



# 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:

# CURIOUS




**THIS WEEK:**  
 BALANCEABILITY  
 ENERGIZE REHEARSAL  
 BISCUIT MAKING  
 GYMNASTICS WORKSHOP  
 ENGINEERING LIVE INTERVIEW  
 SAFEGUARDING SLOT  
 AWARD WINNERS  
 AND MUCH MORE...

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 Solar Panels  
 MWh produced = 83.08 MWh  
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**GOLDEN RULES**  
 READY  
 RESPECTFUL  
 SAFE

😊 Y5's CLASS ASSEMBLY WAS TRULY INTERNATIONAL! 😊

## 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Birch - 98%		Cherry - 97.6%		Prunus - 97.5%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	77	95	83	74	75	74
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				Larch and Lime		



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



You can donate to our swimming pool project here:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/stokiesbigsplash>



## RECEPTION BALANCEABILITY

This week our Reception children have enjoyed taking part in daily 'balanceability' sessions. Similar to the bikeability workshops that our older children participate in, this is a crucial opportunity for children to learn about cycling, safety and to develop their balance and confidence on two wheels. Whilst it was chilly at the start of the week (thus starting in the hall), the conditions improved and the children loved learning and whizzing around on Nathan Court. Many thanks to the team who came in to school to lead the sessions.



## Cherry Class Gymnastics

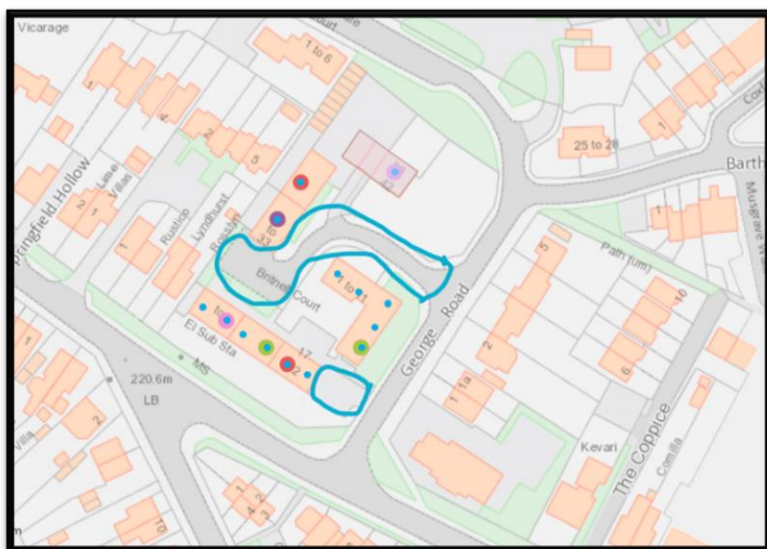
Also this week, it was Y2 and Y3's opportunity to try out gymnastics in the hall with our colleagues from Springbucks. The children always enjoy sessions when they can use all the equipment we are lucky enough to have, and I know they were inspired to keep trying and improve their skills, both individually and together. If your child has had a try and would like to do some more, please contact the school office who will



happily signpost you to Springbucks where the children can sign up.

## PARKING!

We have received a complaint from the Estate Manager at Red Kite Housing regarding their tenants at Britnell Court that parents of pupils of our school are using Britnell Court car park at drop off and pick up times. This is resulting in tenants being unable to park their cars. There will be enforcement officers patrolling the areas affected in the near future. Please can I remind parents not to park in the staff car park at the start or end of the day as you are



blocking in staff members. Many thanks for your support.

## Y4 COOKERY MASTER-CLASS

Y4 have really enjoyed preparing cooking and (of course) tasting their very own biscuits this week...yum!

## ENERGIZE '25

Also this week, we welcomed Victoria Gutteridge to **STOKENCHURCH**, as she



introduced the choreography to the KS2 choir as part of their performance at the Wycombe Swan later in the year. The children were brilliant and picked up the steps really quickly. As Victoria is in the process of visiting 25 different



schools, it was really lovely to hear her feedback about our children "I wish all the children were like these". That's really positive and a great reflection of our children's conduct and commitment, so I look forward to the Energize show later this year

## LIME CLASS ASSEMBLY

This morning the children were treated to Lime Class' super assembly which taught us about how the New Year is celebrated across the world. We learned about traditions, music, costumes and language from far flung places as Romania, Japan, Italy and many more. The dancing bears were a personal favourite(!) and the children should be proud





of themselves. Well-done to Mrs Jones for putting it together and thank you to Mrs Brand for her internationally themed musical accompaniment!

