THE STONEHENGE SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

Mon 9th - 20th
Yr 11 Milstone 1

Friday 27th
TD DAY

DECEMBER

Mon 30th - 4th
Year 9 Re-teach Week

Thurs 3rd
House Christmas Disco

Mon 7th - Fri 11th
Yr 9 Milestone 1





Message from the Headteacher....

Proud of our school: Ofsted recognises the strengths and achievements of The Stonehenge School
We are delighted to share the final report from our October 2026 Ofsted inspection, which recognises the high standards, commitment and care that sit at the heart of The Stonehenge School.

The school met the Expected Standard in five of the six inspection areas: attendance and behaviour, curriculum and teaching, inclusion, leadership and governance, and personal development and wellbeing. Safeguarding standards were also met. Under the new inspection framework, the Expected Standard represents a high bar, making this a fantastic achievement for our whole school community.
Inspectors recognised a school where pupils are proud to belong, behave respectfully and feel safe. They highlighted the calm learning environment, positive relationships between staff and pupils, and a strong safeguarding culture in which pupils have trusted adults to turn to and bullying is uncommon.
The report particularly celebrates our inclusive approach, recognising the sense of belonging created for pupils, including those from service families, and the effective support provided for pupils with SEND. Inspectors also praised the improvements made to teaching and reading, the professional development of staff and the wide range of opportunities available through sport, the arts, trips, pupil leadership, careers education and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Importantly, inspectors recognised that school leaders have an accurate understanding of the school's strengths and priorities, and have made the right improvements in the best interests of pupils. Their findings reflect the significant work undertaken over recent years to strengthen the quality of education and the experiences of young people at Stonehenge.

Although achievement was identified as the one area requiring further improvement, inspectors recognised that standards are rising and that the changes already made are having a positive impact. The published examination data available at the time of inspection related to 2025 and did not yet reflect the substantial improvements secured in our 2026 results, particularly in English and mathematics. Our latest outcomes demonstrate that this improvement is already well underway, and we remain determined to build on that success.

Headteacher Carole Dean said:

"Having been part of The Stonehenge School for almost 14 years, I can genuinely say that this is the inspection report that makes me the proudest. It reflects the tremendous commitment of our staff and the hard work that has gone into strengthening our school, particularly over the last four years. Most importantly, it recognises the wonderful young people who make Stonehenge such a special place. This is a fantastic achievement and one that our whole school community can be incredibly proud of."

We would like to thank our pupils, staff, governors and families for their continued support and contribution to the school.





WE WILL REMEMBER

Remembrance has particular significance at Stonehenge, where so many of our pupils have family members serving in the Armed Forces.

