



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER

Mon 19th
Yr 11 Thorpe Park Rewards
Trip

Tues 20th
TD Day

Wed 21st
TD Day

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

NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd WEEK 2
ALL STUDENTS RETURN

Mon 2d - Fri 6th
Yr 11 Re-teach week

Wed 4th
Yr 7 Axiom Trip

Fri 6th
FTC Scrimmage Robot
Club

Wed 11th
Yr 10 STEM event at
Andover College

Message from the Headteacher....

As you know, we welcomed Ofsted into school this week. We cannot share the findings until the report is finalised, but I do want to say how proud we were of our pupils. Thank you to those who spoke with inspectors and shared their experiences of life at Stonehenge. It can feel daunting talking to visitors, and we appreciated their contribution.

Thank you, too, to the parents and carers who completed the survey, and to everyone who sent kind messages or took a moment to wish us well. Those words of encouragement meant a great deal to staff during a busy week. It was lovely to feel that support from our school community.

We look forward to sharing the report with you when we are able to.

Stonehenge Pupils Take Part in Amesbury Archaeological Dig

Around 190 pupils from The Stonehenge School have had the exciting opportunity to take part in a community archaeological excavation in Amesbury, working alongside archaeologists and volunteers from across the world.

The dig, led by Professor David Jacques from the University of Buckingham, explored a site believed to have possible links to Amesbury's Mesolithic past, thousands of years before Stonehenge was built.

The project attracted volunteers from as far afield as the United States and Malta, bringing together professional archaeologists, local residents and young people to explore the town's remarkable history.

Speaking to the local press, Professor Jacques praised the involvement of our pupils, commenting:

"We've had 190 kids from Stonehenge School here, and it hasn't just been tick-box."

It is wonderful to see so many of our pupils involved in a project of genuine historical significance, gaining first-hand experience of archaeology and discovering more about the extraordinary heritage on their doorstep.

As Professor Jacques put it, "I think Amesbury's past is its future, really."

Although the excavation has now finished, archaeologists will continue analysing their discoveries over the coming months. We look forward to hearing what they uncover and are delighted that our pupils have been part of this fascinating community project.

<https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/26636893.amesbury-dig-attracts-international-volunteers-town/>



THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

YOU MADE US PROUD!

What the inspectors noticed about you...

“Positive energy about being in school.”

“Students greeting staff and visitors politely.”

“Confidence to volunteer answers.”

“Strong communication and independence.”

“Readers were a delightful group to be with.”



Pupils told inspectors they felt safe and included, with adults they could trust.



Student leaders felt they had a voice and could contribute to school life.

Comments captured in our inspection feedback notes.

**Thank you for being yourselves and helping our visitors get to know Stonehenge.
We are proud of you.**

Mrs Dean

BOCCIA AND KURLING CLUB

SEN ONLY

Have fun • Build skills • Be part of a team



**TUESDAY
3RD & 10TH
NOVEMBER**

**IN THE
DRAMA ROOM**



**CHANCE TO BE IN
THE TOURNAMENT**

**ON THE 17TH
NOVEMBER**

AT ANOTHER SCHOOL



All abilities welcome!



**Support
Each Other**



Saying Goodbye...

A reminder that if your child(ren) is due to leave us (house move/military posting) during the school year and you have NOT already made us aware, please send an email to office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk confirming their name, leaving date, new address if applicable and the name of their new school.



“Help Shape the Future of Online Safety for Families”

Join a 6-month study exploring how digital tools can support safer online experiences for children.



INTERESTED?

Visit below to learn more and register your interest:

<http://tinyurl.com/tfisp>

For questions, contact: Dr. Charlie Griffin – cgriffin3@glos.ac.uk



ABOUT THE STUDY



Research Opportunity for Families with Children in Year 7!

Are you a parent of a child aged 11-12 who uses a smartphone or tablet?

We're inviting families to take part in a University of Gloucestershire research study exploring how parental monitoring tools can support safe digital habits in children.

WHY TAKE PART?



1. Contribute to research shaping safer online spaces for children
2. Open up meaningful conversations between parents & children
3. Gain early access to useful parental monitoring tools
4. Support other parents, schools and policy makers

WHO CAN TAKE PART?



