



STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



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



STOKENCHURCH STAR



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

RESILIENT



😊 ONE SUPER NATIVITY &
ONE VERY SLEEPY ELF THIS WEEK! 😊

THIS WEEK:

SWIMMING NEWS!
F2 NATIVITY PERFORMANCE
Y6 GT MARLOW SCHOOL
Y4 WADDESDON MANOR
CHRISTMAS PARTIES
ASDA FUND RAISER UPDATE
AND MUCH MORE...😊

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
MWh produced = 82.97MWh
CO₂ saved=47.12t

GOLDEN RULES

READY
RESPECTFUL
SAFE

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	97.7% Ash		95.7% Pear		95.5% Holly	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	54	49	75	59	46	61
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				ALDER CLASS		

FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



PLANS FOR OUR POOL

We are excited to embark on a new and transformative project that will greatly benefit our children, their families, and our wider community. We are aiming to build a brand-new enclosure over and around our swimming pool next year, and we need your support to make it happen. We have a website dedicated to the project which provides all the details, so for more information and ways to support us please visit:

<https://sites.google.com/stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk/pool>

It is a project that has been talked about for many years and we are really excited to hopefully bring it to reality for our children. Mrs Mayo and a small but perfectly formed group of parents have spearheaded the efforts so far and we have applied for planning permission and received support from the local council. We are in the process of applying to various organisations for grants and support so please take a look, get involved, support us if you can and keep an eye out for regular updates. Please share the dream with your friends and colleagues too

Just Giving Page: <https://justgiving.com/campaign/stokiesbigsplash>



SNUGGLE UP STABLE

On Thursday, Reception performed their own very special version of 'Snuggle Up Stable' to a hall packed full of friends and family. The stage was set beautifully and as the children took their places we knew we were in for a treat. The children did an amazing job and I (along with approximately 150 others) have spent the rest of the week singing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas!' Thank you to Miss Foster, Mrs Scales and the whole Reception team team for putting it all together – the children did you proud! 😊



DID SOMEONE SAY PARTY?

Y5 and 6 designed, organised and executed entirely independently for their Christmas party feast. Christmas parties have been happening throughout the week for most year groups and I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed them. The parties included

special party clothes, games in the hall and treats with friends in the classrooms and I would like to thank all the staff for arranging these for the children.... They are **VERY** lucky to have you!

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!



NEW DROP BOX

From Monday, we will put our new 'Drop Box' outside daily. Please use this to quickly drop in any forgotten items such as PE Kits, homework, lunches or gloves. We will ensure that all items are delivered to their rightful owners as long as they have a name and class clearly labelled on

them. Thank you – this will save time for both you and us!



SAFEGUARDING SLOT

Are you concerned about a child?
All staff act in any concern. Make a written record of your concern and share without delay.

<p>Mr Nick Stevens Designated Safeguarding Officer Headteacher</p>	<p>Mr Stephen Sloan Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher</p>
<p>Mrs Francesca Avery Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCO</p>	<p>Mrs Kat Warner Designated Safeguarding Officer Nursery Manager</p>
<p>Mrs Catherine Howland Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCO/Designated Teacher for Looked After Children</p>	<p>Mrs Judy Pepp Designated Safeguarding Officer Administration Manager</p>

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

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:

safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk

GENERAL SAFETY ADVICE OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON:

The holiday season is a time for celebration, relaxation and spending well-earned time with loved ones. While this period will hopefully be calm, it's important we make these weeks as safe as possible for the young people in our care. Of course, it's not immediately obvious what can or should be done to stay safe over the festive season. [This guide](#) offers expert advice on the steps you can take to enjoy a less fraught winter break, safeguarding any youngsters who might be present for the celebrations.

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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



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 – we are still waiting to hear from over 100 families.	
SCHOOL GATES CLOSE AT 8.45	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. Thank you.	
CURRENT VACANCIES	We currently have some staff vacancies in school for a 1 to 1 support LSA. For more information, please visit the vacancies section on our school website.	
PARENT FORUM RECRUITS	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 😊	
DONATIONS PLEASE	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! 😊	
CLOTHES RAIL ON WHEELS	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!	
AMAZON WISH LIST	We have updated our Amazon Wishlist – a way you can directly purchase items for your child's year group! To purchase items please click the link below. Thank you. https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c	

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

Mon 16th	F2 Christmas Party	F2	
	F1 Stay & Sing am. 10.45am – 11.15am	F1	
	F1 Stay & Sing pm. 14.30pm - 15.00pm	F1	
Thur 19th	Travelling Pantomime (At School)	ALL	
Fri 20th	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	

Y4 TRIP TO WADDESDON

On Thursday our Y4 children enjoyed a trip to Waddesdon Manor. They enjoyed a tour of the main house, full to bursting with traditional decorations for Christmas. They also



managed to see the art work completed by **STOKENCHURCH** proudly on display as part of their festive celebrations. Well-done children – Miss Blandford was really proud of you and you were all excited when you returned to school. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the trip and the staff for making it such a memorable day out!

