



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER

Thurs 1st
Yr 8, 9 10 & 11
Careers Fair

Tues 6th
Army Careers Day

Thurs 8th
Yr 7 Settling in Evening

Mon 12th
Yr 9 & 10 New Scientist
Live Trip

Wed 14th
Yr 10 & 11 Tate Modern
Art, Photography &
Fashion Trip

Tues 20th
TD Day

Wed 21st
TD Day

End of term 1
Holiday Tues 22nd until
Fri 30th

NOVEMBER
Mon 2nd ALL STUDENTS
RETURN



Young Carers Award

We were delighted to welcome Councillor Jon Hubbard, Wiltshire's Cabinet Member for Children's Services, to school today to present us with our Young Carers Award. Our Equity Ambassadors welcomed him, and he was joined by one of the young carers who has helped deliver training to staff, and a member of the Young carers Wiltshire team who supported us in achieving the award.

Councillor Hubbard described The Stonehenge School as "one of the most proactive schools in Wiltshire" and praised our young carer leads for "genuinely thinking outside the box". It was lovely to see the work we do to support young carers recognised in this way.

A special thank you goes to Mrs Hooper and Mrs Blake for their hard work and dedication to our pupils.



HOUSE POINTS

WEEK 3 • THE RACE FOR THE TERMLY HOUSE REWARD

 **ARCHER**
14,859
4th

 **BARROW**
16,796 🏆
1st

 **SARUM**
15,493
2nd

 **SOLSTICE**
15,175
3rd

WHERE DID THE POINTS COME FROM THIS WEEK?

CATEGORY	ARCHER	BARROW	SARUM	SOLSTICE
🏆 House Challenge	98 🏆	81	82	86
★ House Points	6,702	7,408 🏆	6,850	6,542
● Attendance	100	250	250	400 🏆
📖 Homework	270	279	284 🏆	271
📖 Library Books	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
◆ Staff Points	90	310 🏆	30	120
THIS WEEK'S TOTAL	7,260	8,328 🏆	7,496	7,419

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- 🏆 This Week's House Challenge Winner
ARCHER
+98 points!
- ★ Biggest House Point Haul
BARROW
+7,408 points!
- Best Attendance
SOLSTICE
+400 points!
- 📖 Homework Heroes
SARUM
+284 points!
- 📖 Library Legends
N/A
+310 points!
- ◆ Staff Stars
BARROW
+310 points!

Will Barrow keep their top spot?



HOUSE POINTS

WEEK 2 • THE RACE FOR THE TERMLY HOUSE REWARD

 **ARCHER**
7,591
4th

 **BARROW**
8,460 🏆
1st

 **SARUM**
7,997
2nd

 **SOLSTICE**
7,747
3rd

WHERE DID THE POINTS COME FROM THIS WEEK?

CATEGORY	ARCHER	BARROW	SARUM	SOLSTICE
🏆 House Challenge	65	63	71	69
★ House Points	5,556	5,850 🏆	5,583	5,245
● Attendance	150	150	400 🏆	300
📖 Homework	40 🏆	36	33	40 🏆
📖 Library Books	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
◆ Staff Points	90	240 🏆	10	210
THIS WEEK'S TOTAL	5,901	6,339 🏆	6,097	5,864

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- 🏆 This Week's Winner
BARROW
+6,339 points!
- ★ Biggest House Point Haul
BARROW
+5,850 points!
- Best Attendance
SARUM
+400 points!
- 📖 Homework Heroes
SOLSTICE and ARCHER
+40 points!
- 📖 Library Legends
N/A
+310 points!
- ◆ Staff Stars
BARROW
+240 points!

Which house will take the lead next week?



Sparx Science

Another great week of Sparx Science with some new names on the leaderboard.

As always, pupils should speak to their [Science](#) teachers if they have any questions about accessing or completing Sparx weekly tasks.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st	Blake L	Annabelle F	David O	Flick B	Joint 1 st :
2nd	Arwyn S	Joint 2 nd : Thomas C Finlay H Kleya B	Joint 2 nd : Dylan M Maisie L Asya D Jess G Ollie W	Joseph S	Millie M Macy T
3rd	Wyatt H	Ella R Malakai S		Leon H-N	Nania N



Yearly Leaderboard This academic year

1st	Esther J (year 8)
2nd	David O (year 9)
3rd	Jess B (year 8)

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF TEAM STEMHENCE!