- Families with a child in Year 7 (aged 11-12)
- The child regularly uses a digital device
- The family has internet access at home
- The caregiver is willing to trial a monitoring tool for 6 months

SAFEGUARDING & PRIVACY



- All participation is voluntary and confidential
- GDPR compliant and fully anonymised data
- Child assent taken at every stage
- Participants can withdraw at any time

WHAT'S INVOLVED?



- Use a monitoring tool provided free of charge
- Complete short surveys and interviews over 6 months
- Help researchers understand how families manage digital safety

WHAT YOU'LL RECEIVE



- Free access to a monitoring tool
- Up to £65 in Amazon vouchers as a thank-you for your time

THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

YOUR WORDS. YOUR STORY.

ROTARY YOUNG WRITER 2026-27

FRIENDSHIP

What does friendship mean to you?

Write a story or poem entitled 'Friendship'.

STORY: maximum 550 words

POEM: maximum 40 lines

Fiction or non-fiction —
let your imagination lead!

AGE GROUPS

11-13: Intermediate | **14-17:** Senior

Age on 31 August 2026 determines your category.

HOW TO ENTER

Submit a digital copy of your writing and a completed entry form with parent/carers consent.

Salisbury Rotary contact: Clive Barnwell
cheriana@sky.com

LOCAL DEADLINE: TO BE CONFIRMED

Information and the competition booklet are available on ClassCharts.

YOUR OWN ORIGINAL WORK

No AI-created or AI-edited writing.
No copied work. No pictures or drawings
in your entry.



