



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
£450
raised so far!

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

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE



THIS WEEK:

- REMEMBRANCE
- Y2 WAR MEMORIAL
- WORLD KINDNESS DAY
- CHILDREN IN NEED
- GARDENING CLUB
- SAFEGUARDING SLOT
- ASDA FUND RAISER UPDATE
- AND MUCH MORE...😊

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
MWh produced = 82.87MWh
CO₂ saved = 47.07t

GOLDEN RULES


READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 OUR FIELD OF POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Elder 98.5%		Pear 97.8%		Larch 97.5%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	42	44	35	51	37	48
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				PEAR & PRUNUS		

FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



REMEMBRANCE

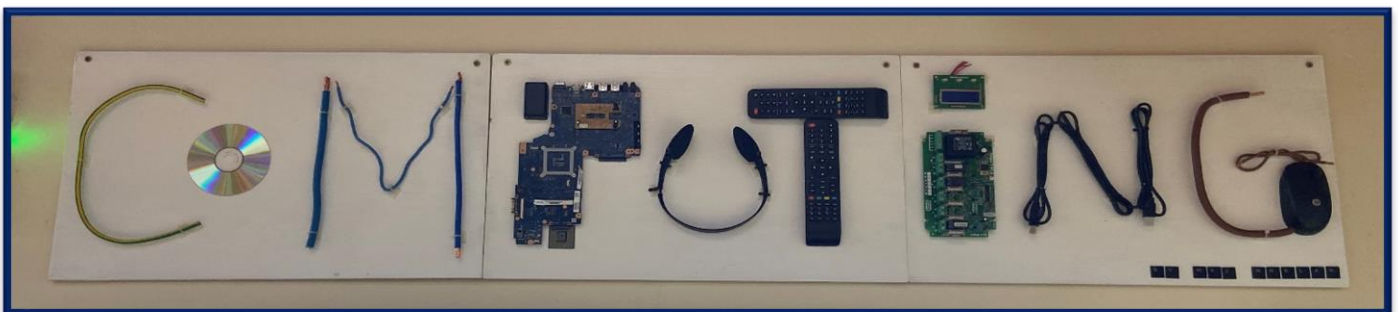


On Monday we had our annual service of Remembrance. We were joined by more than 50 parents and the children gathered around the flagpole where our garden of Remembrance was brought to life by over 400 individual poppies made by the children. We had readings, poems, observed the 2-minute silence on the stroke of 11am and joined the choir in songs of Remembrance. It was a rightly respectful occasion and I was incredibly proud of our children and their exemplary conduct throughout. Thank you to our Head Boys, Head Girls and Prefects who delivered their special duties perfectly and to everyone who came together to make it such a special occasion. Lest we forget...



Also on Monday, our Year 2 children walked to the war memorial in the village to observe the Remembrance Day silence. They spent some time reflecting on the engraved names and sketching the beautiful poppy wreaths. The children were led in their two-minute silence by

Reverend Ackford and Miss Browne and Mrs Elliott, (along with several members of the public,) were incredibly impressed with the calm and respectful way that our young children represented **STOKENCHURCH**. This week, Year 5 have been



taking part in a Cambridge University research project about physical computing using micro:bits. The children were exploring the features of these devices, looking at the inputs, outputs and sensors and considering uses for such technology. After their investigations, they completed a questionnaire with the results being sent to Cambridge. The set of 30 free micro:bits were sent to our school last year



and are being used in lessons across Key Stage 2. (Mrs Whelan is also very proud of her fancy new 'Computing' sign in the ICT suite that she created at half term. Well done Mrs Whelan!