### UKULELE

This week Y3 had a treat as they started their weekly Ukulele sessions with Mrs



Lee. She has been working across several year groups so far this year and I know that the children pick up learning this instrument extremely quickly. They learn a number of notes and familiar tunes and sound brilliant together as they rehearse. Well-done Y3 and thank you Mrs Lee!

## SAFEGUARDING SLOT





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







### TIKTOK

Among children TikTok boasts approximately 220 million users, providing a near-endless reel of short clips intended to entertain, educate and more. However, along with its enormous userbase comes a significant number of possible risks: Ofcom have dubbed it the most likely app on which younger users would potentially suffer harm. With the platform reaching astronomical levels of success among the younger generation, it's vitally important for parents and educators to understand the risks it poses. [This free guide](#) lets you know about the most prominent potential dangers associated with TikTok and offers expert advice on how to safeguard youngsters who are navigating the site.

## 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 – we are still waiting to hear from over 100 families.</p>	
<p><b>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS</b></p>	<p>There are still some spaces in the clubsport after school clubs. For more information please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter or email <a href="mailto:info@clubsportuk.com">info@clubsportuk.com</a></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. Thank you.</p>	
<p><b>GARSINGTON AUDITIONS</b></p>	<p>The Garsington Opera team will be coming into school on Thursday 23rd January, to give your children the opportunity to audition for the Garsington Opera Youth Company, to be in the 2025 production, 'Uprooted.' The audition will be held in the form of a fun group workshop during school time. No experience is needed as participants are selected on the basis of potential. Please note that children auditioning need to be 9 years old by 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025. If you would like your child to attend the audition workshop, please complete the below google form by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January: <a href="https://forms.gle/Vazn41HxuyM4zkKz5">https://forms.gle/Vazn41HxuyM4zkKz5</a></p>	

<b>NUT FREE SCHOOL</b>	Please remember we are a nut free school. Please can you make sure that your child's packed lunch does not have any food that contains nuts, this includes chocolate spread. Please can you also make sure that if you are giving your children grapes in their lunch box that they have been cut up as they can cause a potential choking hazard.	
<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>AMAZON WISH LIST</b>	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. <a href="https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c">https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c</a>	

## 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.

January 2025			
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lime Class Assembly	Y5	
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Meeting 7.30pm at school	ALL	
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Garsington Auditions	ALL	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Holly Class Assembly	Y4	
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Larch Class Assembly	Y5	
February 2025			
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Elm Class Assembly	Y3	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Energise '25 Rehearsal @ 2.30pm	Y5	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Half Term	ALL	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can 😊	Please note change of date

## COMMUNITY PAGE

Thank you to **ELIZABETH GRACE BALLOONS** for donating a fabulous prize for the end of term raffle before Christmas! 😊





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## 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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The Parent's Portal  
by Autism Early Support

## 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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### 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

#### YEARS 3,4,5&6

Happy, Healthy and Safe Online-tips to Help  
Your Child (5 weeks) [FMWB090](#)  
Tuesday 14 Jan - 11 Feb 12:30pm - 2:30pm



#### YEARS 3&4

Support Your Child with Geometry, Statistics and  
Measurement (5 weeks) [FMMS088](#)

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

## 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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## Professional Sports Coaching for Primary Schools

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to confirm that **Stokenchurch Primary & Nursery School** are offering the following clubs for the Spring Term 2024-25.

Activity	Day	Time	Year Groups	Fee
Football	Tuesday	3:20-4:30pm	Rec, 1 & 2	£82.50
Archery	Wednesday	3:20-4:30pm	3,4,5 & 6	£75.00
Multi-Sports	Thursday	3:20-4:30pm	3,4,5 & 6	£82.50
Multi-Sports	Friday	3:20-4:30pm	Rec, 1 & 2	£75.00

Clubs will run W/C 13<sup>th</sup> January until W/E 4<sup>th</sup> April for a **total of 11 weeks** (Excluding half term) *Excluding Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (parents evening) and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April (school closes at 1pm)*

Spaces are limited to 16 per club and given on a first come first served basis.

If the uptake isn't enough, then these clubs may be cancelled so please do book a space if you are interested ASAP.

**To sign up visit:**  
<https://club-sport.classforkids.io/term/182>

Children will need to wear their PE kit or other appropriate sports kit. Please ensure your child has a re-fillable water bottle for the session. The meeting place for your child will be arranged by the school.