



# THE STONEHENGE

## SCHOOL

### Weekly Newsletter

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#### UPCOMING DATES

##### OCTOBER

Wed 1st  
Alpacas - Science Club  
Trip

Thurs 2nd  
Bronze DofE Award Eve  
& Silver Information Eve.

Fri 3rd  
Year 8 Maths - Salisbury  
Treasure Trail

Mon 6th  
Yr 11 Geography Field  
Trip

Tues 7th  
Cross Country SWGS  
(after school)

Tues 7th  
Yr 11 Geography Field  
Trip

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> - Fri 10<sup>th</sup>  
Dyslexia Awareness  
Week

Fri 10<sup>th</sup>  
Careers Fair

Tues 14th  
Police Bike Theft Event

Message from the Headteacher ....

#### This Week at Stonehenge

This week, our Year 9 pupils took part in the Blunt Truth workshops, a hard-hitting programme delivered in schools across Wiltshire by Wiltshire Police. These sessions are designed to give pupils a clear understanding of the risks and consequences of carrying knives. They cover the law, the life-changing impact on victims, families, and communities, as well as the myths surrounding knife crime. Through real-life stories and interactive discussions, pupils were challenged to reflect on the dangers and to think carefully about the choices they make. The aim of these workshops is to educate and empower young people to stay safe and make positive decisions about their futures.

All year groups also benefited from assemblies led by members of the Young Carers Youth Council. These assemblies highlighted the reality of being a young carer – someone under 18 who helps to care for a parent, sibling, or relative due to illness, disability, mental health needs, or substance misuse. Pupils learned about the responsibilities young carers often take on, such as household tasks, emotional support, or managing medication, and how these can sometimes affect their own wellbeing, education, and opportunities. Importantly, the assemblies also raised awareness of the wide range of support available locally through organisations such as Carer Support Wiltshire and Community First's Youth Action Wiltshire, who provide respite activities, advice, and opportunities for young carers to connect with others who understand their experiences.

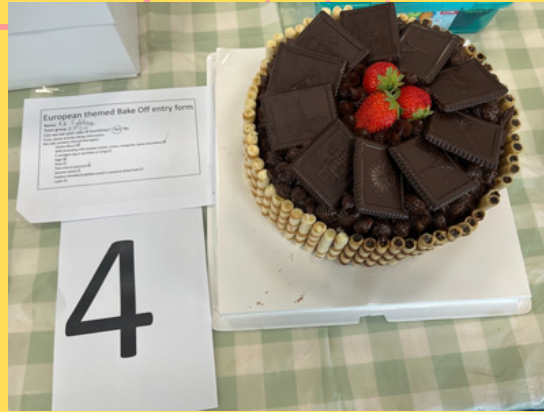
Finally, many pupils will be receiving postcards home this week, after nominations from subject teachers and senior staff. These postcards celebrate pupils' hard work, achievements, and positive attitudes – a small but meaningful way to reflect back to pupils and families how well they are doing.



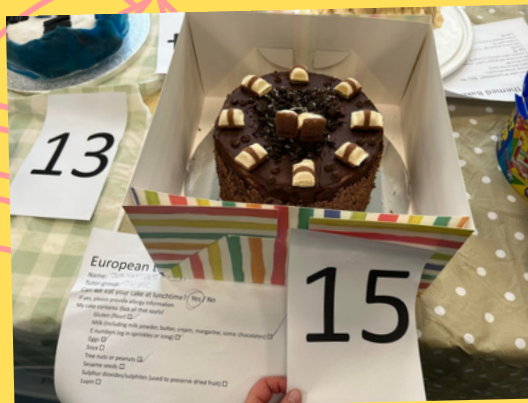
## European Bake Off competition results!

Thank you to everyone who entered the bake off competition we held on Monday to celebrate the European day of Languages. The entries were stunning and it was clear that hours of work and effort had gone into making them. We were really pleased that so many students turned up to judge and taste the cakes and that the event was buzzing with energy.

The winner of the competition is: Ali Salehsoy



Second place goes to: Jonny Clark



Prizes will be given out in assemblies next week. An extra thank you to the Tech department for all their help and support.

Parallel ([parallel.org.uk](http://parallel.org.uk)) is a brilliant free scheme designed for curious mathematical minds aged 9 to 18.

Students can sign up on the website using teacher code WID5-067S to access weekly Maths challenges. Students can also join in with exciting live online Maths sessions which commence this weekend.

