



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER

Mon 13th - Fri 17th
Biology Week

Mon 13th
Yr 10
Art/Photography/Textiles
Ashmolean Trip

Tues 14th
Police Bike Theft Event

Thurs 16th
Cross Country After
School

Mon 20th
Yr 7 - Yr 9 '
Work Experience with
Parents'
Yr 10 & Yr 11
Core day

TUES 21ST
TD DAY

WED 22ND
TD DAY

THURS 23RD - FRI 31ST
HALF TERM HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER

MON 3RD
ALL STUDENTS RETURN
WEEK 2



Headteacher's Message...

World Mental Health Day

Today marks World Mental Health Day, a timely reminder that looking after our mental health is every bit as important as caring for our physical health. At The Stonehenge School, we are proud to have developed a strong culture of openness, support, and understanding around mental wellbeing - for both pupils and staff.

Our school website includes detailed information about the support available for pupils, parents, and carers. We have a dedicated Senior Mental Health Lead, Mrs Tracy Roberts, who oversees a range of wellbeing initiatives and support strategies within school. Alongside this, our pastoral teams, ELSAs, and SEND staff work closely with students to help them recognise their emotions, build resilience, and find practical ways to cope with challenges. You can read more about our approach and the range of services we link with on our Mental Health Information page.

We know that sometimes parents and carers also need advice or reassurance when supporting a young person who may be struggling. The charity Young Minds offers an excellent range of resources designed specifically for families - from tips on how to start conversations, to guidance on managing anxiety, stress, or low mood. I would strongly encourage anyone looking for practical support to explore their Parents' Hub.

As a school community, we continue to remind pupils that it is always okay to ask for help - and that there is no problem too small to talk about. Together, we can continue to break down stigma and ensure that every young person feels heard, supported, and understood.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership in making The Stonehenge School a place where kindness, empathy, and care are at the heart of everything we do.

Mrs C. A. Dean
Headteacher

A Century of Antrobus House:

Honouring Heritage, Community and Service

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Antrobus House, Amesbury's most distinguished civic building and a much-loved landmark in the town. Built as a gift to the people of Amesbury by Lady Florence Antrobus, it stands as both a memorial to her son, Lieutenant Edmund Antrobus, and a symbol of community spirit that continues to thrive a century later.



To commemorate the milestone, a special service was held at St Mary and St Melor's Church on Friday last week, attended by local dignitaries, representatives of the Grenadier Guards, and members of the Amesbury community. Senior prefects from The Stonehenge School, accompanied by Headteacher Mrs Carole Dean, took part in the service – and were able to enjoy the wonderful performance of the guards afterwards.

Remembering Lieutenant Edmund Antrobus.

Lt Edmund Antrobus served with the Grenadier Guards during the First World War and was tragically killed in action in 1918 at the age of 27. His mother, Lady Florence Antrobus, wished for a lasting memorial that would both honour his memory and benefit the people of Amesbury. Construction of the house began in 1923, and by 1925, Antrobus House had opened its doors as a place for education, gatherings, concerts, and social events – a living memorial that celebrated community rather than sorrow.

A Century of Community

Over the past hundred years, Antrobus House has remained at the heart of Amesbury life. From wartime meetings and town celebrations to weddings, concerts, and local festivals, it has welcomed generations of residents through its doors. The House continues to be run in accordance with Lady Antrobus's original wishes, overseen by trustees who ensure that it remains a space for the benefit and enjoyment of local people.

At the centenary service, the presence of the Grenadier Guards carried deep significance – a tribute not only to Lt Antrobus's own regiment but also to the enduring connection between military service, remembrance, and community life. Their attendance, alongside pupils and school leaders, symbolised the continuity of respect and gratitude across generations.

In a poignant twist of history, it was later discovered that Stonehenge School Head Girl, Abigail Sheather, has a remarkable family link to the Grenadier Guards. Her great-grandfather, Regimental Sergeant Major Sheather, served with the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards and was killed on the beaches of Dunkirk on 1st June 1940. He was one of only two RSMs in the history of the regiment to be killed in action. Buried in a military cemetery in Belgium, he was recently commemorated at the Battalion Sergeants' Mess in Aldershot, where a photograph, his medals, and his story were unveiled in the presence of Abigail and the wider Sheather family. This powerful connection added a deeply personal layer of meaning to the day, linking the sacrifices of the past with the young people carrying their legacy forward.

As Antrobus House enters its second century, its purpose remains as relevant as ever: to bring people together, celebrate shared values, and honour those whose sacrifices shaped the freedoms we enjoy today.

U13 Netball Tournament Report

The U13 girls took part in their very first tournament representing the school, and what an incredible debut it was! The team faced six matches against strong opposition – Sarum, Trafalgar, WVSE, LHS, and SWGS – and came away with three well-deserved wins out of six.