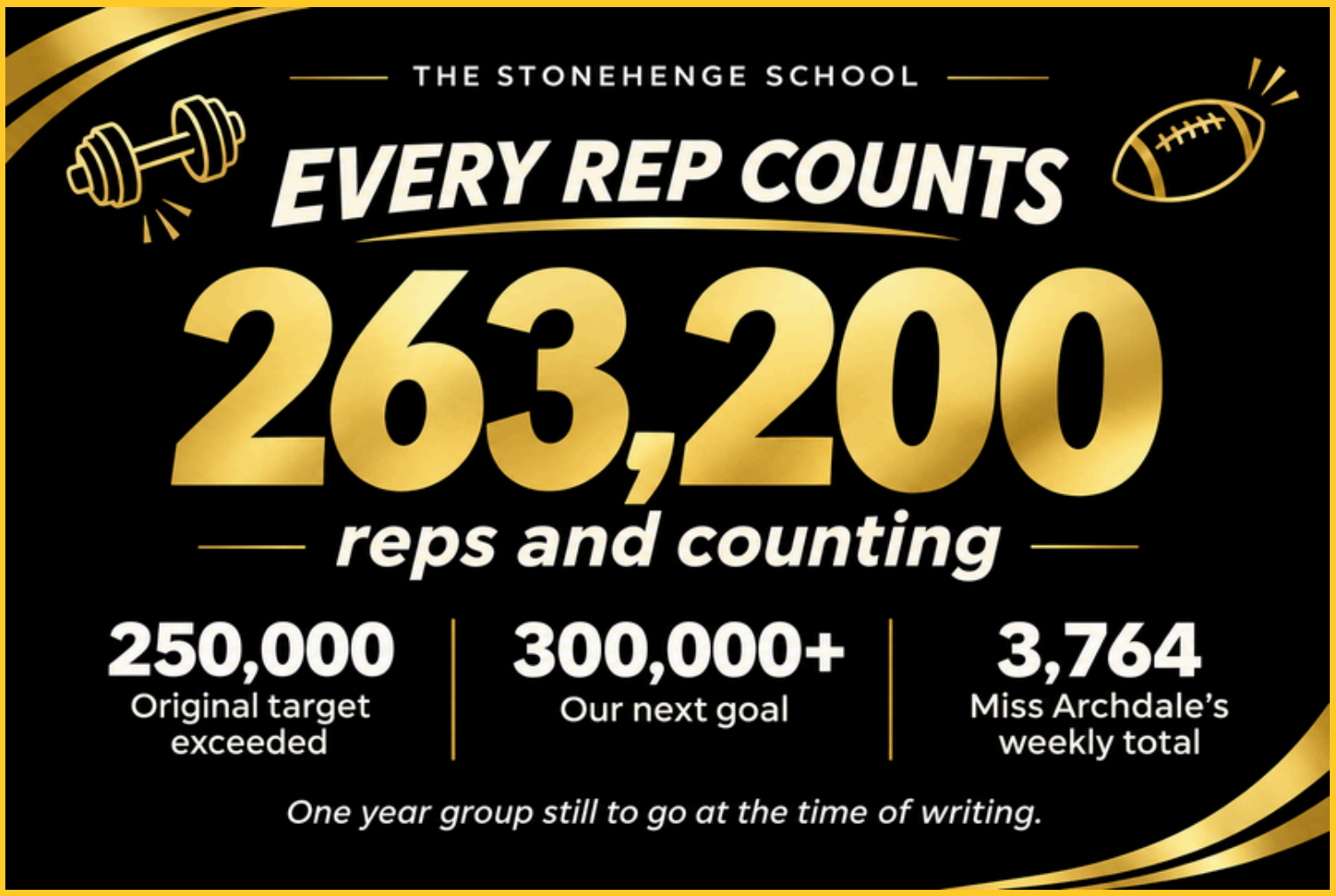
This week, pupils who belong to local cadet units were invited to wear their uniforms to school. It was lovely to see them representing their units with pride and reflecting the strong service connections within our community.

Thank you to Miss Harris for delivering our Remembrance assemblies and to Mr Rogers for playing the Last Post, providing a poignant moment for reflection. We also displayed the stunning poppy wreaths created by our engineering pupils, whose care and craftsmanship made a beautiful contribution to our commemoration.

We are particularly proud of our Head Girl, Rosie Lyons, and Head Boy, Archie Martyn, who represented the school at the Remembrance Parade where they read out the names of the fallen. This is an annual event which we are particulary proud to be part of.







250,000 reps?

We're not stopping there!

Our challenge was to complete 250,000 repetitions in support of our school charity. At the time of writing, we have already reached 263,200, with one year group still to go. We now have our sights firmly set on 300,000–and hopefully beyond!

Pupils across the school have taken part in activities including push-ups, farmer's carries, bench dips, squats, lunges and deadlifts, with opportunities for everyone to contribute. Pupils and staff have also added their workouts outside school, making this a real collective effort.
A special mention goes to Miss Archdale, who has recorded the highest individual total of the week with a whopping 3,764 reps. That is quite a contribution!

Thank you to everyone who has taken part, encouraged others and kept the total climbing. Our school motto talks about exceeding expectations; this week, you have certainly put that into practice.





