



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

Message from the Headteacher

OCTOBER

Tues 6th
Army Careers Day

Thurs 8th
Yr 7 Settling in Evening

Mon 12th
Yr 9 & 10 New Scientist
Live Trip

Fri 16th
Yr 10 & 11 Tate Modern
Art, Photography &
Fashion Trip

Tues 20th
TD Day

Wed 21st
TD Day

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

NOVEMBER
Mon 2nd
ALL STUDENTS RETURN

Strengthening our support for Service children

The Stonehenge School has signed a local Education Covenant for Service Children, reinforcing our commitment to ensuring that pupils from military families experience no disadvantage in their education because of Service life.

Mrs Blake and Mrs Hooper are members of the Military Champion Network, where Mrs Blake signed the agreement on our behalf. The covenant brings local schools and colleges together to support Service children through the challenges that can accompany postings, deployment and family separation.

Our shared commitments include supporting pupils when they move schools, providing pastoral care at key points, listening to their experiences and creating opportunities for them to connect with other Service children. The agreement also commits us to celebrating our military community, including through the Month of the Military Child and a joint annual event.

With Service families forming such an important part of our school community, we are pleased to strengthen this partnership. Thank you to Mrs Blake and Mrs Hooper for their continued dedication to our Service children and their families.



Forces Connect, A Girls' Brigade Online Group (Ages 13+)

Are you aged 13+ and part of a military family? Join us online for a fun, relaxed, and welcoming Girls' Brigade session via Zoom! This special event is a great opportunity to connect with other young people from military families across the country, share experiences, and make new friends.

Who: Young people aged 13+ from military families

When: Thursday 15 October • 7 PM - 8:30 PM GMT

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: FREE!

What to expect: We'll be diving into the fantastic Girls' Brigade programme. Expect a relevant Bible theme, a fun craft activity, and plenty of relaxed group discussions.

No matter where you are currently based, everyone is welcome. Come along, get involved, and discover a supportive community of young people who understand the unique journey of military life.

How to book: Spaces are free but must be booked in advance.

<https://girlsbrigadeonline.eventbrite.co.uk>

The poster features the Forces Connect logo at the top left, which includes a crest with a cross and a globe. To the right, a large blue brushstroke contains the text 'NEW ONLINE GIRLS' BRIGADE GROUP'. Below this, a dark blue box asks 'Are you aged 13+ and part of a military family?' and encourages joining the session. To the right of this box are three circular icons: a group of people, a calendar, and a laptop, each with corresponding text: 'YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 13+ FROM MILITARY FAMILIES', 'STARTING THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 7PM', and 'ONLINE VIA ZOOM'. Below the dark blue box are two photos of girls in blue uniforms. To the right of these is a pink box titled 'WHAT TO EXPECT' which lists 'Explore the Girls' Brigade programme', 'Bible theme', 'Craft activity', and 'Group discussions'. At the bottom, a large pink box says 'COME ALONG & GET INVOLVED!' and 'Everyone is welcome whether you're already part of Girls' Brigade or completely new.' Next to this is a QR code. To the right of the QR code is a photo of three girls looking at a phone. At the bottom left is a globe icon, and at the bottom right is the website 'girlsbrigadeministries.org.uk'.

FORCES CONNECT

NEW ONLINE GIRLS' BRIGADE GROUP

Are you aged 13+ and part of a military family?
Join us online for a fun and welcoming Girls' Brigade session via Zoom!
Connect with other young people from military families, make new friends and discover what The Girls' Brigade is all about wherever you are based.

