



# STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



AIMING HIGH ... FLYING HIGHER

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



# STOKENCHURCH STAR



ASDA CASHPOT  
**£118**  
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THIS TERM'S SCHOOL VALUES ARE TO SPOT OUR CHILDREN WHO ARE:

## READY RESPECTFUL SAFE



### THIS WEEK:

Y6 DRAMA

WELCOME MEETINGS

MYSTERY READER

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPELLINGS UPDATE?!?

SAFEGUARDING SLOT

AND MUCH MORE...😊

### ECO TICKER

Solar Panels

MWh produced = 82.40

CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 46.80 t

### GOLDEN RULES


READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

We enjoyed our first singing assembly this week! 😊

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Hazel: 98.8%		Holly: 98.5%		Birch: 98.3%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	5	3	6	15	2	5
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				PRUNUS CLASS		



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



## Y6 DRAMA!



Things have turned dramatic in Y6 this week as the children have re-created the Patience camp of Shackleton on his failed journey. They did some warm ups and then recreated life under the lifeboats as they learnt about the story. Finally, they took words and phrases from their focus text Ice Trap! and made a word carpet ready for their writing next week. Well-done Y6 and thank you Mr Showan for sharing!



## WELCOME MEETINGS

Thank you to everyone who either presented or attended one of our Welcome Meetings this week. Each session was an opportunity to meet your child's teaching team, learn about the treats in store for the year ahead and to learn about the steps you can take to support learning at home. They were well attended and very informative and I would like to thank the staff who presented the sessions. All the presentations can be found on the

class pages of the school website of you were unable to attend.



## Mystery Reader



To develop a love of reading and expose the children in nursery and reception to a range of stories we are introducing 'mystery readers' into our curriculum.

Every 2 - 3 weeks we are inviting different adults into our classes to read to the children. Maybe a favourite story from your childhood or one that you read to your own children (please ensure that the books are suitable for 3 - 5 years olds) or a chosen one from our book corners or school library.

We would really like the children to hear a variety of stories and we hope this will be a nice way for the children to meet different adults from within the school and the school community.

If you would like to be one of our mystery readers, please contact Mrs Warner via the school office [office@stokenchurchprimary.sch.uk](mailto:office@stokenchurchprimary.sch.uk)  
We only need 10 - 15 minutes of your time 😊



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## SPELLINGS @ STOKENCHURCH

This year, we are changing the way that we teach spellings at **STOKENCHURCH**. Rather than having the weekly spelling tests, which we know can put a lot of pressure on many learners, we will be learning the spellings through games, pattern finding and exploration. We will create a bank of words in our spelling dictionaries that we will be able to use to help us in our writing throughout the year. The spellings will be put on our class pages of the website so you can continue to support your child's learning at home.

## KINDNESS LOG

In KS1, we are going to be on the lookout for kindness and good displays of our school values! When children are spotted carrying out acts of kindness to each other, our adults or themselves, we will be adding it to our Kindness Log. Each child will be awarded 1, 2 or 3 hearts and they will be able to add them in to our jar during assemblies on a Friday afternoon. Once our jar is full of kind deeds, we will have earned ourselves an extra playtime. We've already started so let's see how quickly we can fill it up with kindness!.



## 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 (and this donation doesn't affect any of your own personal customer rewards in any way). 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. We have raised £120 already and will keep a running total at the top of the newsletter so please share with family, friends and

colleagues!

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

## SAFEGUARDING SLOT

Again this week, we are 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 next week 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!

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Supporting the mental health of all of our children is an integral part of safeguarding. Supporting mental health and well-being in primary schools is crucial for fostering a positive learning environment where children can thrive. This involves creating a safe and nurturing space where students feel valued and understood.

At **STOKENCHURCH**, we promote well-being by integrating social-emotional learning into the curriculum, teaching children to recognise and manage their emotions, and encouraging empathy and kindness towards others. Regular physical activity, creative expression, and mindfulness practices can also help reduce stress and boost emotional resilience.

