



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
£270
raised so far!

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

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE



THIS WEEK:

HARVEST

MOTHS

FOSSILS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SAFEGUARDING SPOT

ASDA FUND RAISER UPDATE

AND MUCH MORE...😊

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels

MWh produced = 82.64

CO₂ saved = 46.94t

GOLDEN RULES


READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 THE ATTACUS ATLAS MOTH ARRIVED
IN NURSERY THIS WEEK! 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Holly – 98.8%		Beech – 98.3%		Ash 98%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	13	22	18	29	10	19
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				BIRCH CLASS		



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



ACORN ANTICS!

Acorns had a delivery all the way from Thailand! After opening the carefully wrapped package they discovered six cocoons. Together we read the label and found out that the small ones were called *Samia Luzonica* and the large ones were called *Attacus Atlas*. As we hadn't heard of these names before we decided to have a think about what could be hiding inside the cocoons. Some of the children suggested there could be caterpillars, butterflies, dragons and maybe even an octopus! After sharing our thoughts, we used the internet to do some research and the children were amazed to discover that hiding inside each cocoon was a moth. They were also very surprised to find out that the wings on an *Attacus* moths could grow up to 24cm in length and the *Samia* moths have a beautiful pink striping on their wings. Acorns have spent the week looking after the cocoons, making sure they were safe and warm in the classroom and today one of them hatched! The children were very excited to meet our new addition to the 'Acorns family' and after carefully talking about his size, shape and patterns they decided to name him 'Mothew'!! Acorns have also been venturing out of Early Years this week and have discovered our 600-year-old oak tree on the school field, a pond in our quiet garden and they have been listening to a variety of sounds in and around school as part of their Phonics learning. What an incredible week!



FUNKY FOSSILS IN Y3

Year 3 loved creating their own fossils in Science this week! They used play dough as their sedimentary rock,



made an imprint of a dinosaur and filled the cast with Plaster of Paris. They can't wait to see them tomorrow!

SHADOWS IN Y5

In Lime class this week, the children have been learning about out how their shadows move during the day as the Earth rotates. Great learning outdoors and a fabulous way to bring science to life 😊

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Each year children apply to be considered to fill the important position of school prefect, Head Boy or Head Girl. They are asked to complete an application form,

setting out the skills, characteristics and reasons that they feel they would be suitable for the role. The Y6 team and SLT have the enviable task of shortlisting the candidates and for those interested in becoming our Head Boys or Head Girls, they are asked to conduct an interview. It is a real-life process and we had an incredible 34 applications to choose from. Congratulations to the following children who were successful this time. There will be another round of prefect recruitment after Christmas!

PREFECTS

Austin	Amber	Charlotte	Ellis	Gabriel
Nicolas	Ethan T	Neve	Aniah	Ollie
Olivia H	Pearl	Adeela	Violet	Daniel

HEAD BOYS / GIRLS

Isa	Mia	Olivia B	Tobias
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HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival celebrations this morning were a joy. We welcomed visitors from St Hughes Close, the choir sang, the prefects read special harvest poems and Reverend Philip even brought along his drum kit. He told me afterwards 'you have something really special here', to which I agreed and smiled, knowing how many schools he must visit! The children sang a number of harvest songs and the display of all the produce we had donated was bigger and better than expected. We will box these up and deliver them to the residents next week so a huge thank you for your



generosity. Well done and thank you to Mrs Brand too! 😊

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

WHAT A BELTER!

Charlotte in Holly class had her first Martial Arts panel grading recently which involved a gruelling 3-hour session in front of 3 masters. She passed with flying colours and has gained her red belt, next will be junior black belt and then black belt! Well done Charlotte 😊



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 **£270** 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>

PTA THANKS

On behalf of all the children and families from STOKENCHURCH I would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing PTA team. They raised a whopping **£10,500** for the school last year and helped us to replace the trim trail, replaced the cover on the swimming pool, upgraded our hall sound system and much, much more. We couldn't enjoy these extras without their help and listening to their efforts and plans as I joined their first meeting of the year last week was really inspiring. Every child benefits thanks to the tireless work of this small but perfectly formed group of parent volunteers. If you can give a little of your time to help at an event, who knows what we might achieve this year?!



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.

INSTAGRAM

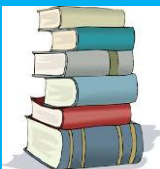



As of 2024, social media giant Instagram has over two billion active users, with 8% of those (approximately 1.6 million) being under-18. That's a lot of children and young people making use of this platform, exploring its features ... and being exposed to its risks – from influencer marketing to contact with strangers and plenty more. Please [read this online guide](#) for advice about keeping children safe on Instagram.