If you have any questions, come and see me in room 65.

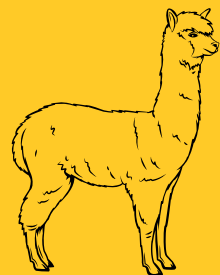
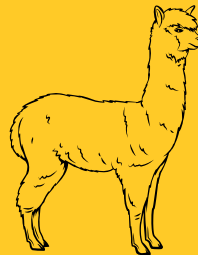
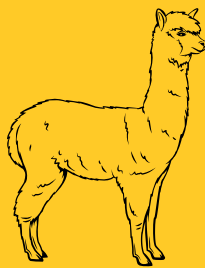
Mrs J Hill-Parker





## Carys Alpacas

On Wednesday 1st October, our students enjoyed a wonderful trip to Carys Alpacas, where they had the chance to learn all about these gentle animals. The visit included feeding and walking the alpacas, which was a highlight for many! The experience was both educational and fun, giving everyone the opportunity to connect with the alpacas while discovering fascinating facts about how they are cared for



### National Cipher Challenge 2025 - University of Southampton

The National Cipher Challenge is open to ALL students across the whole country. It involves solving message written in code, and is a lot of fun. The introductory challenge is currently open, and the next one will come online on the 9th October.

It is not compulsory, but students who join tend to really enjoy the challenges!  
You will then need to enter the code:  
RPGAMDX8

Mrs J Hill-Parker  
Numeracy Champion and Maths Teacher

University of Southampton  
The School of Mathematical Sciences presents

24 YEARS NATIONAL CIPHER CHALLENGE  
www.cipherchallenge.org

# A TALE OF 2 SECRETS

No-one knows what Charles Dickens said to the US President when they met in 1868, but that conversation changed the world. Can you decipher their secrets and find out how?

Break the codes, solve the mystery  
£5,000 in prizes to be won

**PZKX QL POXOQ VLRO XASBKQROB!**

A codebreaking competition for UK schools and colleges  
Register from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Competition starts 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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## Year 9 Rugby Report: A physical and clinical performance

The Year 9 rugby team took to the field against Dauntsey's A in what turned out to be a thrilling encounter at a stunning venue. From the first whistle, the boys delivered a performance full of grit, determination, and high-quality rugby; a real showcase of the school's sporting spirit.

Right from the start, the physicality on display was immense, with the team bringing intensity in both attack and defence. Huge collisions punctuated the game, with standout contributions from Alfie, Clayton, Kayden, Thomas, and Jaco, each of whom made their presence felt in the contact area.

The game flowed at pace, with end-to-end rugby and a fiercely contested breakdown throughout. Kayden provided a moment of magic, jinking his way through the defence to touch down for a superb solo try. Jacob added a brace, the second of which came in dramatic fashion during injury time to level the score at 17-17. His comical celebration before grounding the ball added a light-hearted moment to an otherwise fiercely competitive match.

It was a fantastic advert for schoolboy rugby, played in the right spirit and with real passion. Every member of the squad contributed to a memorable fixture, and they should all be immensely proud of their performance.

**Final Score: 17-17**

## Year 11 Rugby Report: A New Approach, A Dominant Display

This year marks a fresh and collaborative approach to Year 11 rugby, driven by the realities of squad numbers and logistics. With just a single minibus of players available, the focus has shifted toward joint fixtures, working alongside other schools to ensure competitive, high-quality rugby for all involved.

Our latest fixture was a great example of this new spirit. Eight of our Year 11 players travelled to Trafalgar School, where they combined forces to face Ringwood. What followed was nothing short of spectacular: a display of flowing, attacking rugby that echoed the flair and freedom of the famous Barbarians style. From the first kick-off, the team played with confidence and cohesion, showing superb handling, strong running lines, and outstanding support play. The combined squad gelled quickly, producing what can only be described as champagne rugby; thrilling to watch and a nightmare for the opposition to contain.

The final score of 47-7 was a fair reflection of the team's dominance. Tries came courtesy of Christian (2), Reuben, and Josh, with the rest of the squad playing a vital role in both attack and defence. The result was more than just a win; it was a clear sign of what can be achieved through adaptability, teamwork, and a shared love of the game.

This fixture was not only a huge success on the scoreboard, but a proud moment for all involved, a testament to the power of collaboration and the spirit of school rugby.

