



STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



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STOKENCHURCH STAR



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

CURIOUS




THIS WEEK:
HOLLY CLASS ASSEMBLY
GARSINGTON AUDITIONS
PTA MEETING
RECEPTION BEDTIME READ
NURSERY ADDITIONS
SAFEGUARDING SLOT
AWARD WINNERS
AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER
Solar Panels
MWh produced = 83.10 MWh
CO₂ saved = 47.20t

GOLDEN RULES
READY
RESPECTFUL
SAFE

😊 WE HAVE SOME NEW FRIENDS IN NURSERY! 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Elder - 98.8%		Beech - 98%		Birch - 97.1%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	78	100	96	82	85	76
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				BEECH CLASS		



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



You can donate to our swimming pool project here:
<https://justgiving.com/campaign/stokiesbigsplash>



PTA NEWS

I had the pleasure of joining the PTA for their first meeting of 2025 this week and agreed that we would include a 'NEWS' section in the newsletter to keep you updated with the hard work and exciting projects going on behind the scenes. In this section we will share ideas, requests and signpost all of you to how you can help and support the fabulous work of the group. They provide so much for our children and in the current financial climate (and with considerably increasing pressures on school budgets), they are just something we couldn't (and wouldn't want to) be without. **DETAILS TO FOLLOW!**



SUPERSTAR READERS!

We've had some superstar readers and writers in Year 2 this week. Lots of children are getting so excited about their writing that they're even writing stories at home! Here's Sienna, being the teacher in Chestnut Class and reading her story to us all.

NEW ADDITIONS IN NURSERY

After the tiger came to eat all of the food in our nursery, the Zoo apologised by sending us some Land African Snails to keep as pets! We have learnt all about keeping them warm to make sure that they do not go into hibernation and the food that they eat. They eat a wide variety of Fruit and Vegetables but



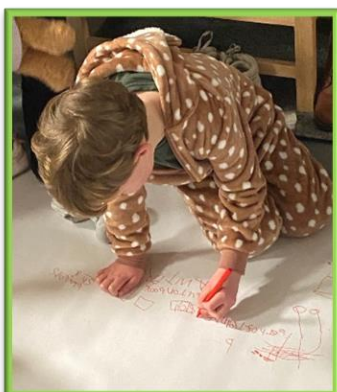
so far, ours LOVE tomatoes and cucumbers!

Some of us have been super brave and held our lovely pets, remembering to wash our hands before and afterwards as snails can carry germs! We look forward to taking care of our incredible pets and hopefully as the weather becomes warmer, we may even find some eggs in our enclosure!



RECEPTION'S BEDTIME READ

This week lots of our children in Reception (and their parents) joined us for our 'Bedtime Read' event. Dressed in their PJ's, the children enjoyed the story of 'Pirates in Pyjamas' and were challenged to draw and write what they imagined would happen in the story. The book was unwrapped bit by bit and the children





were excited to find out what it would be. Accompanied by hot chocolate and biscuits, it was a lovely session shared by all. Huge thanks to Miss Foster, Mrs Scales and Mrs Powell for arranging the super story time!

WONDERS TRICKS & SURPRISES CLUB

Y1&2 children attending my club this week had a messy yet exciting time as they used shaving foam, inks and

card to create their own marbling patterns. They were amazed by the effect it had and certainly enjoyed the messy bits. Well-done children 😊



HOLLY CLASS ASSEMBLY

This morning we were treated to a scientifically themed assembly as Holly Class shared what they have been learning about states of matter – solids, liquids and gasses. They used very scientific vocabulary throughout, were confident and clear and the songs reinforced the learning, sounding fabulous when sung in the round. Well-done



Holly Class and Miss Blandford – we were all very proud of you!

GARSINGTON AUDITIONS



Garsington Opera's Youth Company provides young people aged 9-19 with the opportunity to develop their creative skills and confidence through the exciting world of opera. We hosted auditions for the Youth Chorus this week and had 22 children audition for a place. It was a brilliant mix of both boys and girls and each successful candidate will receive a place in the upcoming season at Garsington, free to them but worth £1000! The

children were brilliant and I look forward to sharing the outcome of the auditions when we receive the results. Good luck children!

THIS WEEK'S SCHOOL COMPOSER

(Music we are listening to in class and assembly)



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CURIOUS QUESTION

(Something to talk & think about as a family)

If you could be any age for the rest of your life, which would you choose and why?

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

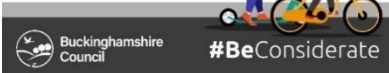
We will be periodically adding important messages and links to different ideas that we can collectively engage with to make our roads safer, cleaner and healthier. Watch this space for more....it will make the school run better for everyone!



Once again it has been brought to our attention that some vehicles are being parked inconsiderately during drop-off and pick-up times, resulting in local residents being blocked in or out of their driveways.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately and responsibly, ensuring that driveways and access points are kept clear at all times. Your co-operation helps maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and keeps the area safe for everyone.