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



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS	OVERDUE BOOK HUNT: Please can you have a good look at home for any Stokenchurch Primary School books that your children may have. There are a number of books that are overdue and we want to keep our books fully stocked to aid the children's learning. Please bring in any books to your class teacher as soon as possible.	
LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORMS	As promised, you are now able to complete a LoA request electronically rather than collecting and filling in a form. Please follow the link below if you need it! https://www.stokenchurchprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Leave+of+Absence&pid=585	
PTA PUMPKIN COMPETITION	Our annual pumpkin competition gets underway in the next couple of weeks so let your imaginations run riot! The pumpkin patch this year will be around the flagpole and there will be prizes for EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2 and Adult entries. £2 per pumpkin. Drop off : Mon 21st / Tue 22nd October Judging: Wed 23rd Oct Take home: Thu 24th / Fri 25th Oct	
WALKING ACROSS THE CAR PARK	Please can I kindly ask all families to use the pedestrian gates only when entering and leaving the school site. We had a near miss this week as a parent and their child cut through the vehicle gates as a member of staff was leaving. Thank you for modelling this behaviour for your children to keep them safe.	

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			
Fri 11 th	Harvest Festival – PLEASE DONATE!	ALL	
Fri 18 th	Hazel Class Assembly	HAZEL	
	Wear Red – Show Racism the Red Card (please note change of date)	ALL	
Mon 21 st	Flu Vaccinations	ALL	
Tue 22 nd	PTA Discos Y1-3 5pm – 6.15pm; Y4-6 6.30pm – 7.45pm	ALL	
Wed 23 rd	PTA Pumpkin Competition	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



Throughout the October half term & Christmas holidays we will be running some fun and action-packed gymnastics and trampolining holiday camp days for ages 4 – 11 years, with air tracks and air barrels, trampoline, trampette, floor, vault, beam and bars

Please visit our website www.springbucks.co.uk and click on the Holiday Camp section for more details on how to book in via our website shop.

VENUES: Hazlemere Youth Centre, Rose Avenue, HP15 7UB
Court Garden Leisure Centre, Pound Lane, Marlow, SL7 2AE

DATES: Wed 30th October at Hazlemere Youth Centre
Thurs 31st October & Mon 23rd December at Court Garden

PRICE: £16.00 for a half day (9am – 12 or 1 – 4pm)
£35.00 for a full day (9.00am – 4.00pm)

PLACES ARE FILLING UP FAST SO BOOK IN ASAP TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!



Autumn Disco

Tuesday 22nd October 2024
Years 1, 2 & 3 - 5pm-6.15pm
Years 4, 5 & 6 - 6.30pm-7.45pm

Includes drinks & snack with a treat to take home!



£4
via parent pay on the door

No Mobiles or ipods allowed

Information and advice drop-in

at Mapledean Family Centre Plus



Everyone needs a bit of help from time to time. The Family Hub Team are here to do just that. If you are a young person, parent or carer in need of support come to our drop-in.

No need to book, just turn up.

We can offer:

- On-the-spot support
- Information and advice on a range of topics
- Signposting to other services who may be able to help

Get in touch

☎ 01296 383 293

✉ HighWycombeFamilyHub@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Monday to Friday

9am to 5pm

Mapledean Family Centre Plus (Wycombe)

SCAN ME

Messy play and explore



Free play sessions for children aged 0 to 5 years

Come along for lots of fun including arts, crafts, toys and outside play at one of our Wycombe Family Centres. **Dress for a mess!**

 Mapledean Family Centre + Mondays and Fridays 9:45am to 11:15am	 Hampden Way Family Centre Mondays 9:30am to 11:30am	 Hithercroft Family Centre Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:30am
 Risborough Family Centre Wednesdays 9:30am to 11:30am	 Marlow Family Centre Thursdays 9:30am to 11:30am	 Castlefield Family Centre Fridays 9:30am to 11:30am

SCAN ME

Keeping your child in mind

Healthy parent relationships



A **4-week** programme working with parents or carers who have different parenting styles, changes or breakdown in relationship.

It aims to help you understand how your relationships impact your children and how working with positive, respectful communication can support your child to reduce the impact.

For dates and times for 2024 sessions click/scan the QR code below. Programmes running in August, October, November, and December

Contact us

☎ 01296 383293

✉ familyinfo@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

You will cover

Week 1 Self awareness	Week 2 Appropriate expectations	Week 3 Boundaries	Week 4 Empathy
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SCAN ME



THE PTA PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Drop off Mon 21st - Tue 22nd Oct
 Collect Thurs 24th - Fri 25th Oct
 Pumpkins will be kept outside for admiring
 Can be made of anything! £2 entry

Prizes for Best Pumpkin
 EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2 and grown ups!