**Final Score: 47-7 (Win)**

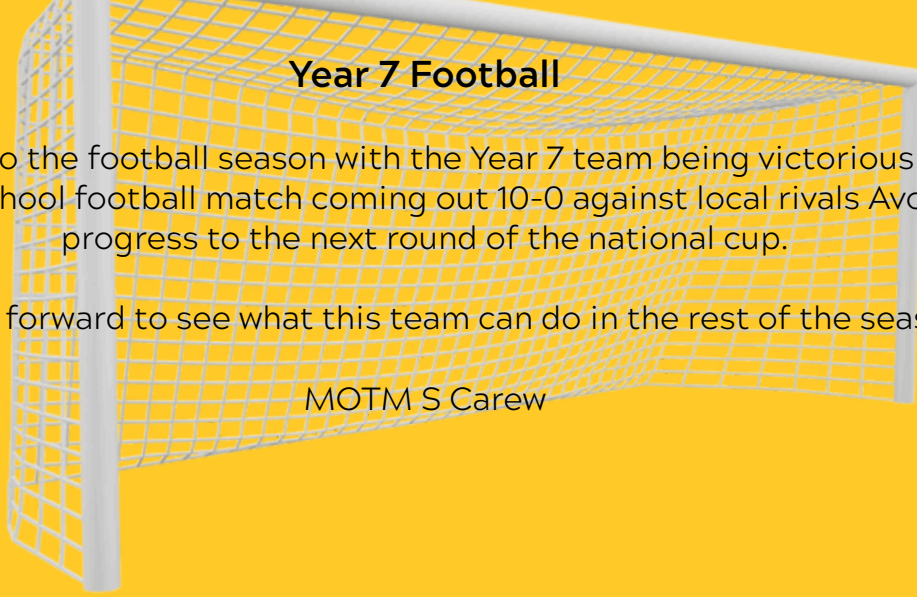


## Year 7 Football

A brilliant start to the football season with the Year 7 team being victorious in their first Stonehenge School football match coming out 10-0 against local rivals Avon Valley to progress to the next round of the national cup.

Looking forward to see what this team can do in the rest of the season.

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## Dyslexia Information Webinar for Parents

- Date: Tuesday, 7th October 2025
- Time: 10.30am-12pm
- Audience: Parents and carers
- Location: Online webinar via TEAMS



Please click the following link to join the webinar: <http://bit.ly/4hbpLd7>

# CAKES AND BAKES

CARROT CAKE

(EGG,WHEAT,SOYA,MILK)

CHOCOLATE  
BROWNIE

(EGG,WHEAT,MILK)



MARYLAND  
COOKIE

(WHEAT)



FLAPJACK

(MAY CONTAIN WHEAT)



CHOCOLATE  
COOKIE

(WHEAT,EGG)

SPRINKLE CAKE

(EGG,WHEAT,MILK)



SHORTBREAD

(WHEAT)



STAGE  
COACH

# K-POP

## HALLOWEEN WORKSHOP

SING. DANCE. ACT.

SLAY!

CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS  
ACCEPTED



SCAN FOR DETAILS

Greentrees Junior School Salisbury Wednesday 29th October



OR Join us 22nd & 23rd December  
SING. DANCE. ACT. SLEIGH



FESTIVE FUN WORKSHOP

# 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



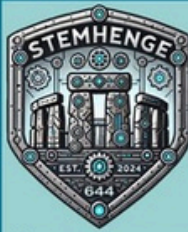
House	Attendance	Bonus	Homework	House Points	Library	Staff Points	Tutor Challenge	<u>Total</u>
Archer	100	4670	373	5594	400	170	150	11457
Barrow	300	4430	390	5310	100	250	130	10910
Sarum	400	6500	379	5437	200	120	100	13136
Solstice	300	2510	319	4232	300	30	130	7821

## Total - This Term



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Archer	800	4670	868	22066	1000	540	420	30364
Barrow	1400	4430	883	20678	800	850	450	29491
Sarum	1500	6500	831	20266	500	470	340	30407
Solstice	1000	2510	710	17092	700	380	590	22982





# 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](http://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



STAGE  
COACH

Salisbury & Amesbury

## FREE TASTER SESSION

Help your child discover the  
performing arts!

