



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER

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

Message from the Headteacher....

We were delighted to invite a number of employers into school for our Careers Day. Students had the opportunity to speak to a number of employers ranging from the military, private businesses, to large multi nationals. They found the whole day really informative, and all the freebies were an added bonus. Thank you to everyone who took part and certainly gave our students something to think about!!





What SEND Reform means for Wiltshire

I'm very pleased to inform you that we have now received confirmation that the plan has been approved. This is very good news and means we can continue working together to implement the changes which will benefit our children and young people while providing the support to make those changes successful.

Please see this link to a message from Jen Brown Corporate Director Children and Education which we are sharing with partners: DfE approves Wiltshire's SEND Reform Plan: [Update for education settings](#)

We also have a message from [Kathryn Davis Director of Education and Skills](#) which is included in the parents' letter.

Thank you for your continued support. We will continue to share updates and information as the programme develops and will keep working alongside families, schools and partners to ensure feedback helps shape the next stages of this work.

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Davis
Director of Education and Skills
Wiltshire Council

Respect for our local shops

A local retailer has contacted us about repeated incidents of young people taking items without paying. We are working with the store to help identify any pupils involved and address their behaviour with them and their parents.

Please remind your child that taking goods without paying is theft. It has consequences for the people involved and affects local businesses and their staff.

