



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

JULY

Fri 3rd
Yr 10 Andover College Trip

Mon 6th - Fri 10th
Yr 20 Work Experience

Wed 15th
Yr 7 - Dinghy Sailing Rewards Trip

Thurs 16th
Yr 7 Salisbury Treasure Trail

Fri 17th
Sports Festival

Fri 17th - Sun 19th
Silver DofE Expedition

Headteacher's Update

This week has been another busy and rewarding one at The Stonehenge School, with our biggest highlight undoubtedly being the opportunity to welcome our new Year 6 pupils as they joined us for their Transition Day.

Starting secondary school is a significant milestone for any young person, and it was a pleasure to see so many excited faces as pupils began getting to know their new school, teachers and classmates. We are incredibly proud of the way our current students, staff and wider school community welcomed them and helped them feel at home.

Our transition evening was equally well attended, and it was wonderful to meet so many parents and carers as we begin working together ahead of September. Thank you to everyone who joined us. We know there was a rather unfortunate clash with the England football match, which led to one or two amusing moments during the presentation whilst England scored! Thankfully, everyone managed to enjoy both occasions, and we appreciate families making the time to come along.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of the staff involved in making the day such a success. In particular, our Teaching Assistant and Pastoral teams were exceptional in supporting pupils throughout the day, ensuring that every child felt safe, reassured and able to enjoy the experience. Behind every successful transition event is a huge amount of planning, and I am incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed, especially Mrs Roberts and Mrs Hammond, whose organisation ensured everything ran so smoothly.

Finally, we continue to place a strong emphasis on improving literacy and reading across the school. This week we welcomed colleagues from the Ramsbury Reading Hub to review the work we have undertaken to improve reading ages through diagnostic assessment and targeted interventions. The visit recognised the progress made so far, and together we have been planning the next stage of this work. Next year, we will continue to strengthen the support available for pupils who need to catch up with reading, alongside further staff training to ensure that reading development is supported across every subject.

As always, thank you for your continued support. The partnership between home and school plays such an important role in helping our young people thrive, and we are grateful for everything you do to support your children and our school community.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



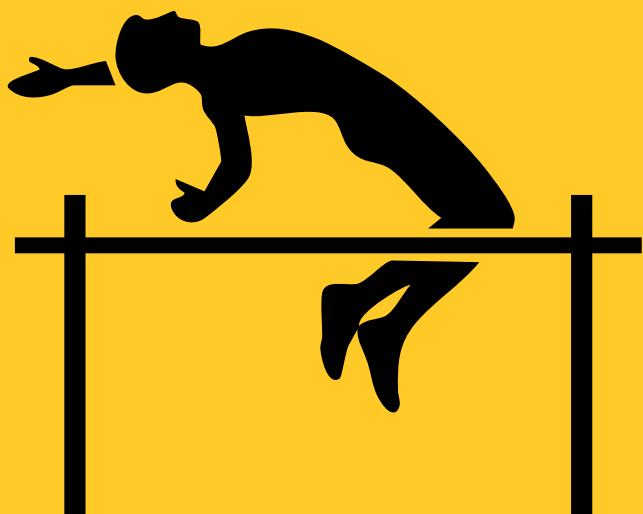
South West Counties Schools Athletics Championships 2026

On Saturday 20th June 2 Stonehenge School students went to Exeter to compete for Wiltshire in the South West Counties Schools Athletics Championships.

Archie Martyn (pictured below) finished 5th place in the Inter Boys High Jump with a height of 1.72m.

Freddie Matthews (pictured below) finished 4th place in the Junior Boys 200m Heat 2 with a time of 24.37s. Unfortunately Freddie just missed out on the final which proved to be of an extremely high standard with the winner achieving a time in line with the national standard.

A fantastic achievement from both boys and we are really proud of them. Well done!



Total - This Week



| House | Attendance | Bonus | Homework | House Points | Library | SSC | Staff Points | Tutor Challenge | <u>Total</u> |
|----------|------------|-------|----------|--------------|---------|-----|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Archer | 100 | | 142 | 2546 | 400 | | 60 | 60 | 3308 |
| Barrow | 200 | | 192 | 2890 | 300 | | 170 | 60 | 3812 |
| Sarum | 400 | | 151 | 2485 | 200 | | 100 | 90 | 3426 |
| Solstice | 400 | | 156 | 2585 | 100 | | 220 | 110 | 3571 |



Total - This Term



| House | Attendance | Bonus | Homework | House Points | Library | SSC | Staff Points | Tutor Challenge | <u>Total</u> |
|----------|------------|-------|----------|--------------|---------|-----|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Archer | 600 | 25 | 588 | 10577 | 1600 | 800 | 420 | 150 | 14760 |
| Barrow | 1200 | 30 | 684 | 11556 | 1100 | 700 | 810 | 130 | 16210 |
| Sarum | 1600 | 15 | 613 | 11129 | 700 | 700 | 380 | 120 | 15257 |
| Solstice | 1000 | 35 | 611 | 10779 | 600 | 800 | 690 | 160 | 14675 |



The
STONEHENGE
SCHOOL
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ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES, ENRICHING FUTURES




Every contribution, no matter the amount, helps make a difference and is greatly appreciated.