LEGO 1

Isaac
Team Captain

Andrew
Coder

T-J
Builder

Tom
Fundraising / Social Media



LEGO 2

Alanna
Team Captain

Megan
Coder

Harri
Branding / Social Media

Iris
Builder



FTC

Emily
Chief Software Engineer

Ayushi
Outreach Officer & Financial Officer

Elijah
Software Engineer & Manipulation Engineer

Micah
Software Engineer & Drivetrain Engineer

Nashwan
Manipulation Engineer & Drivetrain Engineer

Lucas
Project Manager / Data Officer & Financial Officer

BUILD • CODE • CREATE

ROBOTS • PEOPLE • BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

GUESS THE SWEETS IN THE JAR!



How many sweets are in the jar?

Pay £1 to enter on ParentPay! ★

Deadline to pay: October 11th

Raising money for Team STEMhenge! ★



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

Head of Computer Science

Start Date: January/September 2027 or sooner if available

Salary: MPS/UPS plus TLR 2b £5, 348

Contract: Permanent Contract

Head of CS 2027

You will be leading a high-performing team of dedicated professionals who are always striving to get the best for their students in a valued and popular curriculum area. You will be supported by a Senior team who have a clear consistent vision for the school and join a team of enthusiastic Middle Leaders who help to drive school improvements.

We are looking for colleagues with:

- a commitment to raising achievement
- the ability to engage and support students
- an enthusiasm and deep knowledge of the subject areas
- A commitment to help all young people and staff to achieve their best is expected of all staff.

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

Please apply via a two-sided letter detailing your educational philosophy, experience to date, and how you would aim to make an excellent department even more successful. Application form and further details are available from the school website and should be returned to Mrs D Harker, The Headteacher's PA, The Stonehenge School, Holders Road, Amesbury, Wiltshire, SP4 7PW.

Email: harkerd@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Interview date: TBC



Online Course

Understanding School Anxiety

Early Signs of Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Two Dates Available:

Monday 12 October 10:00-12:00

Thursday 26 November 10:00-12:00

Booking
closes 7
days before
course start
date



- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance?
- Strategies to support with school based anxiety and worry
- Practical ways to support school attendance
- Educational Psychologist available to answer questions

For bookings and enquiries: scan the QR code, call the FaCL team on 01225 770478 or contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

Courses are no cost to learners who meet our eligibility criteria. Learners must be aged 19+ years old on 31 August. They must have a Wiltshire postcode and meet certain 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 status; have a learning difficulty or disability; be looking to go into work, now or in the future.

Wiltshire Council

Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions



Online Course

Supporting My Teen with Anxiety

Tuesday 27 October 10:00 - 12:00



Book by
20 October
2026

- Understand the challenges teens face and how anxiety affects them
- Learn practical ways to boost your teen's emotional wellbeing at home
- Discover strategies to help your teen manage anxiety in everyday life

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<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>**



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Family and Community Learning

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Working in Schools

Online course

Starts Friday 6 November 10am-12pm

Friday 10am - 12pm

6 13 20 27 November 4 December

Book by
30 October



Feel more confident applying for jobs in schools

- ✓ Roles and responsibilities when supporting learning
- ✓ Behaviour management and Five to Thrive
- ✓ Ways to promote wellbeing and safety
- ✓ Using curriculum guidance



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E-scooters & electric bikes - do you know the law?



E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988.

You therefore need to have:

- A driving licence
- Insurance
- MOT and Tax

It is against the law to ride them on the roads/ pavements or in public spaces. This includes car parks and play parks.

Legal electrically assisted pedal cycles can be ridden by people over 14 years old. To be compliant with the law:

- It must have pedals which you need to turn to propel it
- It should have a motor of 250 watts or less
- The electrical assist should cut out at 15.5 mph

If it doesn't meet these criteria, it is classed as a motor vehicle and needs a licence, insurance, MOT and tax to be ridden legally.

If you use an e-scooter or e-bike against the law, you run the risk of it being seized and destroyed. You may also be prosecuted.



