



# STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



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



# STOKENCHURCH STAR



ASDA CASHPOT  
**£408**  
raised so far!

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

## READY RESPECTFUL SAFE



😊 OUR FIREWORKS WENT OFF WITH A BANG! 😊

### THIS WEEK:

Y4 BUCKS MUSIC TRUST  
Y6 HEIGHT & WEIGHT  
PARENT EVENINGS  
NEW MOZART ORCHESTRA  
WADDESDON MANOR CRAFT  
RECEPTION 2025 OPEN DAY  
SAFEGUARDING SLOT  
ASDA FUND RAISER UPDATE  
AND MUCH MORE...😊

### ECO TICKER

Solar Panels  
MWh produced = 82.82MWh  
CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 47.04t

### GOLDEN RULES

READY  
RESPECTFUL  
SAFE

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Hazel 99.1%		Elder 97.8%	Birch 97.5%		
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	28	33	32	41	36	26
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				Elm		



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR

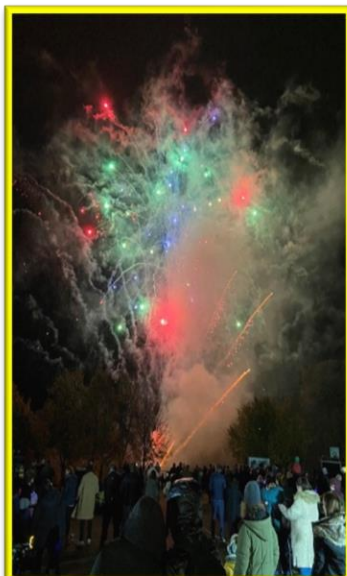


## FABULOUS FIREWORKS

Last Friday's fireworks were a real treat. I was a bit nervous to be honest as it is such a big responsibility, but the PTA did a brilliant and professional job of all the preparations, risk assessments and attractions / refreshments that meant 450 people had a wonderful evening. We raised an impressive £1600 for the school and will definitely do this again next year. Thank you to our wonderful PTA team and to everyone who attended! ☺

## ORCHESTRAL MANOEUVRES IN THE SCHOOL!

This week the children were treated to a taste of the orchestra, as we welcomed the 'New Mozart Orchestra' to school. They performed the story of Peter and the Wolf, showcasing the different instruments and inspiring the children. Following this, the Bucks Music Trust visited and the children actually had the opportunity to try the instruments for themselves, including bassoon, trombone, trumpet, violin and cello. The cacophony of noise from the ICT Suite was quite something to behold! Thank you Mrs Brand for organising the experiences.



## PARENTS EVENING

On Tuesday and Thursday this week we welcomed over 90% of our parents to the first formal parent meeting of the year and an opportunity to taste some school dinners (yes – they seemed to surprise





everybody!). The evenings went very smoothly and I received lots of positive feedback from parents about their children's progress. Thank you for attending and I hope you found the information you discussed with your child's teacher useful. Thank you also to all the teachers and support staff who coordinated and prepared for the evenings.

### WADDESDON CRAFT WORK SHOP

This week the children in F2, Y1, Y2 & Y3 have been creating special Christmas

crafts that will be put together to create a special display at Waddesdon Manor. The children created different characters and festive scenes in a collage of materials and colour! Well-done children and thank you to Miss Blandford for organising the experience.



### OPEN DAY

On Thursday we welcomed over 30 prospective parents to our annual Open Day – a chance for families looking for the right school for their children to get a flavour of **STOKENCHURCH** and what we are all about. It is always lovely to share and show off our school. The Prefects showed our visitors around the school whilst our Head Boys and Girls gave a short speech about their experiences as a pupil. Many of the parents visited because they had 'heard good things' about our school and I know they left having made up their minds! Thank you to everyone who shared a poster or a kind word to help promote our brilliant school.



## PRUNUS CLASS ASSEMBLY

This morning the children in Prunus class shared a special assembly that covered the theme of World War One and the reason we mark Remembrance Day. The presentation was moving and engaging, with songs, sound effects and props helping to take us back in time to the start of the twentieth century and was a really good way of bringing the importance of the message to our young audience. Thank you to Mr Showan and Prunus class - you did a brilliant job! 😊



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Parents and carers are invited to join us for our Remembrance Service on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** from 10.50am around the flagpole. We will plant a field of poppies and observe the 2-minute silence as a school mark of respect to those who have given their lives in conflict.



## 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 **£408** already and will keep a running total at the top of the newsletter so please share with family, friends and colleagues! We only have **22** days left!!

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



## SOME SAD NEWS...

I am sorry to share the sad news that Alison Simpson, a former chair of governors at **STOKENCHURCH** for many years, has sadly passed away at home after a long fight with cancer. She was a great ambassador and support for the school and we welcomed her to school as recently as last Summer when she joined us for Mrs Reason's retirement. Her funeral was held yesterday in the local church and myself and our whole school community would like to pass on our condolences and thoughts to Alison's family and friends at this sad time.



## ECO COUNCIL

Miss McMaster spoke in assembly last Monday about setting up a new Eco Council for the school. Children were invited to get involved and the deadline for applications is Monday. Thank you Miss McMaster and I look forward to unveiling our new eco-councillors next week!

How do I apply?



EYFS and KS1:

Please vote amongst your classmates for one pupil per class.

KS2:

Complete the application letter and give it to your teacher. You will be selected by Miss McMaster and Mr Sloan based on your application.

**Deadline: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**



## SAFEGUARDING SLOT

### FORTNITE

Over the years, Fortnite has become a household name in the gaming community. It was one of the first titles in the 'battle royale' subgenre, where players are thrown into a chaotic free-for-all on a sprawling map and fight until only one remains. Its cartoonish presentation and satisfying gameplay loop make it a potentially attractive choice for young players. However, it's important to remember that online safety risks are always present – especially in multiplayer games – and Fortnite is no exception. [This free guide](#), put together with expert input, tells you all you need to know about the safety concerns of this popular title and offers advice on how to protect children and young people as they enjoy the game.



