



# STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



AIMING HIGH ... FLYING HIGHER

Everything we do makes a difference to our children; empowering minds and shaping futures.



# STOKENCHURCH STAR



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THIS TERM'S SCHOOL VALUES ARE TO SPOT OUR CHILDREN WHO ARE:

## READY RESPECTFUL SAFE



### THIS WEEK:

Y3 IN THE STONE AGE  
SCHOOL AWARDS  
YOUNG WRITERS  
STAR OF THE WEEK  
IMPORTANT MESSAGES  
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
FROM OUR GOVERNORS  
SAFEGUARDING SLOT  
AND MUCH MORE... 😊

### ECO TICKER

Solar Panels  
MWh produced = 82.24  
CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 46.71t

### GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

WHAT ARE Y3 UP TO MR POUNDER?  
READ ON TO FIND OUT! 😊

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	ASH 98.7%		BEECH 97.9%		HAZEL 97.6%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	4	2	5	0	0	1
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				BEECH CLASS		

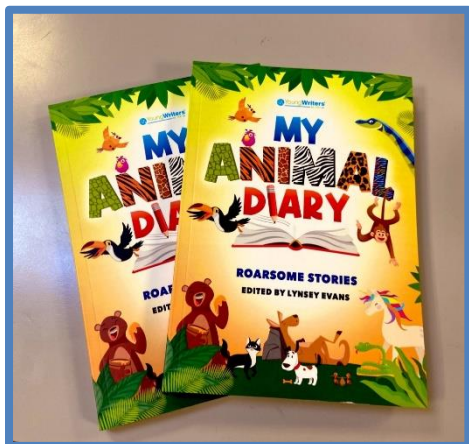


# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



## WELCOME BACK!

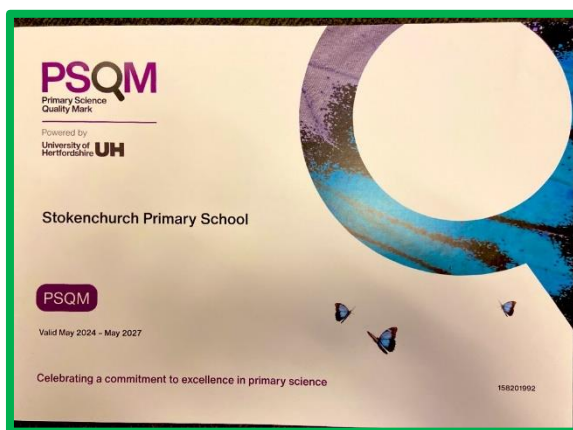
Welcome back to the new school year at **STOKENCHURCH** and I would like to congratulate the children for a super week at school. I do hope you all had a restful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing and working with all our children and families in the weeks and months ahead. Please read our weekly newsletter as we try very hard to use it to keep you up to date with all areas of our school business. There will be some new features coming up and some of these are detailed below so look out for them! Our new deputy headteacher, Mr Sloan, has felt warmly welcomed to the school and we have started off the new term positively. Our focus value for this term is for our children to demonstrate that they are **READY, RESPECTFUL & SAFE**. We will be talking about this and modelling it frequently, and you will hear more about this (and lots more important information re. your child) at our welcome meetings next week. I look forward to seeing you then if not before.



## YOUNG WRITERS

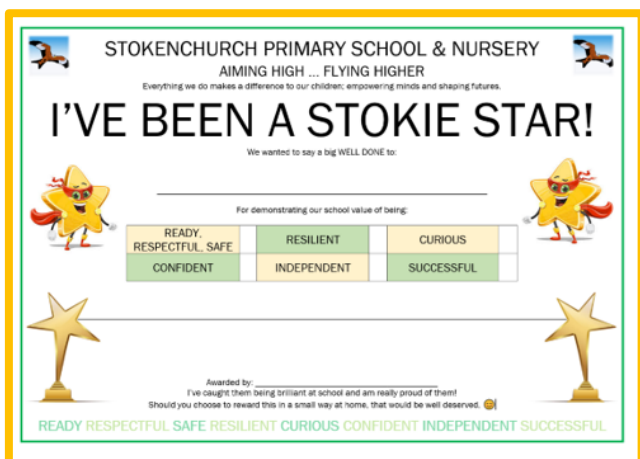
We are really proud to share that 27 of our Y2 (now Y3) children were successfully published at the end of last term. We have copies of the book 'My Animal Diary' for the school library so their

success can be shared with all children for years to come. Well-done children and thank you to Miss Morris and Miss Blandford for organising the opportunity!



