



# 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  
**£485**  
raised so far!

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

## RESILIENT



### THIS WEEK:

- PARENT GOVERNOR WANTED
- XMAS FAIR
- SICKNESS BUG
- Y2 COMPUTING
- ECO COUNCIL
- SAFEGUARDING SLOT
- ASDA FUND RAISER UPDATE
- AND MUCH MORE...😊

### ECO TICKER

Solar Panels  
MWh produced = 82.90MWh  
CO<sub>2</sub> saved=47.08t

### GOLDEN RULES

- READY
- RESPECTFUL
- SAFE

😊 THANKYOU MR GIFFORD! 😊

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Larch 98.6%		Elder 98.2%		98.1%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	46	50	40	51	40	53
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				BEECH & BIRCH		



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR

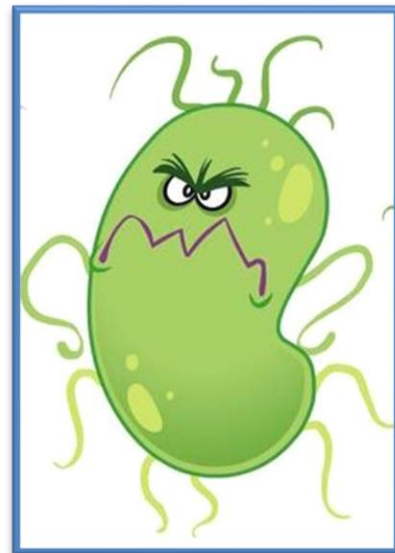


## SICKNESS BUG

This week we have had lots of children feeling poorly with a mixture of sickness, temperatures and coughs and I wanted to let you know what we are doing as a school to help to reduce the spread, but also what you can do at home to help prevent illness as much as possible.

### AT SCHOOL WE HAVE:

- Ensured that our cleaning company have been contacted and a 'deep clean' has been requested
- Provided year groups with additional anti-bacterial cloths and sprays for use on high traffic areas
- Ordered extra anti-bacterial hand gel for regular use in school
- Talked to the children about the importance of handwashing – regularly throughout the day with soap and water
- Reminded staff to ensure that children are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions – it's been a cold week and children need to have their coats on outside!



### AT HOME YOU SHOULD:

- Talk to your child about hand washing, model it for them and practise regularly so they are confident in doing this independently and it becomes habit.
- Ensure your child comes to school with appropriate and named clothing for the weather conditions – hat, gloves and coat for outdoors and tracksuit if possible for PE lessons
- Ensure that you contact the school and inform us if your child is feeling poorly and will not be in school
- You follow the NHS advice and keep your child home for 48 hours from their last bout of sickness. I have had to speak to several parents this week who brought their child to school despite vomiting in the car on the way!

I have been in touch with our local authority health adviser who has reassured me that these are the right steps to take and the right messages to reinforce with you as parents. Anecdotally I am aware that the NHS is experiencing a current spike in norovirus and other viral illnesses, so the more we can do collectively, the better and healthier we should all be. Thank you for your support.



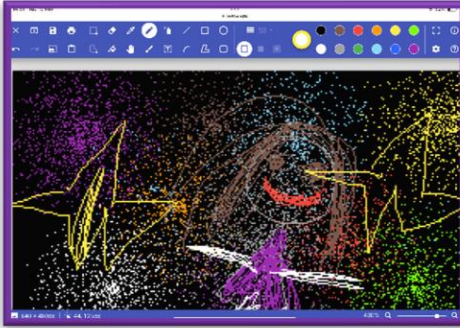
## THANKYOU MR GIFFORD!

This is the music equipment which we have bought with the voucher donated by Mr Gifford including music stands, lights, reeds, kazoos and manuscript paper. The gift was so generous of him and will be well used by all of our SPS children!

## Y2 COMPUTING

In Year 2 Computing, the children were learning about a 'digital 5 a day' - a balanced and healthy relationship with technology which included 'connecting' with others by taking photos, 'creating' artwork using iPads and 'giving to others' by recording voice memos for staff thanking them for something. I received of these messages myself and it made my day! Thankyou to Mrs Whelan and the children 😊





## ECO COUNCIL

In assembly this week we awarded our newly elected Eco Councillors with their special badges, showing who they are and recognising their important role within our school. They will be working with Miss McMaster to develop how we improve our impact on the environment and I look forward to

sharing some of their work in the weeks and months to come....

Well-done to:

NURSERY	ASH	ALDER	BIRCH
JJ & AMELIA	EDWARD	JESSICA	JACK
BEECH	CHERRY	CHESTNUT	ELM
IVY	CHARLOTTE	MASON	ROBIN
ELDER	HOLLY	HAZEL	LARCH
CHARLIE	MANHA	JASMINE	PIA
LIME	PEAR	PRUNUS	
SCARLETT	NEVE	AOIFE	



## SEEKING PARENT GOVERNORS

We are looking to recruit a new parent governor at **STOKENCHURCH**. Governors meet once per half term and have a vital role in supporting the strategic leadership of the school. They work alongside the headteacher, senior leadership team, wider staff body and other governors to support and challenge the direction and development of the school from Nursery to Y6 and beyond. If you would be interested in finding out more and arranging an informal discussion with Nick Stevens, Headteacher or Gary Murton, Chair of Governors, please contact the school office and we will be in touch.