We have recently set up a dedicated safeguarding school email for any parent or staff member who would like to contact the school specifically for a safeguarding reason or concern. All communications will be treated confidentially and will be accessed by members of the school safeguarding team. If you have a concern about a child, please contact school via:

[safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk)




## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

### BEING NEIGHBOURLY

Please be considerate of our nearest neighbours during the school run. I have received two complaints about parking on driveways and a child knocking on a front door and running away this week. I'd really like to not have to apologise so profusely and so frequently. I appreciate your support in being the role models for your children. 😊





PLEASE KEEP OFF THE WALL	Whilst it may be a tempting challenge on the way out of school at the end of the day, please can I warn you that the top of the wall outside Y1 can be very slippery when it is wet. Please try to keep your children off it if you can!	
PTA RAFFLE REQUEST	The PTA work tirelessly to raise money for our school and our children and they need some help from you! If you or your family / friends / neighbours work for a service or company that can offer a raffle prize for an upcoming event at <b>STOKENCHURCH</b> , however small, they would really appreciate it. Our PTA are a very small bunch of dedicated parents and whilst giving your time may not be convenient to you, helping in other ways may be something you can offer. Thank you for your support in advance 😊	
PARENT FORUM RECRUITS	We currently have Parent Forum vacancies in Ash, Elm, Holly, Larch, Pear and Prunus classes. Have a look at our website to find out more about what we do and get in touch with Mr Stevens if you are interested.	

## 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.

### NOVEMBER 2024

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service – 10.50/Y2 Walking to the War Memorial	ALL	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mufti Day (Bring a Tombola Prize)	ALL	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need – <b>Details coming soon!</b>		
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair, 11am	ALL	
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Individual Photos	ALL	
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sibling Photos	ALL	
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 D&T Workshop Great Marlow School	Y6	

### DECEMBER 2024

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5 Carol Concert @ 2.30pm	Y5	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 Carol Concert @ 2.30pm.	Y6	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch	ALL	
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/Y2 Performance, 5.30pm	Y1/2	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/Y2 Performance, 2.00pm	Y1/2	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Christmas Party	Y3/4	
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Christmas Party	Y5/6	
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 D&T Trip Gt Marlow School	Y6	
	Y1/Y2 Christmas Party	Y1/2	
	Y4 Trip to Waddesdon Manor	Y4	
	F2 Christmas Performance, 9.15am.	F2	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	F2 Christmas Party	F2	
	PTA Santa Sleigh around Stokenchurch (Evening tbc)	ALL	
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Pantomime (At School)	ALL	

Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	F1 Christmas Party	F1
	PTA Christmas Raffle	ALL
	School Closes for Christmas Holidays, 1.00pm.	ALL

Letter available / to follow

Please join us if you can 😊

Please note change of date / info.

# COMMUNITY PAGE



**RR10K and RR5K**  
Sunday the 17th of November 2024 at 10am



**Ruggedradnage.co.uk**  
Start and Finish @ Radnage Village Hall, HP14 4DF

All proceeds go to Radnage C of E Primary School, Authorised Registered Charity No. 1065866.

A challenging mixed terrain 10K race, in the Chiltern Hills around the village of Radnage, 5 minutes from J5 on the M40. The course involves sections on road, trails and footpaths; through woods and fields and includes off-road descents and ascents. In line with UKA and BARR health & safety recommendations, headphones must not be worn by runners. Min age 15 for 10K, 13 for 5K.

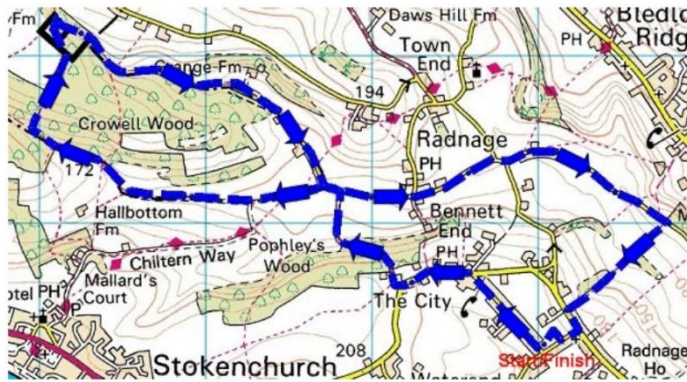


## Multi Day

Wednesday **13th** November

With a twist! No money needed, just a tombola gift for the Christmas Fayre!

Bottles, toys, chocolate, toiletries or Christmassy gifts all very welcome!  
We are unable to accept pre-loved items  
**THANK YOU!**



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STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**16th**  
NOVEMBER  
11:00 - 14:00

FOOD • GROTTO • STALLS

ADULTS £1

STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL  
GEORGE RD  
STOKENCHURCH

# FACE-TO-FACE PRIVATE TUTORING

For primary students (ages 5-11) in Maths and English

## WHY CHOOSE ME!

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### KEY BENEFITS

- Individualised attention to help your child thrive
- Fun and engaging learning activities to boost motivation
- Flexible scheduling to fit your busy routine



### HOW MY TUTORING CAN HELP

Boost your child's confidence, fill in learning gaps, and enhance their academic performance with personalised, one-to-one tutoring.

Every child learns differently, and I tailor each lesson to their individual needs, ensuring they not only understand key concepts but also enjoy the learning process.

With dedicated support in both Maths and English, your child will develop the skills and confidence to succeed in school and beyond.

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