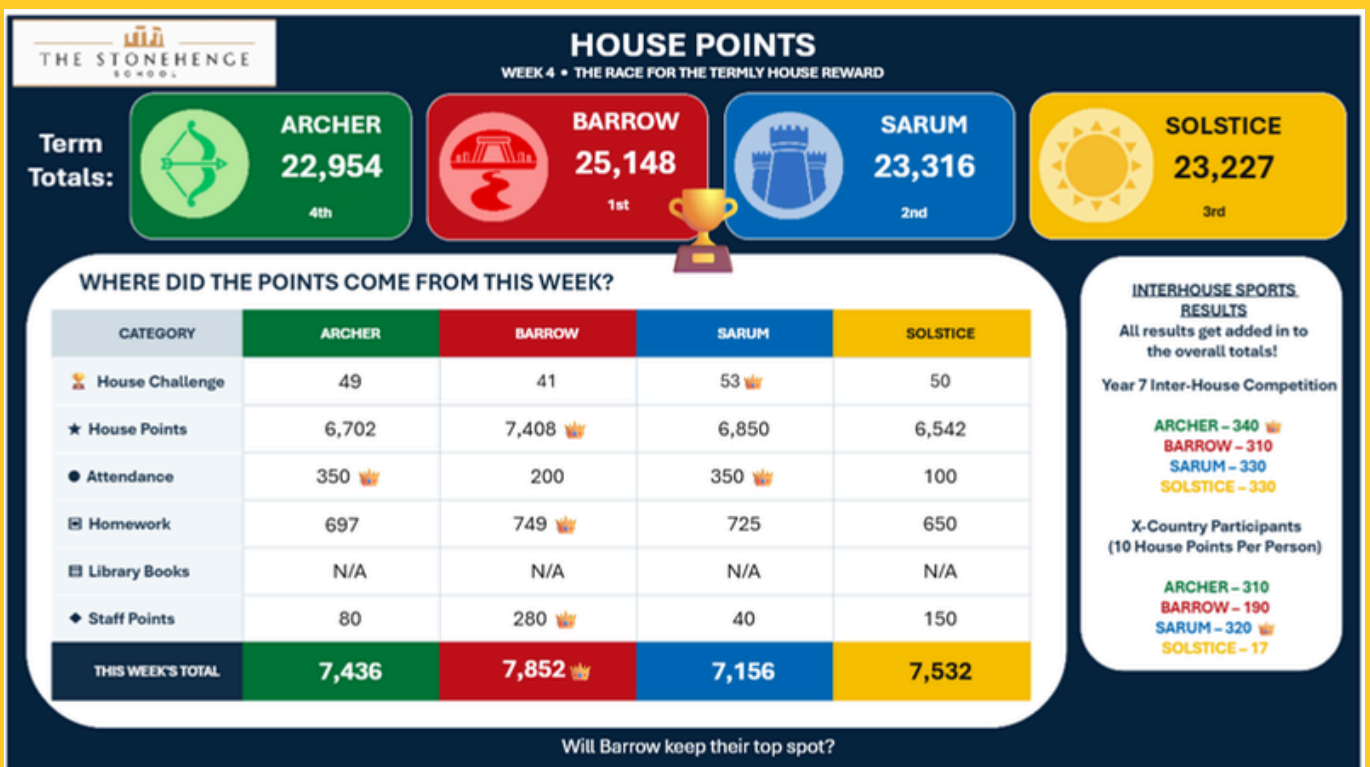
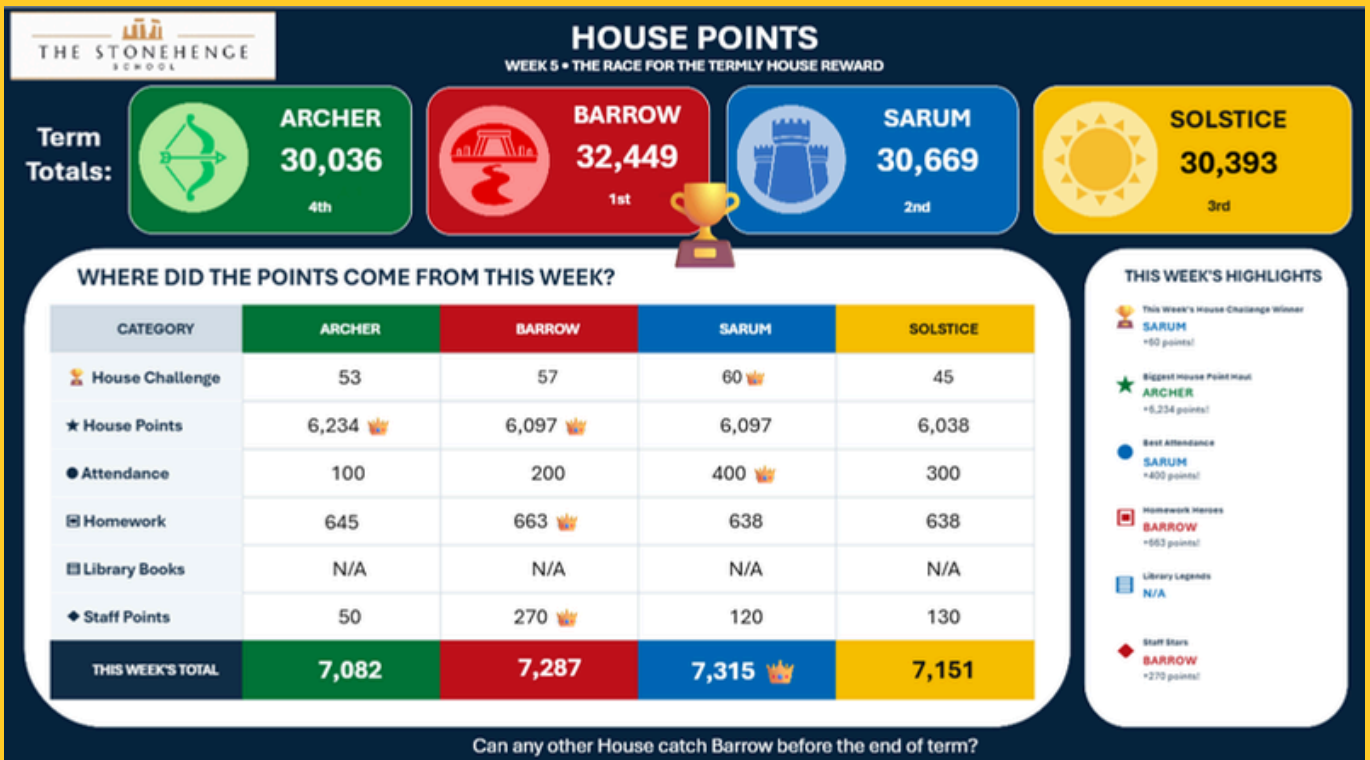
We expect our pupils to show the same respect, kindness and courtesy in the community as they do in school. This includes treating shop staff politely, paying for purchases and behaving considerately when visiting shops with friends.