Even in the three games that didn't go their way, the girls showed fantastic determination and teamwork, losing by no more than three goals each time. Every match was closely contested, and the team's effort, enthusiasm, and positive spirit were clear throughout the day.

Considering it was the first time these players had taken to the court together, their communication, energy, and support for one another were truly impressive. The girls should be very proud of themselves – this tournament has set a brilliant foundation for what promises to be an exciting season ahead!



U15 Girls National Cup - Match Report

Stonehenge vs Basingstoke School
Final Score: Stonehenge 4 - 0 Basingstoke School

The U15 girls put in a fantastic performance in their National Cup fixture against Basingstoke School, securing a well-deserved 4-0 victory and a place in the third round.

The first half was evenly matched, with both sides creating good chances. Our defence held strong, with Mia making some outstanding saves to keep us level. Just before the break, Tequila broke the deadlock, taking full advantage of the opposition's high line to slot home and make it 1-0 at half-time.

The second half saw Basingstoke come out fighting, pressing hard for an equalizer, but our girls showed real determination and teamwork to weather the pressure. Then, in a remarkable five-minute spell, Tequila produced two moments of brilliance to complete her hat-trick and put the game beyond reach.

Not content with three goals, Tequila struck again late on to make it 4-0 – a phenomenal individual display. While Tequila rightly takes the headlines, the entire team deserves huge credit for their work rate, resilience, and togetherness throughout the match.

A superb performance all round – the girls should be very proud. We now move on to the third round of the National Cup!





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.

 bikeregister.com

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	300		425	5192		50	70	6037
Barrow	400		416	5451		190	110	6567
Sarum	100		378	5214		160	80	5932
Solstice	300		342	4414		150	150	5356

Total - This Term



House	Attendance	Bonus	Homework	House Points	Library	Staff Points	Tutor Challenge	<u>Total</u>
Archer	1100	4670	1293	27258	1000	590	490	36401
Barrow	1800	4430	1299	26129	800	1040	560	36058
Sarum	1600	6500	1209	25480	500	630	420	36339
Solstice	1300	2510	1052	21506	700	530	740	28338

11 - 19 October 2025 Community Dig

Sun 12 Oct, 7pm 'Beowulf & Amesbury' by Prof Graeme Davis, St Andrews University

Mon 13 Oct, 7pm 'The Latest from Blick Mead' by Prof David Jacques FSA, University of Buckingham

Tue 14 Oct, 7pm Quiz & Supper Night. Enjoy the usual quiz with an archaeological round and a hearty supper too.

Wed 15 Oct, 7pm 'In conversation with Dr Rebecca Marshall, Exeter University' questioned by Prof David Jacques FSA about the Blick Mead film.

Thu 16 Oct, 7pm 'The Plantagenet Women of Amesbury & Queen Eleanor of Provence' by Harriet Guinn Jennings, Winchester University & Elisabeth HveBerg, Cambridge University.

Fri 17 Oct, 7pm 'Findings of the Dry Witnams Dig this week in Amesbury' by Prof David Jacques FSA & Julia Piercey, doctoral student, both of University of Buckingham. Contributions from Directors of the Dig, Dr Barry Bishop, Buckingham University & Vicki Ridgeway FSA, Director PCA.

Sat 18 Oct, 10am - 4pm Mesolithic & Neolithic Activity

Day - have a go at making cord, scrape animal skins, grind grain and watch a flint knapper in action. FREE - drop in throughout the day

Find out more at [Home | Amesbury History](#) or www.amesburyhistorycentre.org.uk





Notice of Public Consultation by Amesbury Town Council regarding a proposed public works loan for the acquisition and refurbishment of Boscombe Down Sports Pitches



Amesbury Town Council is undertaking a consultation regarding a proposal to obtain a Public Works Loan Board loan to purchase and refurbish the Boscombe Down Sports Pitches site on Stockport Road. The vision is to provide much-needed additional sports and community facilities, which will add to the Town Council's portfolio. This already includes Centenary Park Pavilion and Sports Pitches and Bonnymead

Recreation Ground, which is on a long-term lease to Amesbury Town Football Club. Demand has outstripped supply for playing pitches. New facilities will provide a lasting legacy for our growing community, whilst enhancing health and wellbeing opportunities.

Site survey and refurbishment

An initial site survey carried out by the Town Council along with independent condition surveys have highlighted work that is required in order to bring the Pavilion building back into use. There is damage to the roof and some internal ceilings/walls as a result of neglect. This will be a priority to rectify ahead of any use. The site has an artificial pitch previously used for Hockey; this is unusable at present. The Town Council has been liaising with Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Football Association, the Rugby

Union and Sport England about funding options for a new 3G pitch. The Wiltshire Council Playing Pitch Strategy identifies this area as being short in supply, with great demand for a 3G Pitch. The most likely funding for this is through the Football Foundation, who may provide 75% of the funding. A new pitch is estimated to cost up to £1million, the Town Council and any stakeholders will need to fund the remaining 25%.