Local heat



District final



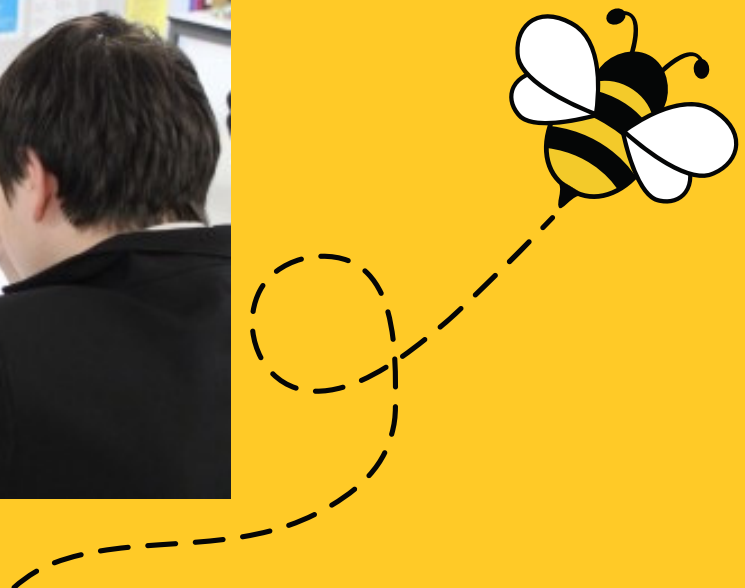
National final

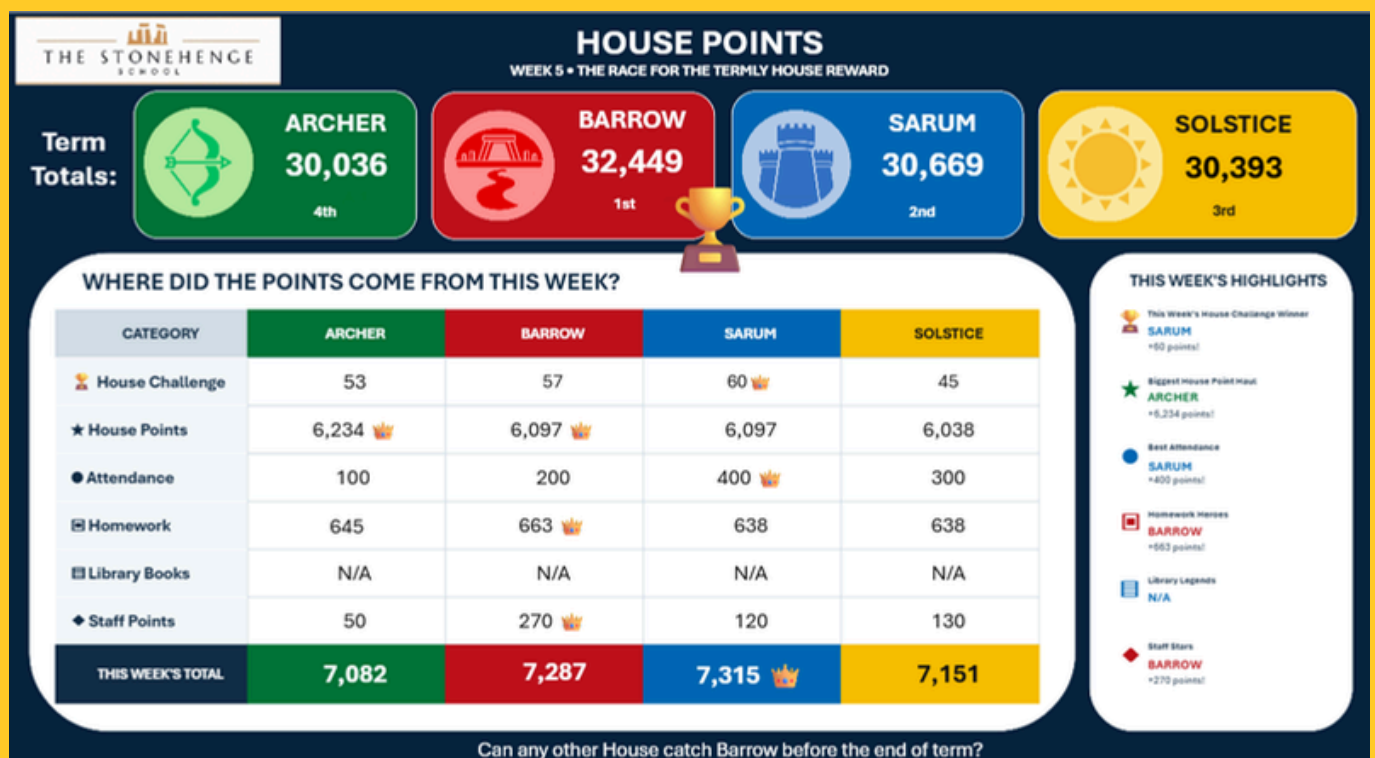
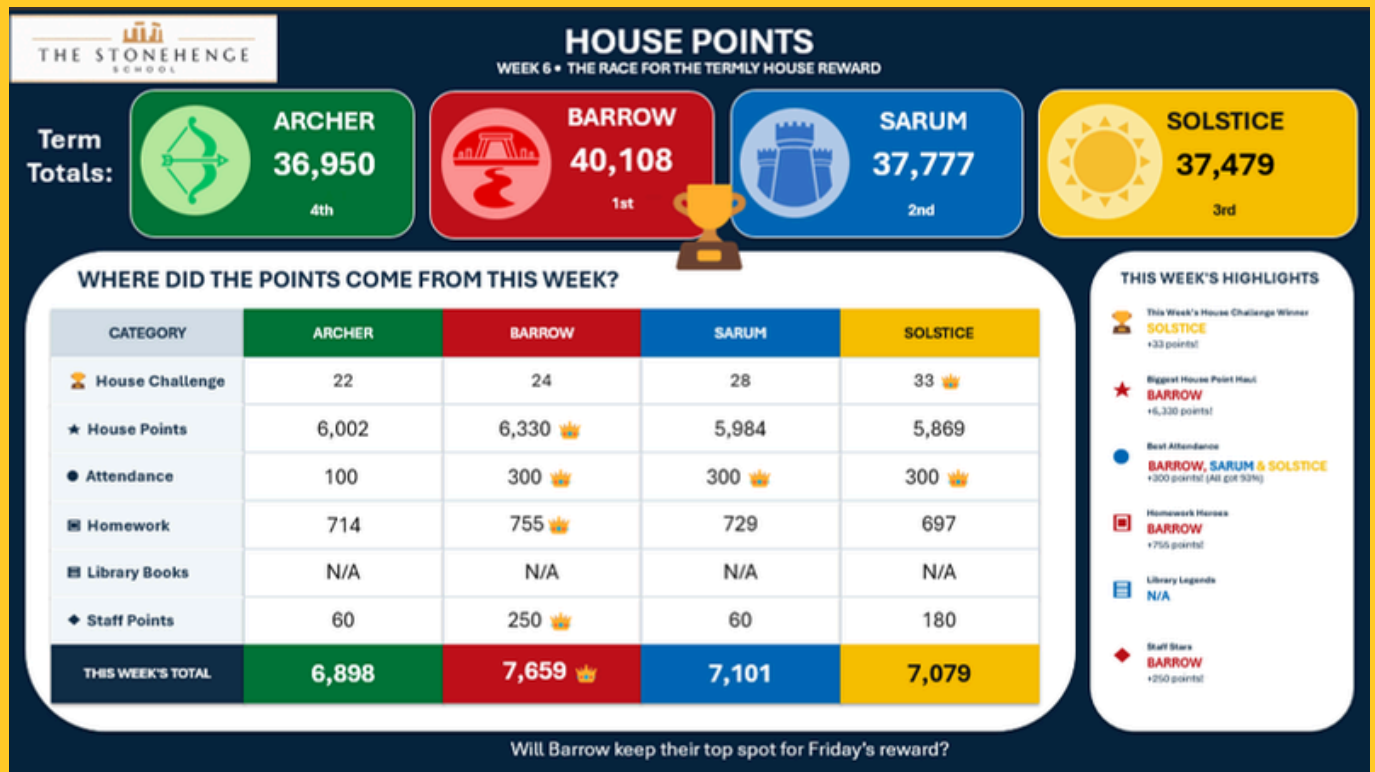