Thank you for helping us reinforce these expectations.



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.



Year 9 Army Challenge Day

On Tuesday, Year 9 students took part in either the Enigma Challenge or the Hacker Challenge, delivered by the British Army Engagement Team.

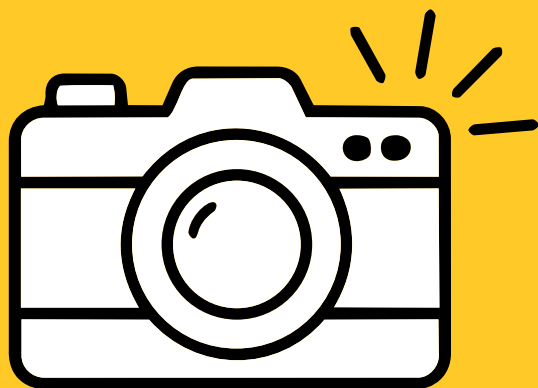
Both challenges were based on real-life situations and gave students the opportunity to put their classroom learning into practice. Working as teams, students used a range of mathematical skills, including coordinates and ratios, alongside logic, communication and problem-solving skills to successfully complete their challenges.

The activities provided a fun and engaging way for students to see how the skills they develop in the classroom can be applied to real-world situations. They also offered a fascinating insight into the wide range of potential careers within the British Army and the importance of teamwork, resilience and critical thinking in these roles. It was fantastic to see our Year 9 students rising to the challenges, working collaboratively and putting their mathematical and problem-solving skills to the test!



Congratulations to our Year 7 student, Kataleya, for achieving 6 Gold and 1 silver, beating all her personal best times along with 3 County consideration times. at her latest swimming competition.





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

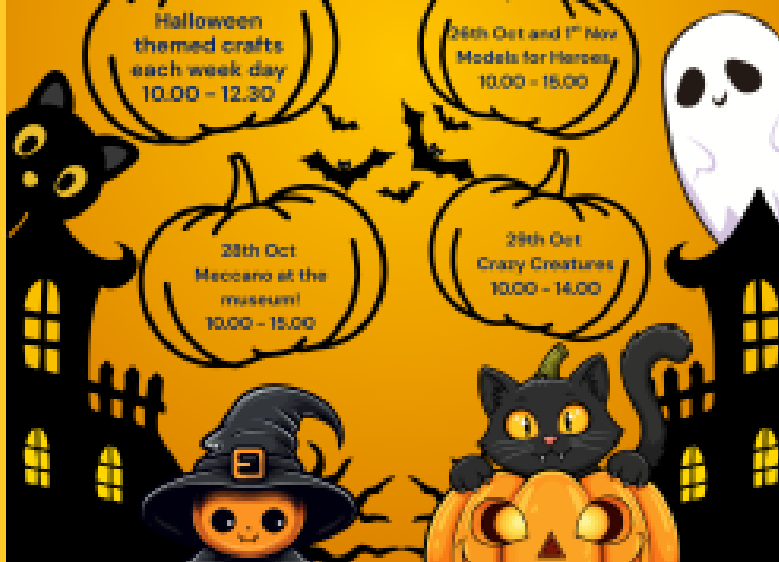
26th to 30th October
Themed trail and Bat hunt all week

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?'

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!

LET'S READ TOGETHER!