Registered Charity No. 289823

The School Fund is a voluntary contribution from parents and carers that helps us provide resources and improvements beyond those covered by government funding.

♥ DONATE



We kindly ask families to consider contributing between £3 and £6 per month, or £36 to £60 per year, via 

While contributions are not compulsory, this funding plays an important role in enhancing our school environment and supporting opportunities for all pupils.

Over recent years, School Fund contributions have helped us purchase additional resources such as picnic benches, sports equipment, and improvements to our school library.

Looking ahead, we plan to use future funds to enhance outdoor social spaces for pupils and improve locker storage facilities.


GRAND OPENING BONNYMEAD PLAY PARK



Celebrate the opening of the
new Bonnymead Play Park
Join us in marking this exciting
addition to the community

 Bonnymead Play Park, Recreation Road

 Friday 10th July 2026

 4:00pm



We look forward to seeing you all there



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

Exam Invigilators

Scale B point 2, £12.65 per hour We require additional Exam Invigilators to work with us at The Stonehenge School. We are looking for enthusiastic and supportive individuals to work varied hours during the school day, mainly during GCSE exam periods but also covering internal and modular exams throughout the year. Must be available to work from 8.30 am to cover morning exams. Previous experience is not essential, as all training will be provided. Ideal candidates will be , reliable and flexible , have good communication skills , be confident and able to offer reassurance during exams.

Family and Community Learning Courses
Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions

Bookings close 7 days before the start of each course

Online Family Courses

Ideal for parents and carers of primary school-aged children

For bookings scan the QR code or contact: 01225 770478
familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>

Helping My Child Prepare Positively for Change
Friday 17 July - 10am-12pm

Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience
Monday 20 July - 4pm-6pm

Helping My Child Build Positive Connections
Time for parents/carers and then children join to learn together

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| Thursday 23 July 10:30am-12pm | Monday 27 July 10:30am-12pm | Tuesday 11 August 10:30am-12pm |
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Helping My Child Develop Listening and Attention Skills
Time for parents/carers and then children join to learn together

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| Friday 24 July 10:30am-12pm | Thursday 30 July 10:30am-12pm | Thursday 13 August 10:30am-12pm |
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Helping My Child with Anxiety and Worry

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| Tuesday 28 July 10:30am-12:30pm | Friday 14 August 10:30am-12:30pm |
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Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years, have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet residency requirements. Learners must also be able to tick **one** of the following criteria: individual income less than £25,750 a year; in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit); be a care leaver, foster carer or carer; be a military family or ex-armed forces personnel; have refugee or asylum seeker status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to work, now or in the future.

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Wellbeing Courses

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Discovering Confidence



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| Monday 24 August 10:30am-1pm Salisbury - St Paul's Church | Tuesday 25 August 10am-12:30pm Chippenham Museum |
| Tuesday 25 August 10am-12:30pm Devizes Nursted Community Centre | Thursday 27 August 10am-12:30pm Trowbridge Museum |

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YEAR 7 ONLY!



★ YEAR 7 STUDENTS! ★ JOIN TEAM STEMHENGE!

BE PART OF OUR BRAND NEW
LEGO® SPIKE™ ROBOT TEAM!

BUILD IT.
CODE IT.
BRING IT TO LIFE!



WORK TOGETHER

Share ideas, help each other and achieve amazing things!



LEARN NEW SKILLS

Build, code and solve problems like a real engineer!



HAVE FUN

Take on exciting challenges and celebrate your wins!



BUILD

Create awesome robots and bring your ideas to life!



CODE

Write code and make your robot do amazing things!



DESIGN

Plan, test and improve your robot together!



COMPETE

Put your robot to the test in fun challenges!



BELONG

Be part of a team. Make friends. Make memories!



SCAN ME!

★ YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE! ★
JOIN TEAM STEMHENGE!

BUILD TODAY. ★
CODE TOMORROW.
CHANGE THE FUTURE!

Successful applicants will be asked for a £30 annual contribution towards tournament entry.

