



# STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



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

## RESILIENT

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**POLITE REMINDER**  
OUR SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT:

**08.45am**

Even if you are only **5 minutes late**, it means your child may:

- Miss the register
- Miss the start of the day
- Miss what is happening today
- Miss the lunch register
- Miss something important
- Disturb the learning of others
- Miss part of their own learning
- Stop the teacher from teaching
- Interrupt the ladies in the school office
- Be embarrassed at walking in late
- Have to walk into an assembly in front of the whole school
- Feel anxious and different to everyone else

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE RESILIENT CURIOUS CONFIDENT INDEPENDENT SUCCESSFUL

**THIS WEEK:**  
 XMAS TREE FESTIVAL  
 Y5&Y6 CAROL CONCERT  
 KS1 PERFORMANCES  
 CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
 CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY  
 ASDA FUND RAISER UPDATE  
 AND MUCH MORE...😊

**ECO TICKER**  
 Solar Panels  
 MWh produced = 82.96MWh  
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### GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 TEACHING POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS: PUNCTUALITY 😊

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	96.7% Cherry		96.5% Alder & Ash		96% Pear	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	54	51	44	59	40	59
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				HAZEL CLASS		

# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



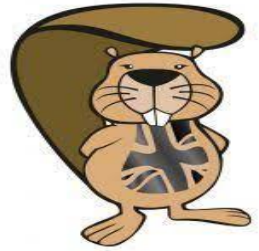
## THANKYOU FROM THE SALVATION ARMY



Thank you for your support for the recent poppy appeal. We received a special card this week to inform us that the school raised £442.39 which is a fantastic result for such a worthy charity.

## BEBRAS COMPUTING CHALLENGE

We're thrilled to share that our Year 6 pupils recently participated in their first Bebras Computing Challenge, showcasing their incredible skills in problem-solving and computational thinking. Congratulations to the following Year 6s who received distinction in the competition: Neve (best in school!), Eli, Tobias, Rufus, Alice, Louie, Jai, Adeela, Olivia B, Mia B, Pearl, Lukas & Ellis. Additionally, we're immensely proud that Neve and Eli achieved Gold awards, scoring in the top 10% of primary schools nationally. Well done!



## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH

The children in Year 2 were invited to join the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church this year. The children made some beautiful decorations and the tree is now decorated and ready for viewing in the church. The main event is during the Stokenchurch Christmas Fair this **Saturday 7th December**. We do hope you can go and view our **STOKIE** School tree!



## PRE-LOVED

### UNIFORM UP FOR GRABS

We will have a rail of donated, pre-loved school uniform available every Tuesday at the end of the day. There will be an honesty box for donations and all items will be in good condition and washed. Look out for the sign in Reception and pop in for a browse at the end of the day on Tuesdays if this is helpful. The lost property box will also be left outside every Wednesday after school so missing items can be reclaimed!

## Y5&6 CAROL CONCERTS

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons, Y5 and then Y6 children walked to the local church in the village where a gathered audience of parents and families awaited the annual carol concerts. The children sang beautifully on both occasions and the audience even joined in! Thank you to the Y5 and Y6 teams for preparing and accompanying the children and also to Mrs Brand for your musical directorialism! It was a super occasion and a lovely early Christmas present for everyone lucky enough to attend. 😊







### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday was Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch-day at **STOKENCHURCH**. The children dressed for the occasion in their super Christmas jumpers and enjoyed a super turkey lunch with all the trimmings – including parsnips and brussels sprouts! Huge thanks to our cracking team of lunch servers and Global Café for providing the lovely lunch and well-

done children for wearing your jumpers with pride – we managed to raise just under **£200** which is a fabulous achievement for the Save the Children charity 😊



### KS1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

We had a real treat this week as the children in Y1 and Y2 presented their Christmas performance 'Tinsel and Tea Towels'. The children performed to a packed audience and sang, spoke and acted out the very special story with confidence. Huge thanks to the teachers and TAs who helped put the performance together – they did you proud! Thanks also to the PTA for selling the raffle tickets.