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



Year 11 Boys' Rugby - A Fantastic First Fixture

On Thursday 1st October, our Year 11 boys' rugby team travelled to Dauntsey's for their first fixture of the season. It was a fantastic opportunity for the team to put their hard work in training into practice, and they produced an impressive performance from start to finish.

Stonehenge got off to a strong start, with Dan C crossing the line for the opening try of the game. He quickly followed this up with another try, putting Stonehenge in a strong position. Although neither try was converted, the team continued to apply pressure.

Dauntsey's responded with an interception try, but Stonehenge went into half-time with a 10-7 lead.

The second half saw another excellent attacking display from Stonehenge. Cameron scored his first try for the school on his debut, before Dauntsey's responded with a try of their own. Cameron then crossed the line again to complete an excellent individual performance. Henry successfully converted the try, before Api added another try, once again converted by Henry.

There were some outstanding individual contributions throughout the match. Lui, Blake and Jacob P made some fantastic carries, consistently gaining valuable ground for the team, while Edward and Hugh produced some excellent turnovers to win possession back for Stonehenge.

Most importantly, the entire team demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and respect throughout the fixture. The Dauntsey's staff were particularly complimentary about the boys' attitude, commenting on both their respect for their opponents and the quality of rugby they played.

It was a fantastic first fixture for the Year 11 team and a performance that they can be extremely proud of. Well done to everyone involved!

Our year 8 boys team came away from St George Catholic College with a 6-0 win in the national cup this week. Goalscorers were Arthur x3, Noah, Ollie and Yusuf.
MOTM- Arthur

On Tuesday, our year 7 boys team competed in their first match at The Stonehenge School Vs Toynbee in the national cup. After a very close game ending 2-2 the boys unfortunately lost 4-2 on penalties. Goals coming from Abu x2.
MOTM- Abubacarr



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>

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

STARTING THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 7PM

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

Well done to **year 8** and **year 10** who improved their weekly usage on the previous week.

Year 7 remain the year to beat with the highest completion rate.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1 	Joint 1 st :	Bentley W	David O	Joint 1 st :	Cadence PF
2 	George L Larissa M Evalyn S Ryan R	Joint 2 nd :	Belle	Riley K Daisy B	Zach W
3 		Evelyn M Archie W Fabian C	Maisie L	Amelie M	Joint 3 rd : Abubakr Q Charlotte P



Yearly Leaderboard This academic year

1 	David O (year 9)
2 	Esther J (year 8)
3 	Luzeno F (Year 7)



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! ★





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.

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.

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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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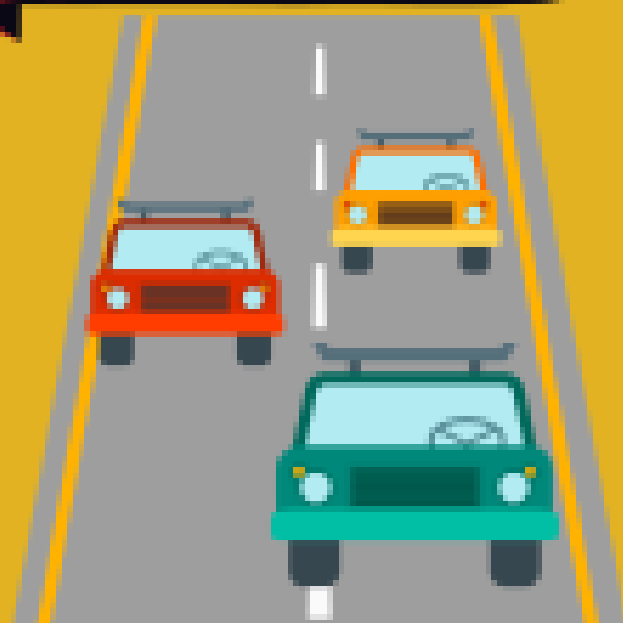
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SAFE SCHOOL ZONE

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