



THE STONEHENGE

SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

JANUARY

Mon 27th - Fri 31st
Year 10 Milestone Exams

FEBRUARY

Sun 2nd to Tues 4th
Year 10 trip to Paris
Disneyland

Tues 11th to Fri 14th
Trip to Cologne

Friday 14th
End of Term

HALF TERM
MON 17TH - FRI 21ST

Monday 24th
Students return on a Week 1

Headteacher's Message -

Fundraising for Jake Swinscoe

As a school community, we have been working closely with Jake's family and friends to organise a number of events in the coming months to fundraise and celebrate Jake's life. We are incredibly proud to be a part of these efforts and are looking forward to a range of activities that will both honour Jake's memory and support an important cause.

Some of the plans include a memorial garden within the school grounds, a time capsule, tree planting, and some exciting whole-school physical challenges involving both pupils and staff. We are also looking forward to hosting our first 'Blue Day'—a day where we will wear blue, eat blue food, and enjoy blue lollies, all in honour of Jake's favourite colour.

We will keep you updated as these plans develop, but in the meantime, Jake's family has asked us to share information about Jake's Arc, an initiative they have launched to support research into Rhabdomyosarcoma, the aggressive cancer that Jake battled. Jake's Arc has partnered with Alice's Arc, a children's cancer charity dedicated to funding research into Rhabdomyosarcoma. More information, including how the funds will be used and how other 'Arcs' have been making an impact, can be found on Jake's official page:

[Jake Swinscoe - Alice's Arc](#)

Jake's Arc also has a Facebook page, where updates and fundraising ideas will be shared. If you would like to show your support, please search "Jake's Arc" on Facebook and give the page a follow. We look forward to working together as a school community to honour Jake's memory and make a difference. Thank you, as always, for your support.



Army Flying Museum in Middle Wallop for the Leonardo STEM Day

On Tuesday, January 28, 2025, thirty of our Year 8 students embarked on a journey to the Army Flying Museum in Middle Wallop for the Leonardo STEM Day - a free event designed to ignite passion for aerospace technology through interactive activities.

The day commenced with an "Engine Build" session, where students delved into the distinctions between petrol and gas engines. Divided into teams, they raced against the clock to assemble engine models, akin to intricate 3D puzzles. Amazingly, the fastest teams completed their builds in just eight seconds, showcasing impressive teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Next, students explored a Scout helicopter, gaining insights into rotor mechanics and the design considerations for engine cooling in jet engines. They had the unique opportunity to sit in the helicopter's cockpit and manipulate the rotors, providing a hands-on understanding of helicopter dynamics.

The "Apache Talk" featured Jim, a former Army pilot who earned his wings in 2009 and now trains others to fly Apaches at Boeing. He explained the principles of rotor lift, emphasizing Newton's third law, and compared various helicopter designs, such as attack helicopters versus casualty evacuation models. Discussions encompassed weaponry like wire-guided missiles and the advanced optics of the Apache, including uranium-crystal heat cameras and high-magnification day cameras capable of targeting up to 10 kilometres away. Students also examined 30mm bullets used by Apaches, learning about their design and firing capabilities.

In the "Helicopter Design" session, students tackled different mission scenarios—search and rescue, VIP evacuation, and attack operations. Tasked with designing a helicopter under £28 million, they selected from various design cards, balancing factors like weight, cost, and special features, fostering creativity and strategic thinking.