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 13+ FROM MILITARY FAMILIES

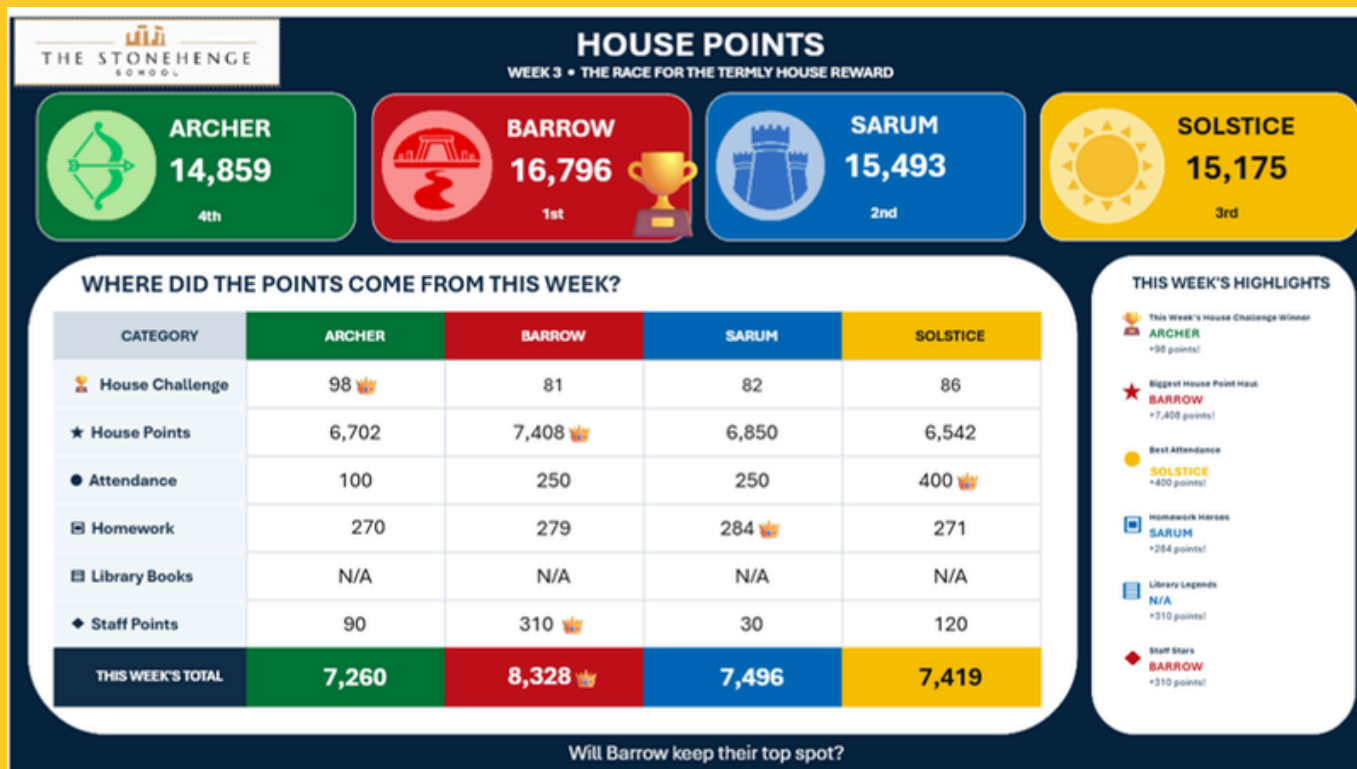
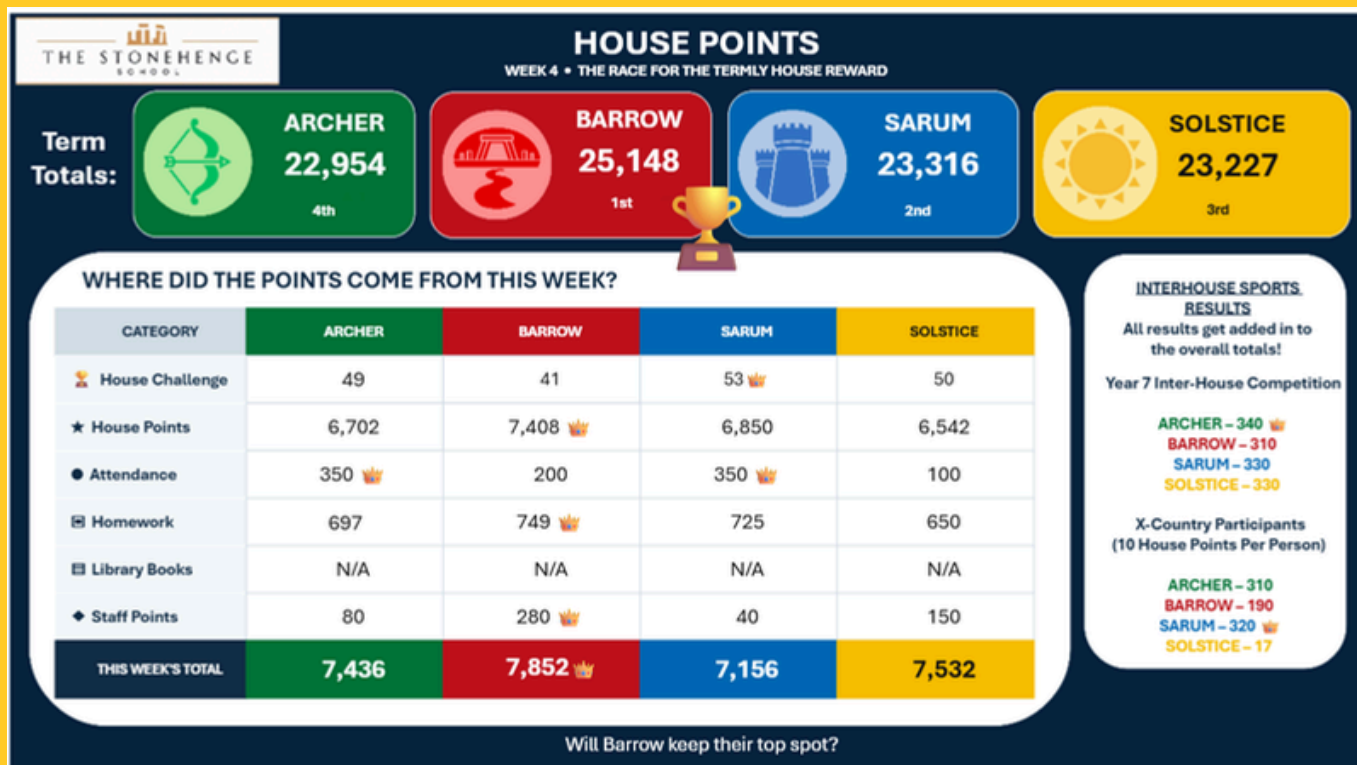
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ONLINE VIA ZOOM