Our year 10 and year 7 football team started off their league campaign this week with a double header vs St Joseph's.

On Tuesday our year 10s took on a tough St Joes side who battled well for the first half, going in 0-0 at the break. After a long half time chat Stonehenge came out much stronger in the second half, dominating and eventually winning 3-0. Jack C scored 2 great goals from outside the box and Sammy W finished calming to ensure the win.

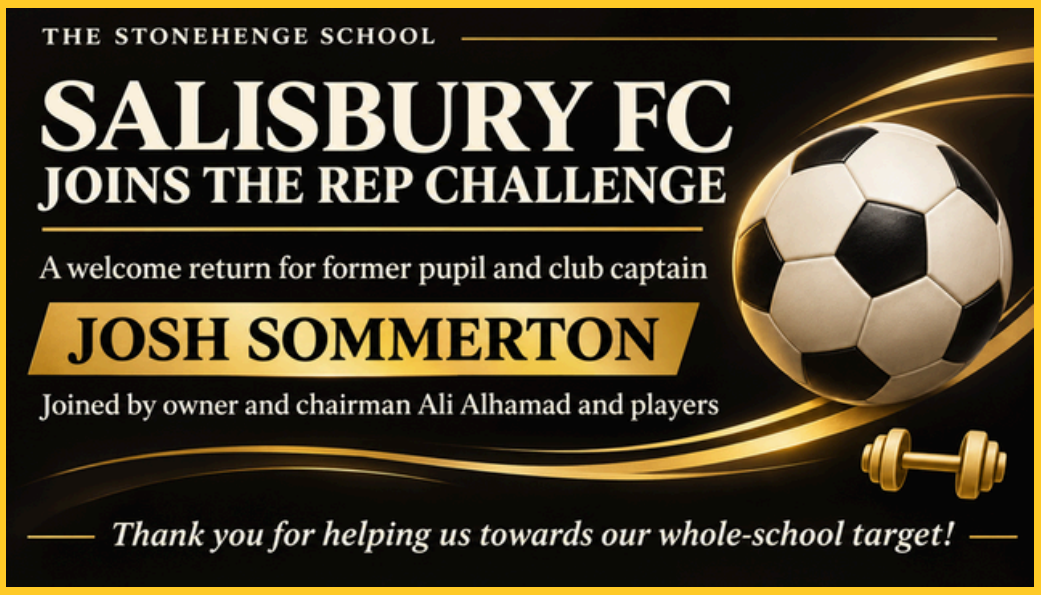
MOTM- Jack C

Onto Wednesday afternoon our year 7s who lost disappointingly on Monday to Matravers in the county cup hosted St Joes again.

After a dominant first half which didn't not reflect in the scoreline Stonehenge came in 1-0 up at the break after a great goal from Bakary. A few tactical changes and position swaps at halftime led to a much improved half, where Stonehenge added an extra 4 goals to the tally. JD scored the goal of the game from distance alongside great striker from Anthony and Harvey x2 to bring home 3 points.

MOTM- Harvey M







A familiar face returns with Salisbury FC

We were delighted to welcome Salisbury FC to Stonehenge this week to support our whole-school REP challenge.

For captain Josh Sommerton, it was a return to familiar surroundings. A former Stonehenge pupil, Josh was taught by many of the staff who are still here today. Having joined Salisbury's youth set-up at eleven, he has since made more than 280 appearances for the club–a fantastic achievement and an inspiring story for our pupils.

Josh and the club's owner and chairman, Ali Alhamad, answered plenty of questions from Year 7. Ali took ownership of Salisbury FC in 2025, and it was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to meet both the person leading the club and the captain leading its players.

Around eight players joined the visit and then got stuck into the exercises, adding their efforts to our growing school total. A huge thank you to everyone at Salisbury FC for giving their time and helping us push towards our target!

ONLINE GIRLS' BRIGADE

For Military Families

FORCES CONNECT
FRIENDSHIP. BELONGING. WHEREVER YOU ARE.

INTRODUCTION:
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.