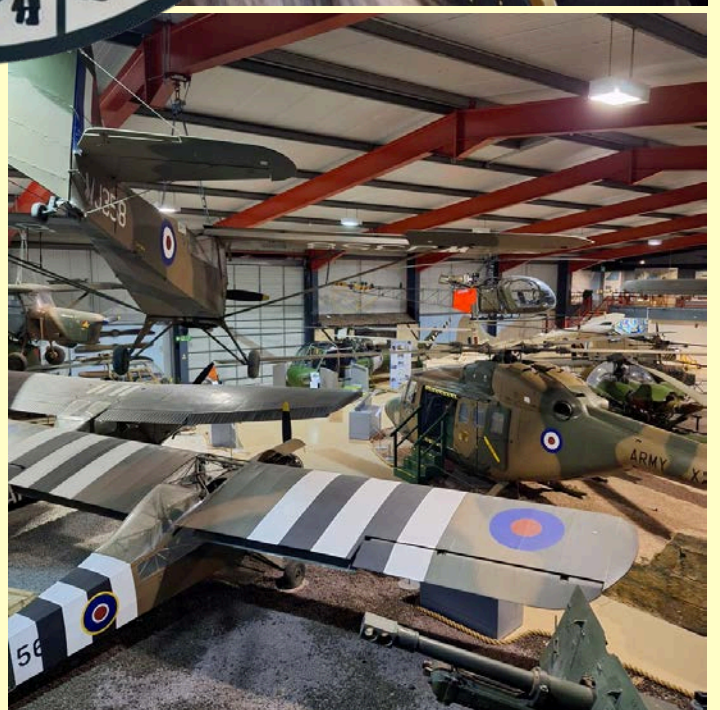
The excitement soared with VR headset experiences. One simulation placed students in a hangar, preparing a helicopter for take-off, while the other allowed them to pilot a helicopter virtually, offering immersive insights into aerospace operations.

A session led by aerospace engineers from Leonardo delved into the essence of engineering. Students discovered that engineering encompasses design across various domains, with examples all around them—from clocks to buildings. The discussion highlighted educational pathways into engineering and the qualities essential for success in the field, such as inventiveness, logic, curiosity, collaboration, and resourcefulness. They also learned about Leonardo's role in developing technologies like electronics, radar, cyber systems, lasers, and infrared cameras.

At the "Wind Table" station, students crafted paper helicopters from templates and tested them on a wind table, observing how added weight affected stability and spin rate, thereby understanding principles of flight and centre of gravity.

The day concluded with a talk on the Auster MK9 plane, detailing its features and operational challenges in Asian terrains. Students learned about survival tactics, aircraft manoeuvring, and the historical context of aviation, including insights into the Sopwith plane from 1916 and pilot tactics during that era.

This immersive experience not only deepened our students' understanding of aerospace technology but also inspired many to consider future careers in engineering. We extend our gratitude to the Army Flying Museum and Leonardo Helicopters for facilitating such an enriching and engaging day.



Young Chef Competition

Congratulations to Emily Evans for reaching the 3rd round of Young Chef award this week, which will be held in a professional kitchen in Portsmouth on Saturday 15th February.

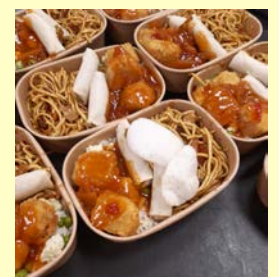
Grace Defeo and Ellie Butterfield also participated in the second round in Mountbatton School, Romsey. All students worked hard to create some healthy dishes for this round.

Well done to them all.



Chinese New Year 2025 – The Year of the Snake

The Stonehenge School Catering Team created a wonderful selection of food to celebrate Chinese New Year this week, feedback from pupils was very positive!





WORLD
BOOK
DAY

6 MARCH 2025

BOOK TRAILER COMPETITION

Create a Book Trailer
OR
Design a Poster
to showcase your favourite book

All entries will be displayed around the school as part of World Book Day.

A book trailer entry can be a video or presentation that lasts up to 3 minutes.

A Poster entry can be up to A3 size.

All entries must be brought/sent to the library by Friday 14th February.

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Changing lives
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Thursday 6th March 2025

World Book Day® is a charity sponsored by National Book Tokens



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AMESBURY

Where: Amesbury Baptist Church
Amesbury, SP4 7SN

When: Thursday 6th February

Time: 4-6 Years 4.15-5.45pm

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session scan the QR code or
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SALISBURY

Where: Greentrees Junior School,
Salisbury, SP1 3PG

When: Saturday 8th February

Time: 4-6 Years 11.15-12.45pm





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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES

We've already mentioned that 10th-16th February is National Apprenticeship Week. We'll be sharing more on this next week but remember, you can use the hash tag #NAW2025 on social media to find opportunities from employers!

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. This is a mental health awareness week that launched by children's mental health charity, Place2Be. The week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK. This year, Children's Mental Health Week is focussing on Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.