WHAT TO EXPECT
Explore the Girls' Brigade programme
Bible theme • Craft activity • Group discussions

COME ALONG & GET INVOLVED!
Everyone is welcome whether you're already part of Girls' Brigade or completely new.

Find out more about The Girls' Brigade England and Wales at girlsbrigadeministries.org.uk





Sparx Science

A special mention this week to year 7 who are currently the best performing year group with an almost 90% completion rate. Amazing work and seemingly challenge accepted by years 10 and 11 who both showed an increase on the previous week.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Florence G	Scarlet E	David O	Jesse S	Phoebe B-R
2		Noah S		Evie S	Toby K
3	Joint 2 nd : Mia H Troy B	Joint 3 rd : Pauline W Nelly D Ella R Jack C Mason G Harrison N	Joint 2 nd : Christa R Jasmine A Teri R	Mason B	Jamie B



Yearly Leaderboard This academic year

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

THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

Congratulations!

**Ali Salehsoy
&
Joseph Sandu**

Our new Mayoral Cadets

Supporting the Mayor, Cllr Laura Knight

October 2026 – May 2027



Congratulations to the year 7/8 girls who got to the semi-final of the plate in the Ultitia U13s football tournament at Swindon Town FC this week.

Player of the tournament - Olivia L





Morocco Geography Field Trip - February 2028

We are delighted to announce our planned Geography field trip to Morocco in February 2028. Following a strong response to our initial expression of interest, we are now inviting students in Years 8 and 9 to register their interest in this exciting opportunity.

The trip will give students the opportunity to experience a remarkable range of physical and human environments, bringing Geography to life beyond the classroom. Students will explore Marrakech, the Agafay Desert, the High Atlas Mountains and the Atlantic coast around Essaouira, while developing their understanding of topics including tourism, water management, rural livelihoods, culture, economic activity and the relationship between people and their environment.