### DECORATED CLASSROOM DOORS

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Thank you to the teachers and staff who have really got into the Christmas spirit to bring smiles to their children's faces as they come into class every morning. It has really proved a hit with many including the children's images on advent calendars, stockings and more. Happy Christmas! 😊





## 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 **£531** already and will keep a running total at the top of the newsletter so please share with family, friends and colleagues! It is the **LAST DAY TOMORROW!!**



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

## SAFEGUARDING SLOT



A reminder that 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:

### SNAPCHAT (AGE RESTRICTION 13+)

As one of the most popular messaging apps available, Snapchat sees an enormous amount of usage across the globe – with a significant number of those utilising the platform being under 18. For that reason, it's important to understand the potential risks to younger users when spending time on this app. Of course, it can be difficult to identify every hazard associated with the platform, let alone what can be done to mitigate these concerns. [This guide](#) lays out the key online safety risks of Snapchat, as well as how to safeguard your children while they use the app.

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

**Are you concerned about a child?**

ALWAYS act on any concern. Make a written record of your concern and share without delay.

Mr Nick Stevens  
Designated Safeguarding Officer  
Headteacher

Mr Stephen Sloan  
Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Francesca Avery  
Designated Safeguarding Officer  
SENCo



Mrs Kat Warner  
Designated Safeguarding Officer  
Nursery Manager





Miss Catherine Howland  
Designated Safeguarding Officer  
SENCo/Designated Teacher for Looked After Children

Mrs Judy Pope  
Designated Safeguarding Officer  
Administration Manager

Please do not leave the site without sharing your concern, even if just a feeling.  
Remember, IT COULD HAPPEN HERE.

## 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. Please do get in touch if you can help in this way or want to find out more 😊	
<b>DONATIONS PLEASE</b>	Our new Family Support Lead is looking to fill the Rainbow Room with good condition games & puzzles suitable for Age 7 upwards, plus match box toy cars and soft toys. If you can help - Please drop to the school office - thank you! 😊	
<b>CLOTHES RAIL ON WHEELS</b>	We are looking for a clothes rail on wheels to hold our pre-loved uniform stock. If anyone has one they no longer need, please could you donate to the school. We would love to hear from you!	
<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.	



### KS1 NATIVITY

Last night I (along with 160 parents and family members) had the privilege of watching Y1 and Y2's nativity performance of 'Tinsel and Tea Towels'. Based on the story of a school putting on a nativity play during an Ofsted inspection, the story unfolded as we met the inspectors and a team of school staff (and children) rehearsing and performing their play. It was funny and really well performed, including solo and duet singers,

ensemble singing as well as really good acting and confidently delivered lines. It was a joy to watch and I know it was a really special treat for everyone in the audience, proudly looking on. Good job everyone, with a particular thanks to the teachers and staff who worked tirelessly to put the show together. They did an incredible job and as a result the children were a credit to the school. I am looking forward to our matinee performance this afternoon 😊

### Y6 HAND BELLS

Thank you to Y6 and Mrs Brand for our beautiful bells in the church and in assembly this morning 😊





# 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.

## DECEMBER 2024

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Christmas Tree Festival entry at the village Church	Y2	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Christmas Party	Y3/4	
	Y1 Birch Parents Evening (15.45pm – 18.45pm)	Y1	
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Birch Parents Evening(13.30pm – 16.30pm)	Y1	
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	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	F2 Christmas Performance, 9.15am.	F2	
	F2 Christmas Party	F2	
	F1 Stay & Sing am. 10.45am – 11.15am	F1	
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	F1 Stay & Sing pm. 14.30pm - 15.00pm	F1	
	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



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



Application deadline is midnight on 15 January 2025

**ELIM 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 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Free Gift from Father Christmas**

**Free children's craft activities**

**Free festive refreshments**

**Free Entry - Open 2-6pm**

Elim Foursquare Gospels Alliance, Registered Charity 251549 (England & Wales)





# Buckinghamshire Family Learning



## ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

To book your FREE place call our enrolment team on 01296 383582, SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the [course code link](#) below

**RECEPTION**  
Support Your Child with Phonics and Reading (5 weeks) **EMPR063**

Monday 13 Jan - 10 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am
Tuesday 14 Jan - 11 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am
Wednesday 15 Jan - 12 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am

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**YEARS 1&2 WORKSHOPS**

Monday 6 January	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Help Your Child with Handwriting (EMWR102)
Tuesday 7 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Maths Through Stories Workshop (EMMN116)
Wednesday 8 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Help Your Child with Handwriting (EMWR102)
Thursday 9 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Support Your Child with Homework (EMHM028)

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**YEARS 1&2**  
Support Your Child with Maths (Shape, Data and Measure) (5 weeks) **EMMS047**

