



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

Headteacher's Message ...

OCTOBER

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

As another term draws to a close, we have much to celebrate and be proud of – both in the classroom and beyond. Since September, our pupils have taken part in a wide range of events and experiences that reflect the dedication of our staff and the richness of education at The Stonehenge School.

Last week, we hosted our annual Careers Fair, welcoming a large number of local employers, training providers, and sixth form colleges into school. This event gave our pupils a valuable opportunity to explore a variety of career pathways and future choices. Nationally, schools are expected to meet 100% of the Gatsby Benchmarks for careers education, and we are proud to be well above both the national and Wiltshire averages – edging very close to a perfect score. This is a testament to the hard work and commitment of Mrs Colvin, who also provides the weekly careers updates in this newsletter.

Next week, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will take part in their first Work Experience Day, working alongside their parents or guardians. This forms part of the Department for Education's new requirement that all pupils complete ten days of meaningful work experience during their secondary education, helping to build confidence and insight into the world of work.

Over the weekend, our brand new Year 7 Girls' Rugby Team made an outstanding debut at a special tournament hosted by England Rugby. Competing against a number of top sporting schools – many from the independent sector – our team performed brilliantly, winning every match and finishing as top point scorers. I was even able to wish them good luck via Facetime as they lined up on the pitch at Twickenham – a fantastic moment for everyone involved.

This week, Wiltshire Police have supported us in delivering sessions on Hate Crime Awareness, focusing particularly on prejudice and abuse faced by the LGBTQ+ community. The sessions included a short educational video for all tutor groups, encouraging pupils to reflect on the impact of discrimination and the importance of being an active ally. Officers also visited school to answer questions and maintain a visible, supportive presence around site. On Tuesday, they also ran their Bike Register event, with many pupils taking the opportunity to register their bicycles to help protect against theft.

Finally, next week Year 11 will take part in an English Focus Day, including a live theatre performance to support their study of GCSE Literature, while Year 10 will work on an exciting Enterprise "Dragon's Den" Challenge, pitching their business ideas to a panel of judges by the end of the day.

Thank you for all of your continued support throughout this term – it has been another incredibly positive and busy one.

Wishing everyone a happy and restful half-term break!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have recently received reports of anti-social behaviour involving young people in the area around the Tesco bus stop on London Road after school. While we recognise that the vast majority of our pupils conduct themselves responsibly, a small number have reportedly been behaving in ways that cause disturbance and upset to local residents.

We would like to remind all parents and pupils that our expectations for behaviour extend beyond the school gates. When wearing The Stonehenge School uniform, pupils are representing the whole school community, and their actions influence how others perceive our young people. Respect for others, for property, and for the local environment are key values we expect everyone to uphold.

It is, however, very difficult for the school to directly monitor or 'police' behaviour once pupils have left the site and are waiting for buses or walking home. We will be reinforcing expectations with pupils in school, and we are also liaising with our local Police Community Support Officers to help maintain a calm and safe environment at the end of the school day.

We would appreciate your support in speaking with your child about how they conduct themselves on their way to and from school, particularly when they are waiting at local bus stops or in public areas. Working together, we can help ensure that our pupils continue to make a positive impression in the community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Carole Dean
Headteacher

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IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

This is the season for lot of viruses going around. The NHS have a page on their website which can guide you through symptoms and what to look out for and when to keep your child off school.

Click [here](#) to go to their website and find out more.



Rugby Success!!

Huge Congratulations to ex student Deborah Gaunigio who has been selected for the England U18 Player Development Group. Deborah is the first Salisbury Rugby Club Girls Squad player to be selected for the U18 PDG.

We wish her good luck and will be watching her career progress and wishing her lots of success.



U12s Girls Touch Rugby Allianz Stadium Twickenham - Report

We are incredibly proud to share the exciting news of our U12 Girls Rugby team's fantastic day at the Allianz Stadium, Twickenham, a day filled with firsts, fun, and unforgettable memories!

Taking part in a schools Touch Rugby festival, this was the first time many of our girls had ever played Touch Rugby, and they rose to the challenge brilliantly. Over the course of the day, they played four matches against other schools, showing skill, teamwork and determination well beyond their experience. Impressively, they won all four games, scoring a total of 10 tries along the way!

The team's success on the pitch was matched by the excitement off it, as the girls had the incredible opportunity to meet members of the England Women's Rugby team. The players were generous with their time, offering encouragement, signing autographs and inspiring the next generation of rugby stars.