The trip will also include a range of memorable experiences, including an overnight stay in the desert, a camel ride, a visit to a traditional mountain community, an argan oil cooperative and the fishing harbour and coastline at Essaouira.

The programme has been designed as a Geography field trip, combining curriculum-linked learning with the opportunity to experience Morocco first-hand.

The trip is planned for the week beginning 7 February 2028, running into the February half-term, with a total cost of £1,370 per student. Discounted places are available for eligible students.

Parents/carers wishing to register their child's interest should do so through ParentPay. Further information about the trip, including payment arrangements and other important details, is available on Class Charts. Registering interest does not commit you to the trip at this stage.

Celebrating Europe : Cakes : Creativity

European themed bake off results!

Thank you so much to everyone who baked a cake or helped with the organisation of the judging and tasting at lunchtime. The entries were spectacular and the event was extremely popular with students.

The winner was cake 4 - the German themed cake with the colours of the German flag and, second the alpine cake with the flags and trees.



Unfortunately, we accidentally forgot to take photos of the names next to the cakes so we don't know who made these! If one is yours, please could you see Mrs Wellings and she will give you your prize

Again, a big thank you to everyone involved 😊



MONTHLY ENERGY & RESOURCE REPORT

Save Energy Today • Protect Our Tomorrow

MONTH: SEPTEMBER 2026

ELECTRICITY

THIS MONTH

16363 kWh

LAST MONTH

9098 kWh

CHANGE: 79.85% ↑

LIGHTS OFF • SAVE POWER

WATER

THIS MONTH

390,000 L

LAST MONTH

98,000 L

CHANGE: 297.96% ↑

SAVE WATER • REPORT LEAKS

SOLAR

THIS MONTH

742 kWh generated

LAST MONTH

1087 kWh

CHANGE: -31.74% ↓

POWER FROM THE SUN

GAS

THIS MONTH

1210 m³

LAST MONTH

442 m³

CHANGE: 173.76% ↑

USE HEAT WISELY

GENERAL WASTE

THIS MONTH

1.968 t

LAST MONTH

260 kg

CHANGE: 657.7% ↑

REDUCE • REUSE • WASTE LESS

MIXED RECYCLING

THIS MONTH

1.3 t

LAST MONTH

604 kg

CHANGE: 115.2% ↑

SORT IT RIGHT • RECYCLE

OUR MONTHLY ENERGY & WASTE SAVING CHALLENGE

Can we use less energy and create less waste than last month?

This month's saving tip: As the weather gets cooler, please help us keep the heat in!

 Close doors and windows when you leave a room.

 Keeping doors and windows closed helps to keep the warm air inside and prevents heat from being wasted.

 Small actions make a big difference!

SWITCH IT OFF • SAVE WATER • USE CLEAN ENERGY • REDUCE WASTE • RECYCLE RIGHT

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/>



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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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



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.



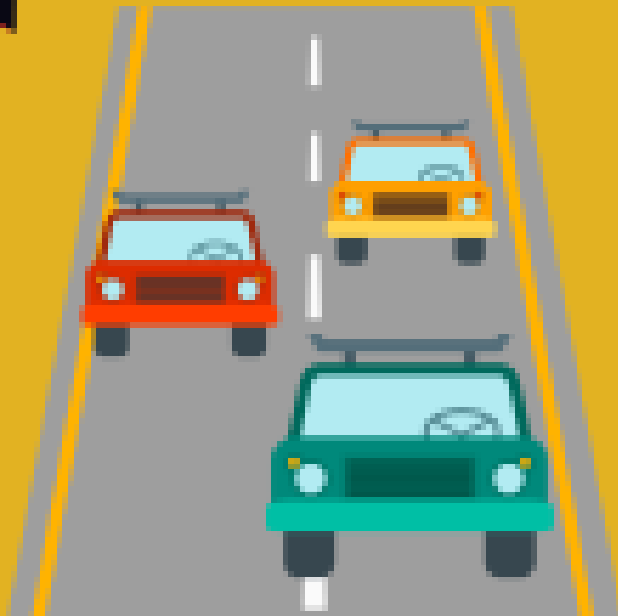
Wiltshire and Swindon
pcc

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



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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