WE WANT YOU!

YEAR 8 & 9 STUDENTS!

BE PART OF THE TEAM!



JOIN TEAM STEMHENGE!

COMPETE IN THE FIRST TECH CHALLENGE UK!

APPLY FOR A ROLE THAT SUITS YOU!



Drivetrain Engineer: Leads other team members in the building of the robot



Software Engineer: Develops and maintains the code needed to operate the robot



Manipulation Engineer: Takes challenge in the game and organises ways to create strategies



Project Manager: Coordinates all aspects of the team and leads group discussions



Financial Officer: Develops and maintains a budget, ensuring expenses are planned and funds are used wisely



Outreach Officer: Coordinates community outreach such as promoting the team in the local area



WORK TOGETHER

Share ideas and achieve amazing things!



LEARN NEW SKILLS

Build, code, design and so much more!



HAVE FUN

Take on exciting challenges and celebrate wins!



MAKE MEMORIES

Create friendships that last a lifetime!



MAKE AN IMPACT

Use STEM to solve problems and make a real difference in your community!



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Let's talk! Join us at our AGM

scouts.org.uk/join
#SkillsForLife

We're holding our annual general meeting this year on Friday 10th June at 7pm in the Nicolson Centre, Stockport Road.

All parents, Scouts, volunteers and interested parties are invited to join us as we also reflect on some brilliant moments and achievements from the last year.

Anyone interested in standing for Chair of Trustees, Treasurer or Trustee, or getting involved as an adult leader or helper should make themselves known to the Group Lead Volunteer at anne.nicholson@sswscouts.org.uk or in person on the night.

Volunteering is easier than you think. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis and make a real difference to your community.



Scouts

1st Boscombe Down

Helping Your Child Stay Safe Online

Children and young people spend a huge part of their lives online — chatting with friends, gaming, watching videos and learning new things.

The online world brings many positives, but it can also expose children to harmful content, scams, bullying and unsafe contact.



The good news is that small, regular conversations at home can make a big difference.

START WITH CONVERSATION, NOT CONTROL

Try asking:



What apps are popular at the moment?



Have you seen anything online recently that upset you?



What would you do if someone online made you uncomfortable?



How do you know if something online is real?



Keeping conversations calm and non-judgemental helps children feel safe coming to you if something goes wrong.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR FAMILIES



Set up parental controls



Keep devices in shared spaces



Agree family expectations



Encourage critical thinking

SIGNS YOUR CHILD MAY NEED SUPPORT



Becoming withdrawn or anxious after using devices



Suddenly hiding screens or accounts



Changes in sleep or mood



Reluctance to attend school



USEFUL REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Parental controls are helpful — but they work best alongside trust and open communication.



Open conversations build trust. You don't have to be an expert—just be there.



SUPPORT
GUIDE
EMPOWER

YOUR TOWN. YOUR HISTORY. YOUR RESEARCH.

*Be part of
Amesbury's
story.*

Join a research project at
Amesbury History Centre

*Help develop
Amesbury History Walk*

14+
YEARS
WELCOME



RESEARCH GROUP RUNS:
23RD JULY – 3RD SEPTEMBER



**Culminating in a
PRESENTATION DAY
on 12TH SEPTEMBER**

We're looking for people aged 16+ to undertake small pieces of research with guidance and support throughout – no prior knowledge or experience is needed.



14 and 15 year olds are welcome to take part when accompanied by a responsible adult.

YOU'LL GET TO:



Explore local archives and historical collections



Ask questions and share your ideas



Develop research and digital skills



Work with others and make a real contribution



INFORMATION EVENING
7TH JULY AT 7.30PM
AT THE HISTORY CENTRE

Everyone interested in taking part is welcome.

**MAKE HISTORY.
MAKE AN IMPACT.**

Help shape a lasting legacy for Amesbury.

*Get involved. Get inspired.
Get researching!*



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History Centre**

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP


THE STONEHENGE
SCHOOL

 **UNIFORMMD**



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PE KIT AND MORE

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ITEMS/THE-
STONEHENGE-SCHOOL
Also find a link in the Parent
Portal on the school website

Prom night

SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP - PROM!


THE STONEHENGE
SCHOOL

 **UNIFORMMD**



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For families of teenagers aged 11+

Five To Thrive The Teenage Approach

Join other parent/carers 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

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Tuesday 4th, Tuesday 11th,
Tuesday 18th & Tuesday 25th August



Archery

Friday 14th August &
Saturday 15th August



Outdoor Wall Climbing

Friday 21st August &
Saturday 22nd August



Mini Rovers Driving

Saturday 29th August &
Sunday 30th August

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