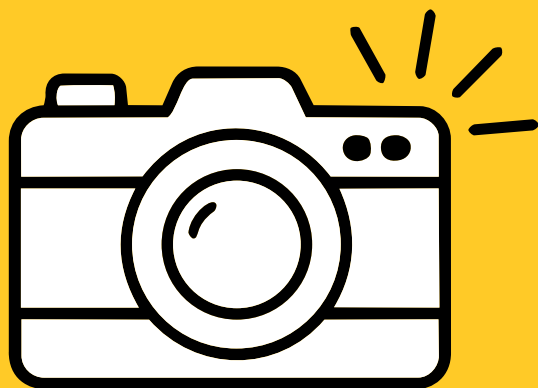
A certificate
for every participant.

Biology Week

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Pauline Large and Mr Harry Mustard as part of Biology Week! Mrs Large brought in her beehive and taught us all about bees, showing us honey and a range of products made from beeswax. Mr Mustard introduced us to his Australian gecko and shared lots of fascinating facts about reptiles. We have also loved seeing the fantastic entries for our Biology Week photography competition! There is still time to enter, so remember that the deadline is Monday 19th October. Please send your photographs to Mrs James at jamesh@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk. We look forward to seeing more of your amazing entries!







Your Photos, Our Amesbury Photography Competition



Help us showcase Amesbury on our new tourism website!

Have you captured a beautiful view, a favourite local spot or a moment that celebrates our town? We'd love to see your photos.

We're looking for images of Amesbury's heritage, wildlife, green spaces, town centre and community events.

Open to all ages and abilities, you don't need to be a professional photographer!

**Submit your entry by
31st October 2026**

Head to the **Amesbury Town Council website** for more details on the competition and how to enter.



Please only submit photos you have taken yourself, with permission from anyone clearly identifiable.



Win a professionally printed & framed copy of your winning photo

Selected entries may also feature on our tourism website, socials & printed tourism information





JOIN US FOR HALF TERM HALLOWEEN FUN

26th to 30th October
Themed trail and Bat hunt all week

Halloween
themed crafts
each week day
10.00 - 12.30

26th Oct and 1st Nov
Models for Heroes
10.00 - 15.00

28th Oct
Meccano at the
museum!
10.00 - 15.00

28th Oct
Crazy Creatures
10.00 - 14.00



armyflying.com 01264 781086



Is my child too ill for school?

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES

Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO

Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

The Stonehenge School

National Literacy Trust
Change your story

WORLD RECORD

READING CHALLENGE

Be part of something **AMAZING!**

The National Literacy Trust is attempting a Guinness World Record for the largest online reading lesson!

Thursday WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT DAY!

All **Year 7** pupils will take part in school during **Period 5**

We will be watching the **Frank Cottrell Boyce** session, which is perfect for our timetable and age group.

FRANK COTTRELL BOYCE
AUTHOR

LET'S SET A WORLD RECORD FOR READING!

CAN'T TAKE PART IN SCHOOL?

We will share the links to the other live sessions on **ClassCharts**. Some sessions start at 4pm, so you can still be part of the world record at home!

READ LISTEN TAKE PART

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE READING TOGETHER

BE PART OF HISTORY!

CELEBRATE THE POWER OF STORIES



ADVENTURE.
FRIENDSHIP.
MEMORIES FOR LIFE.