## SCIENCE AWARD

We are also really proud to announce that we have successfully achieved the 'Primary Science Quality Mark' (PSQM). On receiving the certificate, PSQM said "Your PSQM award is a symbol of your hard work and dedication towards providing the highest quality primary science education to your children. It represents your commitment to fostering a love of science and inspiring the next generation of scientists, thinkers, and innovators." I will share this with the children in assembly and would like to thank all of the staff for their dedication to science education, particularly over the last few months, and especially to Mrs Milne and Miss Lovell for leading our work to achieve this recognition.



## GOLDEN FOLDER, SUPER WORK, STAR OF THE WEEK

This year we will be celebrating children's successes and progress in lots of different ways. Our **KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD** will continue to awarded weekly to the class with the best conduct at lunchtimes. Children will be sent to me (for the Golden Folder) with their excellent work and this year examples of this work will be shared on a display in the school hall (and in the main entrance

- coming soon). Three visits will result in a postcard home 😊

This year, we are also making changes to our 'STAR OF THE WEEK' approach - which, whilst lovely, resulted in anxiety for some children (and parents). Rather than a big build up to one child receiving an award each week and children having to 'wait their turn' or 'wonder why it wasn't them', we will be awarding 'Stokie Star' certificates more frequently to children who do amazing things in school. They will receive a certificate to bring home and a public recognition in school but will not have the cuddly



toy / book / diary to keep. The approach will be more immediate, more frequent and reinforce our school values so please do look out for these from next week!

If your child has an amazing achievement outside school they would like to share, please send it in with a photo and we'll pop it in the newsletter. There's also a printable 'Hoorah from Home' certificate in the contact us area of the school website!

### STONE AGE TIMELINE

I have really enjoyed watching your children getting back into their learning this week, and a particular highlight was Y3 exploring a timeline of the Stone Age using a toilet role. It stretched through school and across the playground, illustrating the length of time really visually and astounding the children. Well-done for bringing it to life Mr Pounder – and welcome to **STOKENCHURCH!**



### SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER TEST (11+)

Even though it has been only the first week back, I would like to say well done to Y6 who have already completed the Secondary School Transfer Test (11+). They did so confidently and maturely and I am proud that they all gave their very best. Well-done children – you've done it! Thank you to Mr Showan and the entire Y6 team for supporting the children through so brilliantly.







### ASDA CASHPOT – RAISING MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

If you log into the Asda APP and select **STOKENCHURCH**, they will give us £1. If you shop at Asda, they will donate 0.5% of the cost of your shop to our school. Please use the link below to find out more and support our school! Share with your families and friends and let's see how much we can raise. I will regularly update you on how much you have raised for us and what we are spending the money on.

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<p><b>WELCOME MEETINGS</b></p>	<p>Our welcome meetings are taking place on Tuesday and Thursday next week (see diary dates for the timings). This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers, see their classrooms and find out all about the opportunities that lay ahead for them this year. Please do try to attend if you can – it is a really important opportunity to gain lots of important information. I will see you there!</p>	
<p><b>LOST PROPERTY</b></p>	<p>As we reach the end of the first week back, we already have a box full of unnamed lost property. Please ensure you name all your children's belongings so we can return them as needed (and check that the biro hasn't washed off!) The lost property box will be outside school every Wednesday if you are trying to track down a missing item!</p>	

<b>PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS</b>	Please ensure that school is informed if someone different / new is picking up your child at the end of the day. To keep them safe, we insist that children are only released to familiar / expected adults so please don't be offended if we just take a moment to check before letting children go occasionally. Thank you!	
<b>LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORMS</b>	Please ensure you complete a Leave of Absence form so we know where your children are during planned absences. These are available from the school office, on the school website and will shortly be launched online too – watch this space for details!	
<b>CLUBS</b>	After school clubs are starting next week and I am proud of the variety and number of opportunities our staff are keen to provide for your children. Please see the school website for all the details and get them signed up! Deadline for signing up to school run clubs is <b>Monday at 8am</b> . please sign up via Parent Pay. Please e-mail the school office if the club on Parent Pay is full, we can then add your child to the waiting list.	
<b>LIBRARY CHALLENGE</b>	A reminder from Lisa at the local library that the Summer Reading Challenge ends soon, along with the 'decorate your door' challenge. It doesn't have to be a real door – a cereal box is just fine and there are prizes and certificates for the winners!	