One of the highlights of the day was stepping out to play on the pitch at the Allianz Stadium, right next to the home of English rugby. It was a truly special moment, and one the girls will treasure for a long time.

We couldn't be prouder of how the team represented the school, not just in their results, but in their attitude, enthusiasm, and team spirit. To go unbeaten in their first ever Touch Rugby tournament is an incredible achievement. Well done to every player involved!



Year 8B Football Team Triumphs with 4-0 Win!

Congratulations to our Year 8B football team on their fantastic 4-0 victory against Allenbourne School this week! The team showed brilliant teamwork, determination, and skill throughout the match. The goals were shared between Jeremy Hoedoafia and Beckham Munns, who each scored twice, while Louis Watson made a brilliant penalty save to keep a clean sheet. A superb all-round performance — well done, Year 8B!



School Careers Fair Inspires Students from Years 8–11

We were delighted to welcome a wide range of visitors to our School Careers Fair last Friday, an exciting event designed to help students from Years 8 to 11 explore their future options.

The fair brought together employers from various industries, apprentices, local sixth forms and colleges, as well as a representative from a Southampton Solent University. Students had the chance to ask questions, gather information, and gain a better understanding of the different pathways available to them after Year 11 and beyond.

It was fantastic to see so many pupils engaging in meaningful conversations about careers, further education, and apprenticeships. Whether they were discovering new jobs they hadn't considered before, or finding out what qualifications they'll need to pursue their ambitions, the event gave them a valuable insight into the world of work and study.

A huge thank you to all the organisations and individuals who gave their time to support our students and help inspire the next generation.

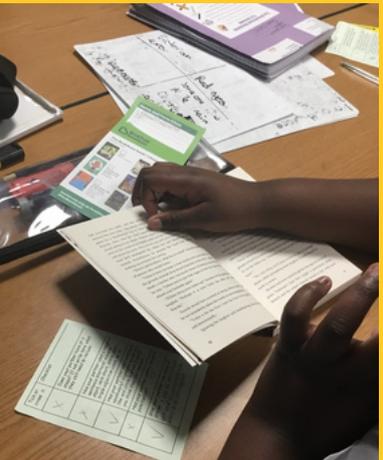
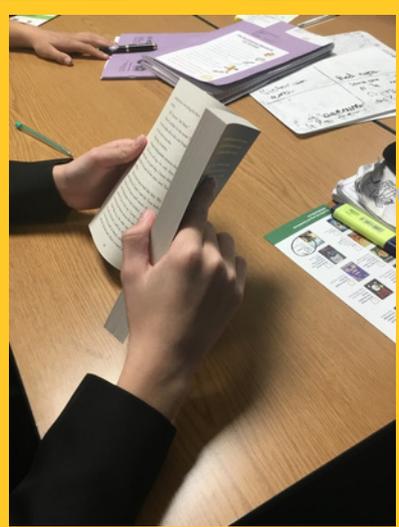
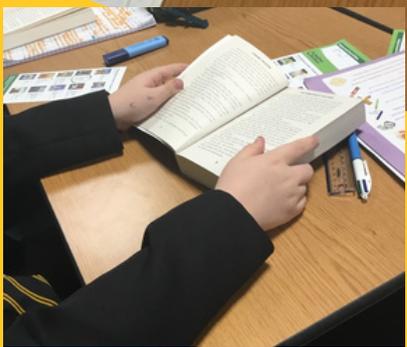
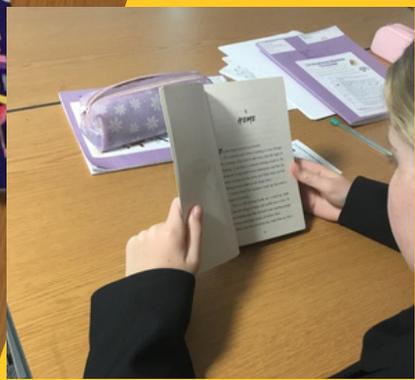
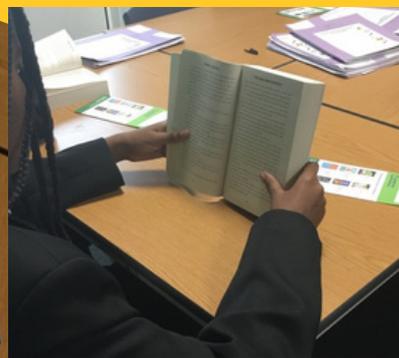


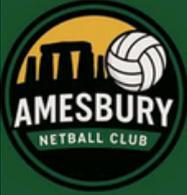
All students in Year 7 were delighted to receive a free book through the Bookbuzz scheme – an initiative run by BookTrust, the UK’s largest children’s reading charity, which aims to encourage reading for pleasure.