Fancy a creative challenge? This free resource encourages you to learn more about yourself by imagining a plant in growth. It starts off by inviting you to reflect on the roots of your identity, what is important to you, and what helps you grow. You will then think about what is growing from these roots, as with greater understanding of oneself also comes an increased capacity for personal growth, resilience, and connection with others.



Would you like to work with young people experiencing poor mental health? Child and adolescent psychotherapists (CAPT) work with children and young people aged up to 25 and their families and carers to assess and treat a wide range of psychological problems. Here is the NHS Job Profile. If you don't think this role is for you, but would like to work for the NHS, check out the NHS Careers Quiz to be matched to one of their 350 different job roles!



Looking for psychology work experience? You're not alone. In today's competitive job market, hands-on experience is the golden ticket to kickstart your career. This blog is your compass, guiding you through opportunities, dos and don'ts, and insider tips.



If you have any questions or need support, please email office@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk

JOB OF THE WEEK

Mental Health Therapist



Mental health therapists are qualified professionals who treat the cognitive, behavioral, and emotional aspects of mental health conditions. They can work with children, adults or families.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

As of March 2024, there were about 283,000 therapy professionals in the UK. This includes psychologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, and more. This has increased from 127,000 in 2010.

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OPPORTUNITIES



InvestIN have a [range of free events](#) in February to help you learn more about different industries such as Law, Medicine, Engineering and Finance.

The University of Brighton are offering online tutorials in how to build an online portfolio for your application; [their staff and students will give tips and advice](#) on how to prepare your portfolio and what you should include. You will need this for any creative course (including Architecture!). The next session is 11th February, 5- 6pm.



Viasat: Space for Good is the first-of-its-kind STEM innovation challenge for students, focused on how to achieve sustainable space using technology – for the good of all of us on Earth. You can read more about how to enter [here](#).



If you want to get prepared for National Apprenticeship Week, check out the [events listing on their website](#). This includes face to face and virtual events.



Join Not Going to Uni for 'Your Guide to... Apprenticeships LIVE!' This event [will be help you to discover more about](#) apprenticeships, and how you can prepare yourself for this journey! NGTU will have talks from four different employers, and an exclusive session [with Not Going To Uni](#).



Mercedes-Benz are recruiting apprentices across the country to join their award winning apprenticeship programme training as Retail Parts Advisors and Customer Experience Specialists. Join their virtual sessions to find out more.

An apprenticeship is a paid job where you learn and gain valuable experience while working. It combines on-the-job training with recognised



On this webinar you will learn: What is an [apprenticeship](#), [the benefits](#), how you will learn, what support is available and how to apply.



structured learning, leading to a nationally qualification. [_____](#)

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“Mercedes-Benz offers students a broad field of opportunities to discover their talents best: with internships, dissertations or a job as a working student. You will master challenges, grow beyond yourself and learn from visionary colleagues and mentors. Make your first steps into your career with us.”

Read more about Mercedes Benz Careers [here](#).

UNI SPOTLIGHT

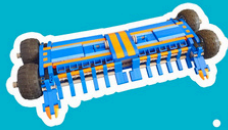
“Find your place, your people, your aspirations. Start your journey to studying at Edge Hill. We aim to offer you a place where you can learn, thrive and feel accepted, embracing your new community and discovering new passions. We want to give you the tools to succeed. That's why we offer a rich variety of undergraduate courses.”
Read more about Edge Hill University [here](#).

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PRESENT...

THE BRICK EVENT!



AN EVENT FEATURING LEGO® BRICKS

- Build with **thousands of bricks!**
- **Mosaic building** using LEGO® Dots
- A selection of **amazing models** on display
- **Speedbuild challenges** and leaderboards
- LEGO® **Duplo®** area for younger builders!
- **Anagram trail** and **full museum access**
- **LEGO Built Robot Battle** show by the **Block Party Robot League** in each session



Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd Feb 2025
0930-1130, 1200-1400, 1430-1630



Army Flying Museum, Middle
Wallop, Hampshire, SO20 8FB

Book online or scan the QR code



www.thebrickpeople.co.uk/events

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Half term fun ~ 17th - 21 Feb

Join us in the Museum over the February half term for
fun code cracking and secret agent themed crafts

from 10.00 to 12.30 each week day

Coded themed trail available from the 10th Feb

18th Feb
Jigsaw
Journey

19th Feb
Wessex
Archaeology
VR Headsets

20th Feb
Hands on
Historic Object
Exploration

15th
and 20th Feb
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Making



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~ CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS
9 & 10 ~