NATIONAL KINDNESS DAY

It was National Kindness Day on Wednesday and whilst we have been encouraging the children to be extra kind to each other, I decided to make breakfast for the staff as a special treat. It was really appreciated and along with lots of special messages delivered in the afternoon by our prefects, it was a

really nice way to say thank you and be kind! Thank you to Waitrose too who were also kind enough to donate the fruit juice for free when they learned what the shopping was for on Tuesday evening! 😊



CHILDREN IN NEED

We've had an amazing and fun day today as we support the incredible work of Children in Need. We have all dressed up or dressed down, worn our spots with pride and generally got into the spirit of the day. We had a special assembly this morning led by Mr Showan who shared with the whole school who Children in Need are and what they do. We are looking forward to a cake extravaganza at the end of the day and I look forward to sharing with you how much we have raised in next week's newsletter 😊



MARVELLOUS Y5 MATHS

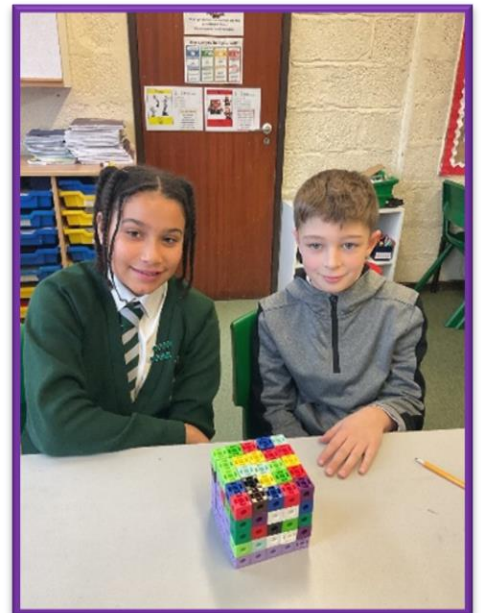
In Maths this week, Year 5 have been learning about square and cubed numbers, using practical resources to understand how these numbers are calculated. In order to construct a cube 5 across, 5 down and 5 deep, the children worked out that they needed 125 little cubes. Thank you to Mrs Jones for sharing!



NURSERY 'MYSTERY' READER

Nursery had their first 'mystery reader' last week and were very excited when Mr Sloan arrived with a brand-new book full of stories about super powers,

peas and pajamas! All of the children in our afternoon class snuggled down with a blanket and a biscuit, and immersed themselves in a world of wonder as they listened intently to Mr Sloan share his favourite adventures. Acorns would like to thank Mr Sloan for reading to them, they absolutely loved it! If you would like to be a mystery reader, please email the school office.



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 **£450** already and will keep a running total at the top of the newsletter so please share with family, friends and colleagues! We only have **15** days left!!

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

GARDENING CLUB

Our keen gardeners did a great job this week of clearing the leaves. We collected 7 huge bags of leaves, which we will keep and rot down to make mulch for next year. Thank you to our amazingly green-fingered children. We can come and offer our services to a garden near you soon (for a small fee!) 😊



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

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS	This year our data collection sheets were sent to you electronically, enabling quicker and (hopefully) more accurate information being shared with school that we need to know about you and your child. The information will be treated confidentially so please ensure you check, amend and return the information as soon as possible. Many thanks in advance.	
EXCITING NEWS! 😊	Congratulations to Miss Churn who is expecting her 2 nd child and will be starting her maternity leave after Christmas. We are really lucky that Mrs Clyne will be stepping into her shoes to ensure a seamless transition for the children.	
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 STOKENCHURCH , 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. Sadly, I have received no volunteers to meet once per term for these classes. 😞	

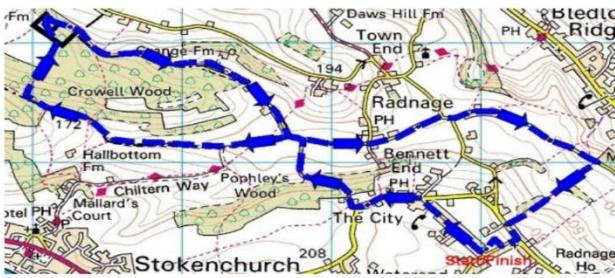
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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			
Sat 16 th	PTA Christmas Fair, 11am	ALL	
Mon 18 th	Individual Photos	ALL	
Wed 20 th	Sibling Photos	ALL	
Thur 28 th	Y6 D&T Workshop Great Marlow School	Y6	
DECEMBER 2024			
Mon 2 nd	Y5 Carol Concert @ 2.30pm	Y5	
Tues 3 rd	Y6 Carol Concert @ 2.30pm.	Y6	
Wed 4 th	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch	ALL	
Thur 5 th	Y1/Y2 Performance, 5.30pm	Y1/2	
Fri 6 th	Y1/Y2 Performance, 2.00pm	Y1/2	
	KS2 Choir at West Wycombe Festive Evening at 5.30pm	KS2	
Mon 9 th	Y3/4 Christmas Party	Y3/4	
Wed 11 th	Y5/6 Christmas Party	Y5/6	
Thu 12 th	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 th	F2 Christmas Party	F2	
	F1 Stay & Play am. 10.45 – 11.15	F1	
	F1 Stay & Play pm. 2.30 - 3.00	F1	
	PTA Santa Sleigh around Stokenchurch (Evening tbc)	ALL	
Thur 19 th	Travelling Pantomime (At School)	ALL	
Fri 20 th	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.