Monday 13 Jan - 10 Feb	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday 14 Jan - 11 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 16 Jan - 13 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am

Support Your Child with Maths **EMMN024**

Thursday 16 Jan - 13 Feb	7:00pm - 9:00pm
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**YEARS 1&2**  
Support Your Child with Phonics and Reading (5 weeks) **EMPR064**

Wednesday 15 Jan - 12 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am
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**YEARS 3,4,5&6**  
Happy, Healthy and Safe Online-tips to Help Your Child (5 weeks) **EMWB090**

Tuesday 14 Jan - 11 Feb	12:30pm - 2:30pm
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**YEARS 3&4**  
Support Your Child with Geometry, Statistics and Measurement (5 weeks) **EMMS088**

Monday 13 Jan - 10 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am
Tuesday 14 Jan - 11 Feb	12:30pm - 2:30pm
Wednesday 15 Jan - 12 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am
Thursday 16 Jan - 13 Feb	6:30pm - 8:30pm

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**YEARS 5&6**  
Supporting Your Child with Fractions, Decimals and Percentages (5 weeks) **EMFD135**

Wednesday 15 Jan - 12 Feb	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Thursday 16 Jan - 13 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am

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**YEARS 1 TO 11**  
Support Your Autistic Child at Home Workshop **EMAC134**

Thursday 23 January	9:30am - 11:30am
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First Aid Workshop **EMFA042**

Elmhurst Adult Learning Centre, Aylesbury

Monday 27 January	9:30am - 12:00am
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**IS SANTA A BIT SKINT THIS YEAR?**  
*Does he need a hand?*  
You are not alone

We all know how expensive Christmas can be, especially in current times - let us help provide your children with gifts this festive period

Our team of elves have been working hard to collect new, wrapped and labelled gifts ready to be gifted

COME ALONG AND TAKE WHAT YOU NEED FROM ELIM CENTRE, LANE END ON 23RD DEC 10AM-2PM

Please let us know if you plan on attending by contacting the number below

If you would prefer anonymity please contact Rosie on 07773 068777 who can arrange delivery/collection

MEET **Santa Claus** AND HIS **Reindeer**

CHRISTMAS EVE EVE  
MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER  
5:30PM - 7:30PM  
@THECROWN CHINNOR

In aid of Ronald McDonald House Charities United Kingdom

**THE CROWN**  
CHINNOR

NO NEED TO BOOK, PLEASE JUST TURN UP AND ENJOY THIS SPECIAL MOMENT WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS.



## Using the Parent's Portal

The Parent's Portal by AES is an online resource it contains

### Resources to watch and read:

A multi media library of information available to view and download, available 24/7

### Live Workshops and parent support groups:

Interactive sessions on the key topics, bookable in advance

### Discussion forums:

Exchange ideas and perspectives with parents and practitioners

Information broken down into four sections.

- Understanding my child
- Supporting my child with education
- Supporting my child at home
- Family relationships and sibling support

There is no referral required for families make use of the Parent's Portal.

Registration is straightforward with Autism Early Support.



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## Introducing a free online support tool for Buck's parents

**FREE FOR PARENTS FROM 1 DECEMBER**

To provide early help and guidance and an online community of support, Buckinghamshire Council have partnered with specialist local charity Autism Early Support, to offer parents unlimited access to The Parent's Portal.

This is a self-guided learning tool, designed for parents of children aged 2-17 years who:

- Have noticed differences in their child and they're exploring neurodivergence
- Have Googled, 'Is my child autistic?', or what is ADHD?'
- Have an autistic child(ren)
- Are awaiting a Neurodevelopmental assessment



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**create club**

# Create Club booking is open for the Spring Term 2025!

Contact Lisa on 07885 492952 or  
lisaandrews@thecreationstation.co.uk  
for details



## Well-being Online Course Monday 7pm-9pm

For parents and carers with children in Years 7 to 11

13 Jan to 10 Feb (5 weeks)

Y7 to 9: Support your child's mental health and wellbeing (FMWB057)

3 February - Help your child to develop confidence and resilience workshop (FMWB112)

10 February - Help your child with stress and anxiety workshop (FMWB105)



Help your child manage their wellbeing and mental health. To book your FREE place, contact our enrolment team on 01296 383582 or scan the QR code. For more information call/text Kathryn on 07770 641997

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