Spire Reds Half Term Camps



Missing netball in half term? Come and join us for a morning of fun exercises, skills and games

Suitable for development and performance players
For both Spires members and non-members

Monday 17th February and Tuesday 18th February

9:00 - 1:30pm

School Years: **Year 3 - Year 9**

Venue: **Chafyn Grove School**

Please complete the form below to register

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/>

Caretaker

Salary: Support staff grade E £25,183 - £25,992 per annum with 26 days holiday to be taken in school holidays

Hours are to be discussed with the successful candidate but would be 37 per week, working Monday - Friday

The post will be effective as soon as possible

This is a permanent position

This position will remain open until filled

We are seeking to recruit a reliable, enthusiastic, and efficient Site Operative to join our Site Team to be responsible for maintaining our school premises.

You will support the Premises Manager to keep the school a safe and engaging environment for our students to learn in. This will involve carrying out both reactive and planned maintenance tasks.

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Safeguarding Administrator

Start Date: As soon as possible

Salary: Grade G, point 12-14 (actual salary £19,641 - £20,964 per annum). Term time only, 39 weeks p.a., including 5 TD days across the year.

30 hours per/week: Monday - Friday 9:00am - 3.30pm (30 minutes unpaid lunch)

Contract: Permanent

Closing Date: Wednesday 12th February 2025

To strengthen our safeguarding provision and ensure the highest levels of support for our students, we are seeking to appoint a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) who will also provide crucial administrative support for safeguarding and pastoral functions across the school.

The DDSL will work closely with the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Progress Leaders, and Pastoral Managers to ensure the effective implementation of safeguarding policies and procedures. The role will involve managing safeguarding records, completing referrals to external agencies, and ensuring timely follow-up on all safeguarding concerns. The successful candidate will also play a key role in maintaining accurate records and assisting with audits to ensure compliance with statutory safeguarding responsibilities.

Exam Invigilators

Scale B point 2, £12.26 per hour

We require additional Exam Invigilators to work with us at The Stonehenge School. We are looking for enthusiastic and supportive individuals to work varied hours during the school day, mainly during GCSE exam periods but also covering internal and modular exams throughout the year. Must be available to work from 8.30 am to cover morning exams.

Previous experience is not essential, as all training will be provided.

Ideal candidates will be

Reliable and flexible

Have good communication skills

Confident and able to offer reassurance during exams

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

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Time Out For Parents - The Teenage Years

Being the parent/carer of a teenager can be hard! This course can help.

Come and meet other parents/carers to discuss ideas and ways to support your teenager. They are going through so many changes and live in a hi-tech world, and that isn't easy.

Learn to find your own way through the challenges of the teenage years. Find out how and why our relationships with our teens change and how we can deal with that, all in a space with other parents/carers facing the same challenges.

Join us virtually on Microsoft Teams;

Beginning Thursday's 16th, 23rd, 30th
January, 6th, 13th, 27th February & 6th
March 2025.

<https://wiltshiretogether.org.uk/alltogether>



Family Hub
Wiltshire Council



Support We Offer

We are here to help with a whole range of topics including:

Ideas around implementing routines and setting boundaries.

Help to understand your child's needs and build your confidence as a parent.

Help around finances, housing applications, debt support and accessing benefits.

Supporting you 'back to work'

Volunteering opportunities

We can help families access:

Baby Bundles

Healthy start vitamins

Advice on local childcare and applying for funding.

Introductions to other services

Facebook

Our Wiltshire Family Hub Facebook page is another way for families to stay up to date with current services. Make sure you like and follow to stay in touch with us.

Simply click here:



Get in touch with us

If you have any questions or would like more information about our services please call us on one of our numbers below or check out our website:

Freephone:

0800 970 4669

wiltshirefamilyhub@spurgeons.org

Other useful numbers:

Health visitor – Single Point of Access

0300 247 0090

National Breastfeeding helpline

0300 100 0212

Fearfree (Domestic Abuse support Service)

01225 775276



National

Domestic Abuse Helpline

0800 2000 247

Click here to visit our website

www.wiltshirefamilyhubs.org.uk