WHO:
Young people aged 13+ from military families

WHERE:
Online via Zoom

WHAT TO EXPECT:
Explore the Girls' Brigade programme

Bible theme
Craft activity
Group discussions

WHEN:
Thursday 19th November
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM GMT+1

Then every 3rd Thursday of the month.

COME ALONG & GET INVOLVED!

Everyone is welcome whether you're already part of Girls' Brigade or completely new.

We look forward to meeting you online!

FRIENDSHIP. BELONGING. WHEREVER YOU ARE.

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE

girlsbrigadeonline-eventbrite.co.uk

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NEW ONLINE GIRLS' BRIGADE GROUP

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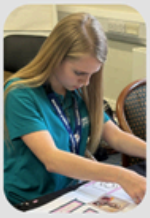





YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 13+ FROM MILITARY FAMILIES

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 7PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

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

Sparx Maths – Top Ten students in each Year

October 2026

Key Stage Three						
	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	
	A Shahi	5200	D Ike-Onunta	5633	C Mills	3680
	J Zanku	4783	D Machidiel	4550	D Oladejo	3670
	I Ralph	3926	T Brown	3829	E Sai	3350
	B Lingard	3765	R Raqamoce	3174	E Adom-Kumi	2910
	L Rogers	3496	H Edwards	3050	S Korobasaga	2806
	J Hoffman	3454	O Andrews-Skarul	3000	L Shoemark	2797
	E White	3406	T Hartley		B Haig	2794
	L Bullen-Cutting	3391	G Jaconiah	2976	E Williams	2724
			A Hiscock	2951	H Thompson	2697
	T Arnold	3380	L Mi-Ria	2902	B Whitney	2661
	N Stephens	3336		2883		

Key Stage Four				
	Year 10		Year 11	
	M Bettsworth	2923	E Chandler	3152
	C Shaw	2840	E Walker	3110
	K Raqamoce	2657	M Madden	3100
	D Aitken	2620	R Gurung	3078
	J Sandu	2583	G Lam	3076
	J Didcock	2582	E Welton	3025
	C Rigby	2580	R Briscoe	3025
	V Arnold	2571	G Cooper	2989
	S Earley	2545	Z Sharps	2971
	S Slingo	2539	F Lally	2968


ARMY FLYING MUSEUM
Santa's Flying Visit!
Saturday 5th December
10.00 - 15.00
Meet and greet with the AFM elf
Professional Photo with Santa in the Scout helicopter
Christmas Craft Activity
Join our AFM elf to make magical reindeer food to take home for Christmas Eve
Drink and Christmas Treat from our Apache Cafe
Follow our Festive Trail
Collect your gift from the AFM elf
All for £22 per child
Adults £12 (Annual pass holder £6)
Children under 2 years or over 10 years (not participating) Free
If you wish for your under 2 year old to participate and receive a gift etc. please buy a child ticket
armyflying.com
01264 781086


Christmas Fair
ARMY FLYING MUSEUM
Date: 21/11/2026
Time: 10.00 - 15.00
Buy special gifts for your loved ones from a wide range of local stall holders, including jewellery, candles, original artwork and home furnishings.
Christmas craft activities available for children
Festive treats available in the Apache Café
Entry : Adults £3, Children £2
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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/carer 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.

Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions

Online Course
Supporting My Teen with Study and Revision

Friday 4 December 10am - 12pm



- Understand how to create a calm and productive study environment
- Discover tips and techniques to make revision less stressful and more effective
- Find ways to support your teen that builds confidence and reduces pressure

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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Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions

Online Course
Supporting My Teen with Anxiety

Friday 18 December 10:00 - 12:00



- 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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Family and Community Learning

Discover Opportunities - Develop Skills - Achieve Ambitions

Online Course
Supporting My Teen with Wellbeing

Friday 11 December 10am - 12pm



- Understand the changes in a teenage brain
- Learn techniques to promote wellbeing
- Explore positive psychology

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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.

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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