Background Information

The MOD is disposing of the site at a sale price of £400,000, this is based on current use and condition of the land and buildings. It has been the Town Council's intention for some years to acquire the site should it become available. In 2022 the Town Council nominated the site as an Asset of Community Value, this was approved by Wiltshire Council. The site is now ready for disposal and the Town Council has formally expressed its interest to purchase it. It is working with the DIO and has instructed solicitors to act on its behalf. There are costs to be considered for the refurbishment of the Pavilion, for which we are setting a budget of £350,000, plus a contingency of £70,000. The Town Council is also looking at Football Foundation grants to fund a 75% contribution towards a new 3G pitch, the Town Council may have to fund up to £250,000 towards this. In total the Town Council will need approx. £1million to see this project come to fruition and provide that vision of a lasting legacy for community.

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How will it be financed?

The Council is proposing a Public Works Loan to fund the purchase of the site, the refurbishment of the Pavilion, the 25% contribution for a new 3G pitch, plus other upgrades such as fencing, flood lighting and associated legal and other fees. The Town Council does not yet know the full cost of the refurbishment project, it is working with local contractors to provide estimates. It assesses however that a loan of £1million will be required, payable over a 10 year period. This is a fixed rate loan on EIP repayments, whereby the annual figure will reduce each year.

Whilst the Town Council has significant reserves, the majority of these are specifically earmarked/restricted for use

ACQUISITION	£400,000
REFURBISHMENT AND FEES	£350,000
25% 3G PITCH CONTRIBUTION	£250,000
TOTAL	£1MILLION

through legal agreements and therefore cannot be considered for this project. It will set aside a £70,000 contingency fund from a 2025/26 underspend.

What is a Public Works Loan?

The Public Works Loan Board is a lending facility operated by the UK Debt Management Office (DMO) on behalf of HM Treasury. It provides loans to local authorities and other bodies for capital projects from the National Loans Fund. Any application is scrutinised by the DMO to ensure prudent financial planning and project management which will provide the DMO with confidence that the loan amount is affordable without undue burden on the taxpayer.

The Precept for 2025/26 is £807,242, an average Band D household contributed £175.09 to the running of the Town Council assets and services.

If a loan of £1million is approved, based on a loan repayment of approx. £152,000 in the first year, the increase to the Precept in 2026/27 will be approx. £33

per Band D property, that's 63p per week —this amount only covers the loan repayment. The Band D amount may change due to how the Tax Base is calculated by Wiltshire Council, which is likely to be confirmed in November/December. The Town Council is currently considering its 2026/27 budget and precept requirements. It will carefully consider the overall increase to the precept and ways to reduce the costs passed on the tax payer.

The Town Council recognises the financial commitment that it is asking its residents to make in terms of this investment, which is why it is important for you to have your say. This table provides some perspective of Band D charges across the county this year.

2025/26 WILTSHIRE TOWN BAND D COMPARISONS	
AMESBURY	175.09
BRADFORD UPON AVON	297.74
CORSHAM	268.78
DEVIZES	229.02
MALMESBURY	244.04
MARLBOROUGH	259.32
THAMES VALLEY	505.75

We'd like to know your thoughts

What do you think of the project to acquire and refurbish the Boscombe Down Sports Pitches and the proposal to obtain a public works board loan in order to fund this?

Please send your comments to the Town Clerk, by email or post to:

Mrs SJ Tucker, Amesbury Town Council, The Bowman Centre, Shears Drive, Amesbury, SP4 7XT

OR email:

townclerk@amesburytowncouncil.gov.uk

Please provide your postcode with your response so that we can more accurately evidence responses from around the parish.

Who can comment

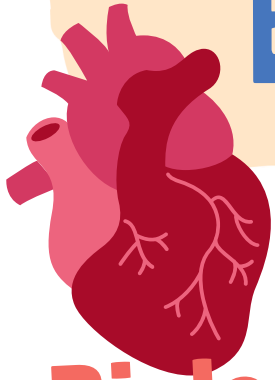
The Town Council is interested to hear from residents and interested parties such as sports clubs and community groups.

Deadline for comment

In order for the Council to consider comments the deadline is 7th November 2025.

When will a decision be made

At a Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council on the 17th November approval will be sought for the loan application to be made.