By building strong relationships and maintaining open communication, we support not only the academic but also the emotional and psychological development of their children at STOKENCHURCH by laying the foundation for lifelong well-being. You will have received further information about our approach to wellbeing at the Welcome Meetings this week, so take a look at your child's class page for further details.

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.



# Baking in Nursery



Each half term the children will participate in a variety of baking activities that will support them to develop their social skills, and enhance their language, vocabulary and conversational skills.

They will also develop their fine motor skills such as; spreading, slicing, chopping, grating, mixing, scooping, weighing, squeezing and pouring.



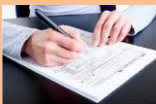
We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 from our Nursery parents/carers to help us buy a range of ingredients (bread, butter, eggs, jams, vegetables, fruit, cheese, pastry etc) for our baking experiences throughout the year.



If you would be able to donate £10, please give cash to either Mrs Warner or Miss Masterton in the Acorns classroom or in a sealed envelope via the school office

Thank you 😊

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## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<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>	 <p>Lost property</p>
<p><b>PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS</b></p>	<p>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!</p>	
<p><b>LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORMS</b></p>	<p>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!</p>	

<b>CLUBS</b>	Clubs have started this week and we are pleased to be able to offer the children such a range of exciting and diverse opportunities. Please see our website for availability for this term and sign up if your child is curious to try something new.	
<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!	
<b>END OF DAY EQUIPMENT</b>	As mentioned at the welcome meetings for many of you this week, please can you keep children off the equipment in the playground at the end of the day as they are unsupervised and to keep them safe. Many thanks in advance.	<b>Keep Off Equipment</b>

## 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			
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

### WRAPAROUND HAS STARTED AT STOKENCHURCH

Everyday until 6pm with a range of activities and fun to be had, plus food for an additional fee.

ALL KIDS ACTIVE TIMETABLE				
Monday Archery	Tuesday Multi Sports	Wednesday Football	Thursday Multi Sports	Friday Dance
Lego Challenges & Sport	Crafty creations & Sport	Wacky Science & Sport	STEM & Sport	Food Friday & Sport
Light meal & Children's Choice	Light meal & Children's Choice	Light meal & Children's Choice	Light meal & Children's Choice	Light meal & Children's Choice



Flexible time slots  
Available  
£7.50 until 4:30  
£10.00 until 5:15  
£12.50 until 6pm  
£2.50 for a Light Tea  
(5:15 & 6pm slots only)

**clubsportuk.com/wraparound**  
**info@allkidsactive.co.uk**  
**01494 700817**

**BOOK USING THE QR CODE BELOW**




**SCAN ME**

All Kids Active are running daily clubs at **STOKENCHURCH** 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)

## EVERLIEF PARENT CLUB

September is a time of big changes and hopefully children are starting to settle into school life.

In terms of children's wellbeing, this is an important time of year for parents to work on a healthy life at home including lifestyle, organisation and healthy boundaries, to ensure home feels supportive and calm. As of course you know, this balanced and nurturing home life is vital for children to flourish at school.

We would like to share a selection of our free articles with you that will help your parents achieve this. [Please feel free to share these links with parents in your school letters/newsletters:](#)

- [Elevate Your Parenting: Secrets to Shaping Thriving, Resilient Kids](#)
- [Psychologist's Guide to a Happy Family Life \[+ Free Happiness Challenge PDF\]](#)
- [How to Simplify Family Life For Happier Kids & Parents](#)
- [5 Family Therapy Activities You Can Try at Home](#)
- [Adult and Child Mental Health: Strategies for Supporting Yourself and Your Family](#)

## We also have a special offer for your parents!

As you may know, we have an online parent membership designed to provide accessible support to your parents. This is called **Everlief Parent Club** and we support parents with children's mental health, behaviour and wellbeing. Every month we have a webinar on a specific topic. For example, our next

webinar is all about **meeting siblings' different needs for support and boundaries**, especially when one sibling is neurodivergent. Parents can access this webinar (and so much more) ...for a limited time we are offering the chance to road test the entire Parent Club for £1 for 30 days. Here is the link for your parents to [Try Everlief Parent Club for 1 Month for £1](#)

