963	400	300	240	11917
Sarum	700	0	188	9514	100	260	160	10922
Solstice	500	0	172	8416	300	280	360	10028



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

SILVER AWARD

Open to ALL Year 10.

Last year's Bronze Award certificates will be handed out on this evening, as well as last year's Silver Awards.

Information evening Wednesday 2nd October at 5:30 in the main hall.



<https://www.dofe.org/>

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

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

Start Date: 3rd November or as soon as possible thereafter

Salary: Grade E, point 6 - 8 (£25,989 - £26,824 per annum)

Hours: 37 per week, all year with 26 days paid holidays, plus bank holidays

Contract: Permanent

Closing date: Friday 17th October 12noon

Interview date: To be confirmed

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 be part of a team of 4 to keep the school a safe and engaging environment for our students to learn in. This will involve carrying out routine preventative maintenance routines and minor repairs.

Duties will include:

- Acting as a key holder, security of the school buildings including locking up and the setting of the alarm system (including problem solving) when required
- Setting up and taking down furniture requirements for exams, events and lettings
- Carrying out compliance checks
- Identifying and acting on any potential fire and/or health and safety risks
- Undertake routine maintenance and minor refurbishment of premises, fixtures and fittings as necessary.
- Gritting of the site in the winter
- Ensure the school buildings and grounds are free of litter and graffiti
- Any other duties arising from use of the buildings or ground

The right candidate will:

- Demonstrate knowledge of Health & Safety and hygiene procedures and precautions
- Demonstrate good communication skills that allow effective communication with all levels of school staff, governors, pupils, contractors, and outside users of the school (lettings)
- Be willing to work flexibly, if required, to cover other members of the Site Team and the school's opening hours
- Demonstrate previous experience and 'DIY skills' to identify, monitor and carry out minor repairs, maintenance and redecoration.
- Demonstrate knowledge of moving and handling.

What we can offer you:

- A generous Local Government Pension Scheme
- 26 days paid holiday plus bank holidays
- Free parking
- A friendly working environment
- Good induction and onboarding procedures
- Continued professional development opportunities

Please see further detail below on how to apply on our website by clicking [here](#).

Applications to be returned to Mrs D Harker, Headteacher's P.A. at The Stonehenge School, Holders Road, Amesbury, Wilts SP4 7PW. Tel: 01980 623407 or e-mail: admin@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

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Pastoral Manager

Start Date: As soon as possible

Salary: Grade G, point 12-14 (actual salary £22,914 - £24,458 per annum). Term time only, 39 weeks p.a., including 5 TD days across the year.

35 hours per/week: Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm (30 minutes unpaid lunch) Contract: Permanent

Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2025, 9.00am

We are seeking to appoint a new Pastoral Manager in order to meet the needs of our families and students.

The Pastoral Manager will be assigned its own year group and will provide effective and efficient pastoral and administrative support to the respective Progress Leader. Employing a range of interventions, the Pastoral Manager will promote positive attitudes to learning and behaviour that maximises the achievement and wellbeing of students in the year group.

You should also be willing to cover absent colleagues should the need arise.

A comprehensive training programme will be provided to support and develop the successful candidate. Informal visits to the school are welcome.

Application form and further details are available on the school website and should be returned to:

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Email: harkerd@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk Website: www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Dyslexia Information Event for Parents

- Date: Tuesday, 7th October 2025
- Time: 10.30am-12pm
- Audience: Parents and carers
- Location: Atrium, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA148JN



This free information event will begin with a talk about dyslexia and support available in Wiltshire. Following this, there will be the opportunity to ask questions. To book a place, please email dfs@wiltshire.gov.uk.



October Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm



Are you struggling with a defiant child?



Facing Defiance

A six part onlinecourse for parents that you can complete in your own time.

A step by step guide through a specific strategy aimed to support parents of children aged between 5 to 12 who are displaying very challenging behaviour, including children with ADHD, ODD and PDA.