To join us for a FREE Taster  
session scan the QR code or  
enrol at  
[www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury](http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/salisbury)

### AMESBURY

**Where:** Amesbury Baptist Church  
Amesbury, SP4 7SN

**When:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**Time:** 4-6 Years - 4.15-5.45pm  
6-18 Years - 4.30 - 7.30pm

### SALISBURY

**Where:** Greentrees Junior School,  
Salisbury, SP1 3PG

**When:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

**Time:** 4-6 Years - 11.15-12.45pm or  
13.45-15.15pm  
6-18 Years - 2.00-5.00pm



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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 theme for Black History Month UK 2025 is "Standing Firm in Power and Pride," a powerful tribute to the resilience, strength, and unwavering commitment to progress that defines the Black community across the globe.

This year, the theme highlights the profound contributions made by Black people be they leaders, activists, or pioneers who have shaped history, while also looking towards a future of continued empowerment, unity, and growth.

"Norton Rose Fulbright strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone can bring their whole self to work and realise their career potential." Watch this video from a Norton Rose Trainee Lawyer about her experience in banking.

Paul Boateng, the UK's first Black Cabinet Minister, is a trailblazer who transformed British politics and diplomacy. From his early fight for justice as a civil rights lawyer to his historic achievements in Parliament and as High Commissioner to South Africa, Boateng's life is a testament to resilience, representation, and the power of change. Read his story [here](#).

John Henry Smythe (1915–1996), better known as Johnny Smythe, lived a life that bridged two of the most important chapters of Black British history: service in the Second World War and the story of the Windrush generation. From the skies over Europe to the courts of West Africa, his journey reflects courage, resilience, and a lasting commitment to justice. Read his story [here](#). Malorie Blackman's "Noughts & Crosses" is a groundbreaking series of novels that reverses racial stereotypes to examine racism

and prejudice. Adapted into a TV series, you can watch all episodes of Noughts + Crosses on [BBC iPlayer](#).

## JOB OF THE WEEK



[Film Director](#)

Directors are integral to the success of any film project, playing a central role in shaping the creative vision and narrative and bringing together all artistic elements to form a cohesive final product. During production, a typical day is between 10 and 12 hours. However, as a director you will usually spend extra time in meetings discussing aspects of the production.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

"According to a 2019 report by the UK's Department for Education, only about 4% of teachers in state-funded schools identified as Black, Asian, or from other minority ethnic (BAME) backgrounds. The figure for Black male teachers represents a much smaller fraction of this already small percentage." Source

If you have any questions or need support, please email [office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk)

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HISTORY  
MONTH



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## OPPORTUNITIES

“JTL provides the perfect foundation for your career in the building services engineering industry. With expert tutors, state-of-the-art training centres and a proven track record of producing skilled, confident and competent professionals you can trust that JTL is the right choice for your training needs.” Find out more here. The Toledo Scholarship was established in 2005 by one of the world’s most successful producers and NFTS governor Duncan Kenworthy (Four Weddings and a Funeral, Notting Hill) to enable talented newcomers from the UK’s ethnic minorities to fast-track their ambitions and join the British film industry. Find out more here. “Whether you are already interested in film, TV and games, or you haven’t yet discovered the world of opportunities behind the camera — we want to work with you! The Access NFTS: Insight events are introductory sessions designed for anyone wanting to discover more about the wide range of potential career opportunities behind the camera.” Register your interest here. This TV and Film work experience programme from Springpod has it all, you’ll get the chance to direct a short film, take part in quizzes that put your knowledge to the test and hear from industry professionals, like film critics and heads of production. Scholarships provide essential financial support, making education more accessible while allowing students to focus on their studies, personal growth, and future ambitions. Read this guide on applying for University Scholarships. On Monday 13th October, join the UCL Media Virtual Open Event for 1-2pm to get an overview of the course, experience a taster session and ask our staff and students any questions you might have. Register here.

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“Our unique mission and purpose serves our audiences – in the UK and globally – with high-quality, impartial output and services which inform, educate and entertain. We push boundaries, challenge thinking and produce content that people love.” Find out more about careers with the BBC here.

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

“Choosing the University of St Andrews means you’re not just gaining a degree—you’re becoming part of a close-knit community that encourages you to explore new ideas, challenge the status quo, and push boundaries. Students have access to renowned faculty, cutting-edge research opportunities, and a global network of alumni that will support your future career, wherever it may take you.”

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# 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.

go to **[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)**

Book online £48

on the **Online Parenting Courses** page



# 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](https://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
<b>FREE - Raising Self-Esteem</b>	<b>23 Oct 7-8pm</b>
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm



# 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 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025.



**14<sup>TH</sup>  
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](https://bikeregister.com)



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