## SAFEGUARDING SLOT

From this week, we will be sharing information, hints, tips and information in this section of the **STOKIE STAR** to help us all keep your children as safe as possible. It might include a specific topic, links to

pertinent websites, advice and requests from school so please check in each week and let me know if you have any questions.

### SIGNING IN ELECTRONICALLY - INVENTORY

Those of you who have recently been to the school Reception will have noticed an electronic sign in system. When this goes live over the next few days it will help visitors sign in and log their presence at school. It automatically checks safeguarding status, prints a photo ID badge and enables everyone to see that every adult who children come across in school is verified and accounted for. I will share more info with you when we are ready to launch!

### ONLINE SAFETY

With the increasing use of technology in education and at home, online safety remains a top priority. It's essential to equip both staff and students with the knowledge to navigate the digital world safely.

Key Tips for Ensuring Online Safety:

- **Open Dialogue:** Encourage children to talk about their online experiences.
- **Privacy Settings:** Regularly check and update privacy settings on social media and other online platforms.
- **Age-Appropriate Content:** Ensure that children access content suitable for their age group.
- **Report Concerns:** Remind children that they should report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online.



## Are you concerned about a child?



ALWAYS act on any concern.  
Make a written record of your concern and share without delay.

<p><b>Mr. Nick Stevens</b> Designated Safeguarding Officer Headteacher</p> 	<p><b>Mr Stephen Sloan</b> Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher</p> 
<p><b>Mrs. Kat Warner</b> Designated Safeguarding Officer Nursery Manager</p> 	<p><b>Mrs Judy Pope</b> Designated Safeguarding Officer Deputy Headteacher</p> 

Please do not leave the site without sharing your concern, even if just a feeling.

Remember, IT COULD HAPPEN HERE.

**Thank you for your continued dedication to safeguarding and child protection.  
Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

Let's work together to create a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all our children.

## FROM OUR GOVERNORS

Welcome back to school to all our children, staff and parents, especially all those who have started with us at **STOKENCHURCH** this term. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming months and sharing news of our work with the school as it evolves.

**Gary Muton, Chair of Governors.**



I would like welcome Sanum Khan to **STOKENCHURCH**, not just as a parent but as a new member of our school's governing board. Sanum has been a primary governor previously and is a senior leader at a secondary school in Bucks. She firmly believes that every child deserves excellent outcomes from their school experience so is joining us as a co-opted governor. Sanum also lives in the village is looking forward to making a positive contribution in the area through her governance.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates below are for the next month or so.  
For a full list please see (and link to) our calendar on the school website.

### SEPTEMBER 2024

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Acorns Welcome Meetings 1600	F1	
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Meetings (Y1 1730; Y3 1800; Y6 1830)	Y1,3,6	
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Meetings (F2 1700; Y2 1730; Y4 1800; Y5 1830)	F2, Y2,4,5	
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Photo Day	ALL	
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	National Teaching Assistant's Day	ALL	

### OCTOBER 2024

Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	National Teacher's Day	ALL	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dyslexia Awareness Week	ALL	
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	World Mental Health Day	ALL	
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card	ALL	

Letter available / to follow

Please join us if you can 😊

Please note change of date / info.

## COMMUNITY PAGE

*Create Club is coming to Stokenchurch Primary School in the Autumn Term.* To book click:

<https://www.thecreationstation.co.uk/finder?location=stokenchurch>



All Kids Active are running daily clubs at **STOKENCHURCH** before, during and after school this term. If you want to find out more, please use the links below!

**How to Book**

We have a new booking system so you will need to create an account with iPal which is our booking and registration software. You can do this by visiting <https://allkidsactive.ipalbookings.com> or by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the page.

If you are booking using Tax Free Childcare, then you can find us by searching for **All Kids Active at Stokenchurch** and our **Setting Reference Number is 2784009**

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us at [info@allkidsactive.co.uk](mailto:info@allkidsactive.co.uk) or visit our website [www.clubsportuk.com/all-kids-active](http://www.clubsportuk.com/all-kids-active)

Scan the QR Code to create your account us



SCAN ME

# ALL KIDS ACTIVE TIMETABLE



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Archery	Multi Sports	Football	Multi Sports	Dance
Lego Challenges & Sport	Crafty creations & Sport	Wacky Science & Sport	STEM & Sport	Food Friday & Sport

Light meal

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