**YEAR 7 &
YEAR 8**

SKI TRIP

— STONEHENGE SCHOOL —



16TH FEB 2029
TO 23RD FEB 2029



FOLGARIA
— ITALY —



**LIMITED
SPACES!**
DON'T MISS OUT!



SIGN UP DEADLINE
SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2026

VIA PARENT PAY



We are very excited about the UK Sora Reads programme coming soon. We are thrilled to announce two featured titles (in ebook and audiobook formats) for this as a special celebration of the National Year of Reading. These titles are being offered across Sora and Libby to schools and public libraries in the UK from 29th October – 12th November. These will be for full, unrestricted use across these two weeks, and they will be shown as a featured campaign at the top of the Explore page

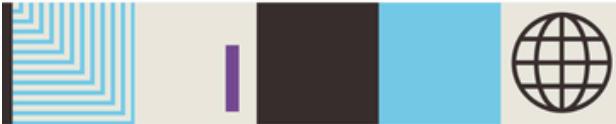
Sora READS UK

29 October - 12 November



GO ALL IN.

Sora
Where students read



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Join Hari Kumar for a laugh-out-loud Sports Day showdown, and celebrate the National Year of Reading along the way.





Sparx Science

Week 6 stats:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Luzeno F	Poppy C	David O	Jethro J	Annabelle M-D
2	Joint 2 nd :	Joint 2 nd :	Leila B	Lenny M	Cadence P-F
3	Oliver B Tom L-B	Jaire L Elliott S Olivia B Megan D	Joint 3 rd : Kieran C Blake D Nathan W	Aisha Q	Joint 3 rd : Leah R Aisha J Macy T

Yearly Leaderboard This academic year

1	David O (year 9)
2	Esther J (year 8)
3	Mason B (Year 10)



Drop-In Café

Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall
Idmiston Road, Porton, Salisbury, SP4 0LB

Wednesday 21st October: 2 – 4 pm

Please join us at the Porton Village Café
for a cup of tea and a chat!

Did you know?
1 in 10 people
are dyslexic.

Delicious
homemade
cakes!

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

Free dyslexia
resources
available.

Find out more about
the support available
for children and adults.

The Wiltshire Dyslexia Association will provide an information stand
and be available for questions and further support.

www.wda.org.uk



Donations gratefully received, raising funds for different charities each month.
For more information contact Katherine 07870 187941

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!



Help shape support for families in Wiltshire

Pregnant?

Parent or carer of a child aged 0-5?

Take our short survey and share your experience of family life in Wiltshire.
Your voice matters.



Click [here](#) to join the survey.

Wiltshire Council

To take part in the survey click [here](#)

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO

OCTOBER HALF TERM Football Camp



AGES 6 - 15 | ALL ABILITIES WELCOME



TUESDAY
27TH OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY
28TH OCTOBER
9AM - 2PM

THURSDAY
29TH OCTOBER



FUN



DEVELOPMENT



COMPETITION



LOCATION

WATERGATE LANE
BULFORD
SALISBURY
SP4 9DY



SCAN HERE





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

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



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 £26,800 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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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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familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
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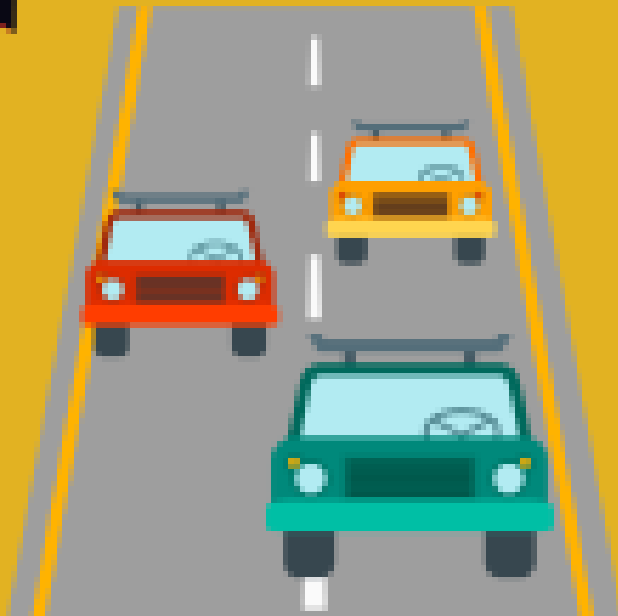
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SAFE SCHOOL ZONE

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



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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