CAROLS IN WEST WYCOMBE



Last Friday evening I had the pleasure of joining our school choir in West Wycombe as they sang in the church as a part of their Christmas Fair. The setting and sound were both festive and I was incredibly proud of them as they represented the school with pride. Mums and dads were also there to join in and as always they were lead by Mrs Brand. It was another little 'Happy Christmas' from **STOKENCHURCH!** 😊

Y6 VISIT TO GREAT MARLOW

The children in Y6 visited Great Marlow School for a return DT visit...to decorate the Christmas cakes they made their previously. They were really proud of their

achievements when they came back and their cakes were impressive. We received the following message from Mrs Cadogan:

"I just want to say how delightful both sets of children were yesterday completing their cake decoration. They were all creative and followed suggested instructions readily! They also did a great job clearing away, hopefully all the cakes arrived back in school safely. The members of staff were totally supportive of the children and me also, thank you! Have a relaxing break and enjoy the festive period, all the best Mary Cadogan."
Well done to our children for representing the school to such a high standard and thank you to Mr Showan and the Y6 staff for making it happen. 😊

AND FINALLY...

Finally this week, we would like to say a sad farewell and thank you to Mrs Morris who will be leaving **STOKENCHURCH** after Christmas to take up a new role at Garsington Opera. She has supported staff and children at Stokie for ten years and whilst we wish her the very best of luck as she embarks on a new role, we will miss her very much. Good luck Hannah!

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



SPRINGBUCKS GYMNASTICS CLUB



Need some
Christmas
shopping time
without the
kids?



**TRY OUR
CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY
CAMPS!**



**MARLOW CAMP -
23rd December 2024**
Court Garden Leisure Centre,
Marlow, SL7 2RE

OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES & EXPERIENCE, AGED 4 – 12 YEARS

Times: Mornings 9am -12 noon (£16) / Lunch Club* 12 – 1pm (£3.00)
Afternoons 1.00pm – 4.00pm (£16)

BOOK IN TODAY @
www.springbucks.co.uk



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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	SCAN ME
Tuesday 14 Jan - 11 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am	
Wednesday 15 Jan - 12 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am	

YEARS 1&2 WORKSHOPS

Monday 6 January	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Help Your Child with Handwriting (FMWR102)
Tuesday 7 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Maths Through Stories Workshop (EMMN116)
Wednesday 8 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Help Your Child with Handwriting (FMWR102)
Thursday 9 January	9:30am - 11:30am	Support Your Child with Homework (EMHM028)

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

Monday 13 Jan - 10 Feb	6:30pm - 8:30pm	SCAN ME
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

YEARS 1&2
Support Your Child with Phonics and Reading (5 weeks) **EMPR064**

Wednesday 15 Jan - 12 Feb	9:30am - 11:30am	SCAN ME
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**Create Club
booking
is open for the
Spring Term 2025!**



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

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.



SCAN TO REGISTER
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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



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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



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



YEARS 5&6

Supporting Your Child with Fractions, Decimals and Percentages (5 weeks) **EMED135**

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



YEARS 1 TO 11

Support Your Autistic Child at Home Workshop **EMAC134**

Thursday 23 January 9:30am - 11:30am



First Aid Workshop **EMFA042**
Elmhurst Adult Learning Centre, Aylesbury

Monday 27 January 9:30am - 12:00am



MEET
Santa Claus
AND HIS
Reindeer

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

In aid of
THE CROWN
United Kingdom
Ronald McDonald House Charities

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



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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



SCAN TO REGISTER

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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WYCOMBE VS BOLTON
FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER

FOOTBALL FOR A FIVER!

All kids tickets are just £5 for Wycombe Wanderers vs Bolton Wanderers at Adams Park on Friday 20th December (kick-off 7.45pm).

FIND OUT MORE
WWFC.COM