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Bring the family along to come and select your Christmas tree!

30TH NOVEMBER & 1ST DECEMBER

10AM - 4PM

Christmas trees

Place your Christmas orders for meat, cheese and deli items

Holly Wreaths

Artisan Local Produce

10% OFF ALL TREES THIS WEEKEND ONLY

Laceys Family Farm, Finings Road, Lane End HP14 3LP

STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

16th

NOVEMBER

11:00 - 14:00

FOOD • GROTTO • STALLS

ADULTS £1

STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL
GEORGE RD
STOKENCHURCH



Starting school for the first time

Was your child born between
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school place from 5 November 2024. Visit [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions) to apply.

You must apply even if your child is at the nursery attached to the school you would like them to go to.

Information about starting school for the first time will be available on our website from the end of October [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions).

The application deadline is 15 January 2025, please do not miss it

Please contact the school nursing service using the link below to find out what health checks and vaccinations are available for your child.

buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/school-years-development/school-nursing



[where child has autism or traits of autism](#)

Our next Embracing Autism Online Course Starts **Monday 18th November**

If you are waiting for an autism assessment, or your child has recently received an autism diagnosis you are probably looking for one or more of the following:

- A clear plan
- To know what to do next
- The ability to ask questions to experts who understand your child
- To meet other people in the same situation
- Reassurance that your child can be happy and successful and have a great life

You want to do everything you can to ensure your child can flourish and have a happy life, and that means figuring out what they need.

Registration for the course is NOW OPEN. [To find out more and register visit the They Are The Future course page here](#)

3. Our top articles to provide you with strategies in school:

1. **Empowering Autistic Children: Top 10 Autism Classroom Ideas:** <https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/autism-classroom-ideas/>
2. **The Best Autism Calming Strategies For Children:** <https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/autism-calming-strategies/>
3. **Autism & Masking:** <https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/autism-masking/>
4. **Black and White Thinking in Autistic Children:** <https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/autism-black-white-thinking/>
5. **The Power of Neurodiversity: Celebrating Autism Strengths:** <https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/autism-strengths/>
6. **Autism and Anxiety: Supporting Children in an Imperfect World:** <https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/autism-anxiety-in-children/>

<http://everlief.co.uk>

Everlief Parent Club: This gives you access to many many workshops (recorded so you can watch when convenient) as well as the ability to ask psychologists questions etc. <https://courses.theyarethefuture.co.uk/epc-enrolment/> If you want to try it put MIKE50 at the checkout to get the first month half price

EVERLIEF OFFER TO PARENTS

At Everlief we seem to be seeing more and more children at Everlief with autism or clear autistic traits so I expect you also support many similar children at your school. We have pulled together some resources for you and your students parents (please do share)

1. Free workbook for parents where child has recent diagnosis

As a specialist team, we at Everlief know that it can be difficult to know where to start when it comes to helping children understand their diagnosis. We want children to understand that autism doesn't mean there is something "wrong", just that their brain works differently, and this can bring both positives and difficulties.

For this reason we have developed a workbook called "Autism & Me", and I'm delighted to offer you the workbook [here \(for free!\) for you to download and print.](#)

The workbook is perfect for ages 8+, and you could pass this on to your parents for them to go through together or with their permission you or their teacher could use the workbook at school.

The workbook incorporates information about autism, as well as games and exercises to help children understand their own strengths and difficulties, and what is going to help them to live a happy and successful life.

[Get your free Autism & Me workbook](#)

2. Comprehensive online course with "live" session - for parents