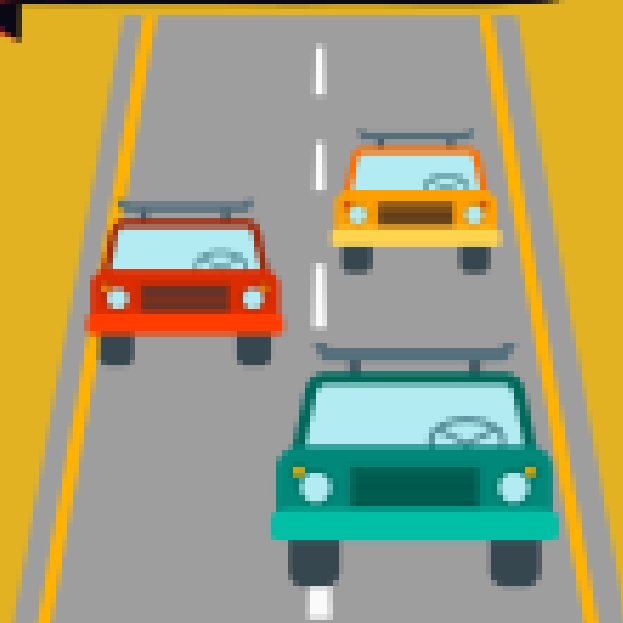
Wiltshire and Swindon
pcc

SAFE SCHOOL ZONE

Help keep
our school
community
safe



CARS AND KIDS
DON'T MIX



Disabled parking for the use
of visitors to the school only



For drop off & collection
please use car parks at:



Tesco



B & M



Please do not drive
through the school site



Please do not use
visitor parking spaces



THE STONEHENGE
SCHOOL

Your Community. Your Crew. Your Call.



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

Become a paid on-call firefighter
at Amesbury Fire Station and make a
real difference where you live or work



Come along to the fire
station on a Wednesday night
between 7pm and 9pm and
chat to your local crew.



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL



FREE SCHOOL MEALS – CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER 2026



From **September 2026**, the eligibility rules for Free School Meals (FSM) are changing, meaning more children will qualify.



WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE?

From September 2026, all children whose families receive **Universal Credit** will be entitled to free school meals, regardless of household earnings.

These current and newly eligible households should have now been contacted by Wiltshire Council.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES CURRENTLY RECEIVING FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The current transitional protection arrangements will end at the end of the 2025/26 **academic year**. This means that all current Free School Meal entitlements will be reassessed against the new national eligibility criteria by **Wiltshire Council**.

- You **do not** need to reapply.
- Eligibility checks will be carried out automatically in line with Department for Education guidance.



THE TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS



TARGETED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

For families receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of **£7,400 or less** (excluding benefits).



- Free school meals (valued at £2.65 per day from September 2026).



- The school receives Pupil Premium funding to provide additional support. (support includes reduction in the cost of school trips for students)



- Annual entitlement to a free school blazer, tie and PE performance top



EXPANDED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

For families receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings **above £7,400**.



- Free school meals (valued at £2.65 per day from September 2026).



- The school does not receive Pupil Premium funding, so the additional uniform entitlement does not apply.



UNIFORM ENTITLEMENT

As the new Free School Meals eligibility criteria come into effect from September 2026, Wiltshire Council will reassess all Free School Meals claims.

We are pleased to provide the free blazer, tie and PE performance top based on your child's current Free School Meals status. However, if the reassessment determines that your child is no longer eligible for Free School Meals (or is entitled to Expanded Free School Meals only), the cost of any uniform items provided under this scheme will become payable by parents/carers.



Any charges due will be added to your child's **ParentPay** account. If required, a payment plan can be arranged to spread the cost over an agreed period. Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss this option.
office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk



WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?



- If you receive **Universal Credit** and your child is **not currently registered** for free school meals, you may become eligible from September 2026. We encourage you to apply via www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals.



- If your child already receives Free School Meals, there is **no need to reapply**. Your eligibility will be reassessed automatically by Wiltshire Council under the new national criteria.

Registering for free school meals ensures your child receives their entitlement and, where applicable, helps the school access additional funding to support pupils.

SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS
BIGGER POSSIBILITIES!

JOIN OUR SCHOOL 100 CLUB!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL & WIN CASH PRIZES!



100
MEMBERS
EACH MONTH



£1
PER MONTH

*That's less than
a cup of coffee!*



CASH PRIZES

3 PRIZES EVERY MONTH!

- 1 1st Prize Bigger Prize
- 2 2nd Prize Medium Prize
- 3 3rd Prize Smaller Prize

More members = bigger prizes!



MONTHLY DRAW

**LAST FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

*Winners will be contacted
and announced by the school.*



SIGN UP TODAY!

IT'S EASY - JUST EMAIL US:

office@Stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

Let's work together to support our school community!

*TOGETHER,
WE CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!*

GOOD LUCK - AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





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