



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
£175
raised so far!

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

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE



UKULELE HAS BEEN
HITTING THE RIGHT NOTE THIS WEEK! 😊

THIS WEEK:
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
SPECIAL VISITORS
THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
MYSTERY READER
SAFEGUARDING SLOT
ASDA FUND RAISER UPDATE
AND MUCH MORE...😊

ECO TICKER
Solar Panels
MWh produced = 82.48
CO₂ saved = 46.84t


GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Ash - 99.3%		Beech - 98.3%		Lime - 97.0%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	6	13	6	18	6	15
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				ASH & ALDER		



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



SPECIAL VISITORS

This week **STOKENCHURCH** received 'THE call' to inform us that we could expect a two day visit from Her Majesty's Inspectors at Ofsted. The team spent two long days visiting classes, looking at books, talking to school leaders, speaking to children, looking at records, speaking to parents and talking to different groups of staff. It was a challenging couple of days and we eagerly await a copy of the report to share with you all in due course. I look forward to seeing and sharing the results but would like to thank and congratulate all the staff and children for their hard work and commitment over the two days. The children were brilliant too and we have over 220 parent and pupil comments sent in response to the questionnaires. Thank you for all your support 😊

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE - THE RESULTS!



Thank you to Lisa Sadie who joined us from Stokenchurch Community Library to present certificates and medals to the children who had complete the Summer Reading Challenge - finishing 6 books in 6 weeks. We had an amazing 25 children complete the challenge. Grace in Y4 also won the prize for the best dressed bedroom door.

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part and successfully completed the challenge and thank you to Lisa for coming to present in assembly 😊

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

Musical experiences have continued this week with children trying instruments for the first time as they experiment with, appreciate and compose their own music. We are so lucky to have music chiming at the heart of our curriculum and I'd like to thank Mrs Brand for leading from the front!



SCHOOL LIBRARY RE-OPENS

With huge thanks to the team at school and our small but beautifully formed band of willing volunteers, our fabulous school library is back up and running and we are open to the children

as usual. It has been lovely seeing children sharing books, magazines and stories with each other and I hope you get to share some of these at home with them soon. If you can spare an hour in school each week just to help keep our library in tip top condition, please do get in touch!

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 £175 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>

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to send our warmest congratulations to Miss Churn who is expecting her second child in the Spring. We look forward to welcoming a new member of the **STOKENCHURCH** family in due course!

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

The Inventory is now **LIVE** in the Reception area. All visitors to the school will be required to sign in to log their presence at school, by using the first letter of their first name. 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. If your child is late arriving at school, or has to leave school during the day for an appointment you will need to also sign your child in/out of the Inventory system and give a reason. It only takes a few seconds but please do ask if you are unsure



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

Mrs Whelan has sent me the following link to add to the information we share about keeping children safe online. It's a guide to helping you to set up parental controls on different devices. There are lots more resources on our website so do take a look if you can...

<https://www.stokenchurchprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1330&type=pdf>




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
We only need 10 - 15 minutes of your time ☺



READY RESPECTFUL SAFE RESILIENT CURIOUS CONFIDENT INDEPENDENT SUCCESSFUL

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

LOST PROPERTY

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!



PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS	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!	
LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORMS	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!	
END OF DAY EQUIPMENT	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.	

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.

OCTOBER 2024			
Thu 3 rd	National Teacher's Day	ALL	
Mon 7 th	Dyslexia Awareness Week	ALL	
Tue 8 th	Parent Forum Meeting	PF	
Thu 10 th	World Mental Health Day	ALL	
Fri 11 th	Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card	ALL	
Fri 18 th	Hazel Class Assembly	HAZEL	
Mon 21 st	Flu Vaccinations	ALL	
Tue 22 nd	PTA Discos Y1-3 5pm – 6.15pm; Y4-6 6.30pm – 7.45pm	ALL	
Fri 25 th	Pear Class Assembly	PEAR	
Fri 25 th	End of Term 1 (usual finish time)	ALL	
NOVEMBER 2024			
Fri 1 st	PTA Fireworks Display	ALL	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can ☺	Please note change of date / info.

COMMUNITY PAGE

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 or visit our website 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.

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	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 & 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

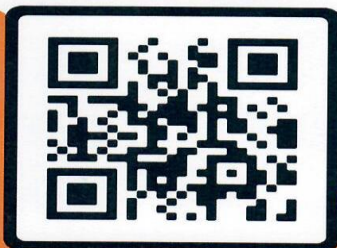
£7.50 until 4:30
£10.00 until 5:15
£12.50 until 6pm
£2.50 for a Light Tea
(5:15 & 6pm slots only)

clubsportuk.com/wraparound

info@allkidsactive.co.uk

01494 700817

BOOK USING THE QR
CODE BELOW



SCAN ME



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](#)

A poster for a firework display. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with numerous golden firework bursts and smaller sparks. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and gold colors. At the top, it says 'FRIENDS OF STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL' in white. Below that, 'FIREWORK DISPLAY' is written in large, bold, gold letters. The location 'GEORGE ROAD, STOKENCHURCH, HP14 3RN' is in white. A gold banner contains the date 'FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2024'. Below the banner, 'TICKETS ONLINE AT:' is followed by the website 'www.ticketsource.co.uk/ptafireworks'. A section for 'TICKET PRICES - BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY FOR THE BEST PRICES!' lists prices for August (£5.00), September (£7.50), and October (£9.00) in white. At the bottom, it states 'ON THE DAY TICKETS WILL BE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY' and 'GATES OPEN 6PM- FIREWORKS START 7PM' in white.

FRIENDS OF STOKENCHURCH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**FIREWORK
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Community Board
North West
Chilterns

FREE
ENTRY

FUTURE PROOF *Home and Business*

**Saturday 19 October 2024, 9am to 3pm - Wades Centre,
Stratton Road, Princes Risborough, Bucks, HP27 9AX**

Learn about the impacts of climate change and the solutions on how to adapt, which will help reduce carbon emissions and save you money.

Main Event - 10am to 3pm

A variety of stalls and various guest speakers, which include Delta T, Buckinghamshire Community Energy, Heat Scheme Ltd and Energy2 Ltd.

Climate Fresh Workshop - 12 noon to 3pm

This collaborative workshop will teach you the fundamental science behind climate change – there's more to it than greenhouse gases and will empower you to take action. For 15 years of age and over. Scan the QR code to book on.



Calling all business owners!

Your business can also benefit. To find out how, book onto our workshop between 9am and 11am at the Brushwood Suite, Wades Centre. Scan the QR code to book your place



If you would like to know more about the event email jackie.binning@buckinghamshire.gov.uk or call 07816 118011.



Garsington Studios' Open Day

Saturday 12 October



Join in the singing and drama sessions, or experience our theatre make-up artists and costumes, come for a tour of the studios and a chat with our team. Please join us with members of your family (all ages welcome).

Available time slots:
2-3pm - Tours, workshops & activities
3-4pm - Tours, workshops & activities
4-5pm - Tours, workshops & activities

To help us to manage numbers, please use the link available on our website to book the time slot you would like to attend.



garsingtonopera.org
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LEARN TO PLAY

12th OCTOBER '24

Join us at HW Music Centre
Millbrook School HP12 4BA

9.30-10.15am Musical fun and games
for 5-8 year olds

10.30-12pm Come and try session for all ages

Scan the QR code to book or email us
hwmusic@bucksmusic.org



www.musicforall.org.uk

Music for All supports disadvantaged music makers across the UK
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