BIOLOGY WEEK

THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL



Biology Week Assemblies

DISSECTION WORKSHOP

Tuesday
th
14 –
Friday 17th



Open to all students in year 7–11.
Join us after school for a
dissection extravaganza. We will
be looking at rats, hearts,
trotters, the brain and more!!

**CAN'T MAKE AFTER
SCHOOL?**

We will have
room 33 open at
lunch on
Thursday 16th to
see some of the
dissections.

WEDNESDAY 15TH

3–4 PM, Room 33



**Tutor Time
House Challenge
Biology Quiz**



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

 [Listen to this newsletter](#)

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



National STEM Day is a designated annual observance taking place on the 8th November, celebrating the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. "From the start of his journey as a graduate, Sam's been given real responsibility working across impactful projects – helping him develop and learn something new every day." Meet Sam, Graduate Electrical Engineer at BAE Systems here. An EDT placement will give students an opportunity to continue their STEM journey after leaving school or college and take a paid gap year to help inform and shape their future career choices. They will gain invaluable experience working in industry, develop their skills and knowledge, and boost their future employability. Read more and apply here. From Code to Cloud: Exploring STEM Careers at Amazon. Join us on November 12th for an exciting virtual event with professionals working on cutting-edge streaming and cloud technologies! Students will hear first-hand about the innovative work driving these industries, discover what a typical day looks like, and explore the skills and technology that make it all happen. Register here. Step inside a world where excellence meets ingenuity. Our work experience programmes offer you a unique opportunity to discover what makes Rolls-Royce a business that has truly helped to shape the modern world. Register your interest to receive updates on work experience and insight weeks. Are you a student excited about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics? Siemens Energy invites you to a 3-day virtual work experience programme on the 10th-12th November. BE QUICK - applications close on the 20th October. Apply now.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Electrical Engineer

An electrical engineer designs, develops, builds, and maintains electrical systems, components, and machinery across various sectors like energy, transport, and manufacturing. Key responsibilities include creating technical designs, conducting studies, managing budgets and timelines, ensuring projects meet safety codes and client needs, and performing maintenance and testing.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

"Young people are clear about what they want: fair pay (60%), flexible hours (71%) and autonomy (59%). But more than half (53%) fear AI will take jobs. Their hopes for balance and innovation are reduced by fears of insecurity and exclusion."
Source - 2025 Youth Voice Census

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

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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

OPPORTUNITIES

On Monday 3rd November from 18:00-19:00 join the Exeter Uni free ~~webinar on the evening~~ a course and opportunity for students to find out more about university, consider options and to hear about specific courses. [Register here.](#)

Explore the Destination STEM Life After School Careers Fair. Take a tour of the virtual fair and discover a range of employers that can support you with life after school.

"We re inviting you to take part in early testing of Springpod's brand new AI Interview Coach an interactive tool designed to help you build confidence, practice interviews, and receive personalised feedback." [Click here to take part.](#)

Check out these careers courses for school and college leavers on making future decisions. They are free to use and you can discover What's Next for you and find out what you need to thrive. Available courses can be found [here.](#)

SCS JV is building the London tunnels for HS2, a new high-speed railway that will connect London and Birmingham. Hear from Julia, a civil engineering apprentice working on a tunnel vent shaft for SCSJV, about what it's like to be part of the biggest infrastructure delivery project in Europe [here.](#)

Healthcare Science Careers: Virtual Work Experience with NHSE. In this virtual Springpod programme, you'll explore the key areas of healthcare science, from life sciences and physiological sciences to physical sciences, learning [how](#) these fields work together to improve patient care.

In this short, high-impact Sprint, you'll step into the role of a tech professional at Amazon. You'll learn why verifying AI-generated information is essential, and how critical thinking makes AI systems more reliable, trusted and safe.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"When you join BAE Systems, you'll be part of a inclusive culture committed to nurturing your potential in an environment where your unique skills and experiences will be valued and your contribution recognised. You'll be supported and empowered to be your best – no matter where you are, or whatever your background." [Read more here.](#)

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"At the University of South Wales, we deliver courses that will change lives and our world for the better. The University of South Wales is officially ranked in the Top 50 UK universities in the Guardian University Guide 2026. This achievement reflects our commitment to providing an applied, hands-on approach to education, because we believe the best way to learn is to do. This is education in action."

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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

As part of Dyslexia Awareness Week 2025, schools across the UK are being invited to help amplify the voices of those with dyslexia by supporting the British Dyslexia Association's Voice Petition. This petition is a vital step toward ensuring that the needs of individuals with dyslexia are heard and acted upon at a national level. By encouraging your school community—students, parents, staff, and governors—to add their voice, you'll be helping to drive meaningful change in education, workplace inclusion, and public understanding.

Get involved here:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/news/dyslexia-awareness-week-2025-2>

On this page you will find a link to petition.





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

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