## XMAS FAIR

Last Saturday we enjoyed our amazing PTA's annual Christmas Fair. Santa's Grotto was a particular hit this year and along with stalls, games, prizes, turkey rolls, mince pies, mulled wine, competitions, challenges, music and lights, we had an amazing event. It was well attended





throughout, very well organised and enjoyed thoroughly by everyone who popped in to support the school. Hug ethanks to Mrs Springett and the wonderful PTA team of volunteers who were brilliant and helped us to raise a fantastic **£3000!**

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Capes, who welcomed baby Lucy into the world on Wednesday this week, weighing in at 8lb 4oz. She is beautiful and we look forward to meeting her when you comes to visit soon! 😊



### 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 **£485** already and will keep a running total at the top of the newsletter so please share with family, friends and colleagues! We only have **8** days left!!

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

## SAFEGUARDING SLOT









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

<p><b>DATA COLLECTION SHEETS</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p><b>SCHOOL GATES CLOSE AT 8.45</b></p>	<p>The school gates close at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is in school by 8.45am. We are seeing an increase in children arriving late, which is disruptive to the class and to the school office team.</p>	

<b>PARENT FORUM RECRUITS</b>	We currently have Parent Forum vacancies in Ash, Holly, Larch, Pear and Prunus classes. Sadly, I have received no volunteers to meet once per term for these classes. 😞	
<b>SWIMMING SAFETY GUIDE FOR PARENTS</b>	<a href="https://www.swimming.org/assets/curriculum_swimming_and_water_safety-a_guide_for_parents.pdf">https://www.swimming.org/assets/curriculum_swimming_and_water_safety-a_guide_for_parents.pdf</a>	
<b>LOST GLASSES</b>	Is your child missing their reading glasses? We have a pair of children's 'Disney Brand' pink glasses in the school office.	
<b>UNCLAIMED CAKE BOXES</b>	If you are missing a plastic cake box following the sale last week, please pick up from the school office.	
<b>HAMSTER BEDDING</b>	We produce quite an amount of shredded paper each week, which is perfect as bedding for some of our little furry friends. There is no cost, but if you have a pet and could help us recycle in this way, please get in touch!	
<b>SCHOOL PHOTOS</b>	This week the children enjoyed their sibling and individual school photos. They should have brought home the proofs so please check for them and get your orders in ASAP!	
<b>SHUT THE FRONT DOOR!</b>	Both for warmth but also for security, please could you ensure the front door is closed securely behind you when you leave the school building. Many thanks.	
<b>ROAD SAFETY WEEK</b>	This week has been road safety week. We have held a special assembly in class to talk to the children about being safe on and around the roads. Please continue to teach and model this as much as possible when you are out and about as a family. Mr Sloan is working on our School Travel Plan and I know there will be lots more news and events on this theme throughout the year!	

## 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			
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	
	KS2 Choir at West Wycombe Festive Evening at 5.30pm	KS2	
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	
	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 <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.
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## COMMUNITY PAGE

**LACEYS**  
FARM SHOP & BUTCHERS  
**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  
Kelly Wreaths and deli items  
Artisan Local Produce

**10% OFF ALL TREES THIS WEEKEND ONLY**  
Laceys Family Farm, Finings Road, Lane End HP14 3LP

**AUDLEY VILLAGES**  
**Christmas Fair**

Free admission

**Saturday 30 November**  
**Time: 11:00 - 3:00pm**

- Shop for unique gifts: Jewellery, Crochet Items, Crystals, Handmade Home Accessories, Artisan Wooden Products, Cards, Wrapping Paper, and Wellness Essentials
- Live Carol Singing
- Delicious treats: Homemade Cakes and Fine Wines
- Mulled wine & mince pies

Audley Wycliffe Park  
Jones Way,  
Horsleys Green,  
Stokenchurch  
HP14 3JY

[www.audleyvillages.co.uk](http://www.audleyvillages.co.uk)  
01494 321200

**ELM HOPE CHURCH PRESENTS, HP14 3BJ**  
**A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

A fun immersive experience for all ages

Scrooge's fate hangs in the balance... Can he change his ways? Come and find out.

**Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December**  
**Free Gift from Father Christmas**  
**Free children's craft activities**  
**Free festive refreshments**  
**Open 2-6pm**  
**Free Entry**

Elm Elm Foursquare Gospel Alliance (Registered Charity 291514) (England & Wales)



### 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](http://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](http://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](https://buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/school-years-development/school-nursing)



Application deadline is midnight on 15 January 2025

### 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 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/>

**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