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Book online £48

on the **Online Parenting Courses** page




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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES



The European Day of Languages has been celebrated every year since 2001 on the 26th of September. In 2025, the theme, "Languages open hearts and minds," highlights the power of languages to connect us, inspire new ideas and broaden horizons. To try out your language skills, why not try one of these baking recipes, written by students from 20 countries! Check out some of these fascinating place names from all over the world. Do you see any you recognise? At 9-10am on the 26th September, three speakers will share their own language learning journey, the languages that they have learned, where they have travelled to, the skills that learning languages can bring and how they use languages in their work. Register here. Join us to discover exciting apprenticeship opportunities at the BBC in business, data and digital technology, engineering, journalism, and production. This engaging session is designed for anyone curious about what it's like to work behind the scenes of the UK's leading public service broadcaster. Register here. The Importance of Second Language With Kirsty Lang, Broadcaster & Journalist. Kirsty recognises why being able to talk a second language is important and can be so beneficial to your career and building connections. Join us and hear about why learning a new language is a skill you need. Feeling nervous about speaking in front of others? Whether it's smashing an interview or staying cool in your oral exams, this fun and practical session will give you the tools to speak up with confidence, clarity and calm.



JOB OF THE WEEK



Translator

Translators use language skills to convert one written language into another. They may specialise in one area or work across several of them. They can also work as a literary translator, translating books, or as a subtitler, translating words on films, TV programmes and video games.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The demand for language skills in the European labour market

Publication found that a knowledge of English was required in 22% of all job vacancies.

A knowledge of German, Spanish, French and Mandarin Chinese was demanded in between 1% and 2% of all job vacancies.

If you have any questions or need support, please email office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk



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Join Arthur Snell, Writer, Podcast Host and former UK Diplomat, as he shares how a passion for the past and the power of communication led him to a global career representing the UK. In this inspiring session, Arthur will talk about the real-life skills you gain from studying history and languages—and how they can open doors to exciting international opportunities. Find out how curiosity, culture, and communication can shape a career. If you want to do a job that really matters, and where you matter too, MI5 has a role for you. Straight after school, you can help keep the country safe in a role like no other. Find out more about the “I can at MI5” campaign [here](#). Life at a Toyota and Lexus dealership is fast-paced, collaborative, and full of purpose. No matter of your role, you are part of a team that thrives on innovation and customer care. Find out more about Early Careers [here](#). Ready to launch your career? Join Launchpad for 8 weeks from the 27th October to start building the skills that will set you apart in the AI-powered workplace of tomorrow. In this live and interactive Film Society, Dr Ilse Renaudie, Associate Professor in French Language and Translation in the School of Media, Language and Communication Studies at University of East Anglia, will discuss/debate *Au Revoir Les Enfants* by Louis Malle. On the 30th September, join in a friendly online taster lecture to find out what it might be like to study French at university. UK University Search are excited to be collaborating with the Russell Group to bring you popular, informative and inspiring webinars that cover a range of key topics. Taking place from the 30th September to 2nd October, we have five 90-minute sessions each featuring four or five expert panellists who will offer clear, impartial guidance for students looking at taking the next step in their educational journey. Book your place [here](#).



EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“At MI5, we work together with our partners MI6 and GCHQ to safeguard Britain’s people, interests and businesses. More than 5,000 people work at MI5, bringing together people with lots of different backgrounds, and lots of different skills. Everyone at MI5 has the same mission: to keep the country safe.” Find out more about MI5 Careers [here](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

“Established in 1904, the University of Leeds is one of the largest universities in the UK. We’re part of the Russell Group of research-intensive universities and are renowned globally for the quality of our research and teaching. At Leeds, you’ll gain new skills and experiences and take advantage of life-changing opportunities that will be invaluable to you, personally and professionally.” Find out more [here](#).