In the second week of September, students watched a video introducing them to the 16 books available. The selection ranged from non-fiction reads to fast-paced page-turners, ensuring there was something for everyone. After hearing directly from the authors, students had the fun (but tough!) task of choosing the one book that caught their imagination most.

This week, their chosen books finally arrived, and the excitement in the classroom was fantastic to see! There were smiles all around as students eagerly received their new books – and we can’t wait to see the stories and discussions these reads inspire.

Happy Reading!
The English Department





NETBALL TASTER

CALLING AGE 11-13

Tuesday 21st Oct 7-8pm
Amesbury Sports Centre

Has your child started playing Netball at Secondary School?

Does your child want to learn more about Netball?

Does your child want to be part of a team and make new friends?

Come along to a Taster Session
Scan the QR Code to secure a place



Amesburynetball@gmail.com



BIOLOGY WEEK- Dissection Extravaganza

This was extremely well attended by pupils from years 7- 11. Some KS4 pupils took a leading role and guided pupils through dissections of an eye, kidney, heart and brain. Miss Jones adeptly dissected a rat and showed the pupils the digestive system and parts of the nervous and reproductive systems. We also had some owl pellets collected locally along Sergants Walk in Amesbury and many bones of the prey were found. At the end some die hard year 7s and 8s dissected an earthworm and were able to see the gizzard where food is digested. Mrs James dissected a mackerel and pupils were fascinated by the gill structure.

Thank you to Gordon, Bailey, Bella, Izabella, Patricia, Nathan and Cadi who helped in the event. Mr Mathers and Mrs Miller also did a great job inspiring the pupils.



I have attached some of the photos I took of the dissections held after school. It was incredibly fun and I thank you for organising this amazing event.

Kind regards,
Nathan White
10BSJ

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	100	390	18074	100	60	70	18994
Barrow	400	200	431	18079	200	170	40	19520
Sarum	400	100	395	18877	300	130	70	20272
Solstice	100	100	406	17889	400	190	20	19105

Total - This Term



House	Attendance	Bonus	Homework	House Points	Library	Staff Points	Tutor Challenge	<u>Total</u>
Archer	1300	4770	1683	45332	1100	650	560	55395
Barrow	2200	4630	1730	44208	1000	1210	600	55578
Sarum	2000	6600	1604	44357	800	760	490	56611
Solstice	1400	2610	1458	39395	1100	720	760	47443



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



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%.



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

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.

AMESBURY	175.09
BRADFORD UPON AVON	297.74
CORSHAM	268.78
DEVIZES	220.02
MALMESBURY	244.04
MARLBOROUGH	259.32
TIVERTON	205.75

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.

Half term fun! Creepy Creatures

ARMY
FLYING
MUSEUM

25th October to 2 November

Themed trail and Bat hunt all week

Creepy
creature
crafts each
week day
10.00 - 12.30

Thurs 30th Oct
Dress like a
Soldier
10.30 - 12.00
13.00 - 14.00

29th Oct
Meccano at the
museum!
10.00 - 15.00

28th Oct and
2nd Nov
Model making
10.00 - 15.00

armyflying.com

01264 781086



The Army Flying Museum is taking part in
the Family Learning Festival
on the 25th and 26th of October

10.00 - 12.00

13.00 - 15.00

Join our staff and volunteers in the first
hangar for a jungle themed special event
where families can learn all about jungle
kit, jungle bugs and jungle stories from
our archives.

*This event is included in your entry
ticket to the Museum*



Story Power

BAND NIGHT

GLOW WITH THE FLOW



WILTSHIRE
CREATIVE

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER
7PM - 10PM (DOORS 6:45PM)
SALISBURY ARTS CENTRE
£5.00 (AGES 14+)



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Salisbury Arts Centre



● What to Expect:

- ✦ Live Performances from talented young musicians
- 🎲 Board Games to chill and connect
- 🕺 Dancing to your favourite tunes
- 🎨 Crafts to make & take
- 🍕 Snacks & Drinks to keep you fueled all night

🕒 When: Saturday 1st November, 7pm-10pm

📍 Where: Salisbury Arts Centre

👕 Dress Code: Neon encouraged!

🎫 Tickets: £5.00, link in bio or on the door!

🎤 Whether you're here to rock out, hang out, or vibe out — Band Night is your place to be.

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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