Avoid bad parking,
walk, cycle or
scoot to school



Thank you for your understanding and support.

SAFEGUARDING SLOT

safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk



SMARTPHONE-FREE CHILDHOOD?

At **STOKENCHURCH**, we are committed to supporting the well-being and development of all our pupils. In line with this, we are encouraging families to consider the benefits of a smartphone-free childhood.

Research shows that delaying access to smartphones can have a positive impact on children's mental health, sleep, social skills, and academic focus. By providing children with a break from the digital pressures of the modern world, we give them the freedom to grow, explore, and build meaningful connections in healthier ways.

We would like to signpost you to resources




from Smartphone Free Childhood <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/> an organisation that provides valuable guidance for families considering this approach. Please also find attached their informative guide, which outlines practical advice and the benefits of embracing a smartphone-free childhood.

We hope this resource will inspire conversations at home and offer reassurance about the positive changes this approach can bring.



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	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 info@clubsportuk.com	
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.	
NUT FREE SCHOOL	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.	

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! 😊	
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.

January 2025			
Fri 31 st	Larch Class Assembly @ 9.00am	Y5	
February 2025			
Fri 7 th	Elm Class Assembly @ 9.00am	Y3	
Mon 10 th	Energise '25 Rehearsal @ 2.30pm	Y5	
Thu 13 th	Cherry Class Assembly @ 9.00am	Y2	
Fri 14 th	Break up for Half Term	ALL	
Mon 24 th	Return to School & History Week	ALL	
March 2025			
Thu 6 th	World Book Day	ALL	
Fri 7 th	Elder Class Assembly @ 9.00am	Y3	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can 😊	Please note change of date

COMMUNITY PAGE



Thursday 20 February, 11am - 3pm

Sands Village Hall, 12, Lane End Road, High Wycombe HP12 4JF

Residents and community members are invited to come along and discuss any matters with multi-agency teams:

- FREE Crime Prevention advice and security items
- FREE Health Checks and advice
- FREE bouncy castle and activities for children and young people
- FREE Waste/recycling advice and products
- Helping Hands – advice on help and support available
- Domestic Energy Efficiency- advice on grants and schemes
- Housing- discuss any concerns and issues
- Adult Learning- advice on courses available to you

Teams and local volunteers will be in the area undertaking high visibility patrols, engaging with residents, completing litter picks and dealing with a range of issues identified by the community.



Visit: buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-action-days



Wednesday 19 February, 11am - 3pm

Wrights Meadow Community Centre, Wrights Meadow Rd, High Wycombe, HP 11 1SQ

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Midday Supervisor

Part Time, Permanent, Term time only (38 weeks per year)
11.25 hours per week, 11.15am – 1:30pm Monday to Friday,

Bucks Pay Scale 1A Point 5 £23,104 pro rata
(actual salary £5,812.02)

Immediate Start Date

We are seeking to appoint a cheerful, well-motivated individual to join our valued team of lunchtime support staff.

Applicants will enjoy working with our amazing young people. Duties include supervision both inside and outside of the buildings and across the whole school site. The focus of the role is to support the existing team of Mid-day supervisors and duty staff to maintain a calm atmosphere and a safe environment.

We offer:

- A welcoming and supportive school with a friendly team of staff and governors
- An interesting and varied post with the opportunity to develop in the role
- Full induction training and ongoing support
- A caring ethos with support from colleagues and the leadership team
- A well-resourced school where children are respectful, considerate and well-behaved.

HOW TO APPLY

Further details of the post and an application pack are available on our website at <https://www.stokenchurchprimary.co.uk/vacancies>, and visits to our school are warmly welcomed. For further clarification of the role or to arrange a visit please contact the office manager on 01494 482112.

Completed applications should be emailed to: recruitment@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk

Applications will be considered upon receipt.

Interviews: Will be arranged on a mutually convenient date

www.stokenchurchprimary.co.uk

STOKENCHURCH Primary School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. All staff employed in the school must undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. The school will conduct an online search when shortlisting as a part of our safer recruitment process. We value diversity and inclusivity, creating a welcoming workplace for all.

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE RESILIENT CURIOUS CONFIDENT INDEPENDENT SUCCESSFUL



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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Integrated Care Board



Buckinghamshire
Family Learning



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

SCAN ME

[buckinghamshirereadoutlearning](https://www.buckinghamshirereadoutlearning.org)

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Stokenchurch



Thought you had missed a
Christingle. Come and enjoy the fun

on **Candlemas**

Sunday 2nd February

5pm

The Children's
Society

The South
Chilerns
Team Ministry



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

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.



SCAN TO REGISTER

241201 - launch



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 13th January until W/E 4th April for a **total of 11 weeks** (Excluding half term) *Excluding Wednesday 2nd April (parents evening) and Friday 4th 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.