If you have any questions or need support, please email office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk



For families of teenagers aged 11+

Five To Thrive The Teenage Approach

Join other parent/carers virtually where you can share ideas to develop the positive connection between you and your teenager.



Scan the code to express your interest or for more information or to book your space contact us on:
0800 970 4669

www.wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk

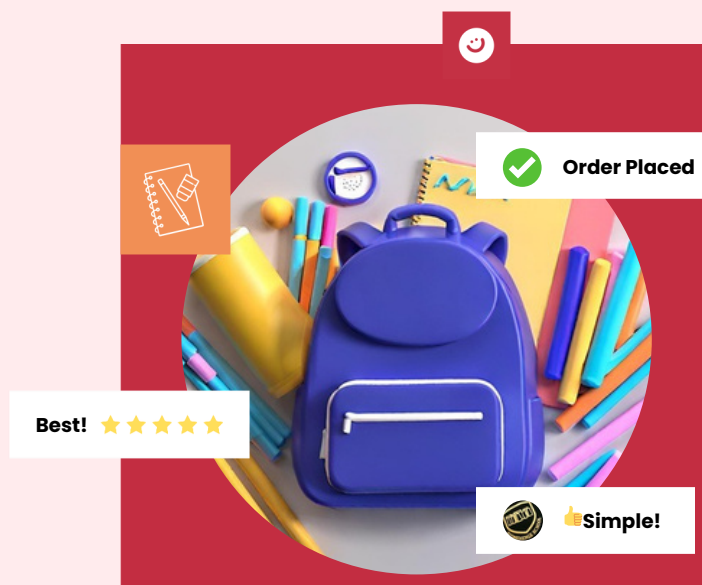
**Join us Virtually on
Microsoft Teams;
Thursdays
11th, 18th, 25th Sept 2025
6pm - 7pm**

Rewards store

Re-opening Monday 15th September

A reminder of the protocols for purchasing rewards:

- Rewards can be ordered at home or on the school computers at break and lunchtime. Not during lessons.
- Rewards that have been ordered can be collected from the library desk during morning break only. Not during lessons or lunchtimes.
- The library desk will not give out pupil codes, point balances, or order items for students. All these things are within the student's responsibility.
- Only one of each item may be ordered at a time (except charity donations), any multiples will be cancelled and the points refunded.
- Rewards must be collected within the week they are ordered. All uncollected rewards will be cancelled at 3:30pm on Fridays and the points refunded.
- The Amazon voucher rewards are ordered on request so will not be available for collection until they arrive. A notice will be sent on Class Charts when they are ready.



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!**

Wiltshire Council

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**CREATIVE
COURAGE**
DANCE
FOR LIFE!
ACT

Stagecoach Salisbury & Amesbury

Delve into the creative arts with our combined singing, dancing and drama sessions.

Join us for a Two-Week Trial

Now enrolling for the Autumn term.

A two week trial is £25 for Early Stages (4-6 yrs) & £50 for Main Stages (6-18 yrs).

Weekly classes available on Thursdays at Amesbury Baptist Church and Fridays and Saturdays at Greentrees Junior School. All teachers are fully trained and DBS checked.

Holiday Workshops

Kick off the Christmas holidays with some festive fun. No experience necessary, our super-creative team have put together these courses which are suitable for the total novice through to those that live and breathe the performing arts.

Festive Fun Workshop 22nd - 23rd December

Available to book online. Scan the QR code



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COACH**



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BIKE REGISTER

Wiltshire Police are inviting Students and staff to bring along their bikes to have them registered on the National Cycle Database.

This will take place in school by the cycle shed at the Holders Road gate at 3.00 pm on Tuesday 14th October 2025.



**14TH
OCTOBER
2025**

**NATIONAL
CYCLE
DATABASE**

The National Cycle Database

Used by all UK Police forces, BikeRegister's marking kits can help reduce the likelihood of cycle theft by 83%. Every year hundreds of cyclists are reunited with their stolen bikes through the BikeRegister database.

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