



STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



AIMING HIGH ... FLYING HIGHER

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:

- ENERGIZE REHEARSAL
- SAFER INTERNET DAY
- ROBOTICS WORKSHOP
- SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT
- MYSTERY READER
- CHERRY CLASS ASSEMBLY
- MUMMIFIED TOMATOES
- AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels

MWh produced = 83.20MWh

CO₂ saved = 47.26t

GOLDEN RULES


READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 THE CHOIR ON THE WAY TO REHEARSAL THIS WEEK 😊

☺ THINGS TO CELEBRATE ☺

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Larch 99.6%		Prunus 96.9%		Birch 96.6%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	95	109	88	121	95	96
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				Prunus		



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



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



Y3 MUMMIFIED TOMATOES!

We learnt why the Ancient Egyptians mummified bodies to prepare them for the afterlife, and then had a go mummifying some tomatoes! We're excited to see how preserved they will be.

Y6 MAYAN ARTWORK!

This week, Year 6 have continued our learning about Maya inspired artwork and have been exploring mark making using natural materials. We collected natural materials from around the school site and tried using them to make our own Maya inspired and natural artwork.



CHOIR CHALLENGE(S)

On Monday I had the pleasure of accompanying our school choir to the Town Hall in High Wycombe for their first Energize rehearsal. They will be performing at the Wycombe Swan theatre next term and if the rehearsal on Monday was



anything to go by, the audience are in for a real treat! They were impeccably behaved and a credit to the school - many thanks





to Mrs Brand for organising it. On top of that we have filmed our choir singing and have entered them into the Oxon & Bucks Choir of the Year competition. I'll let you know how they get on!

NON-CHRON REPORTS & WONDERS OF THE WORLD IN Y6

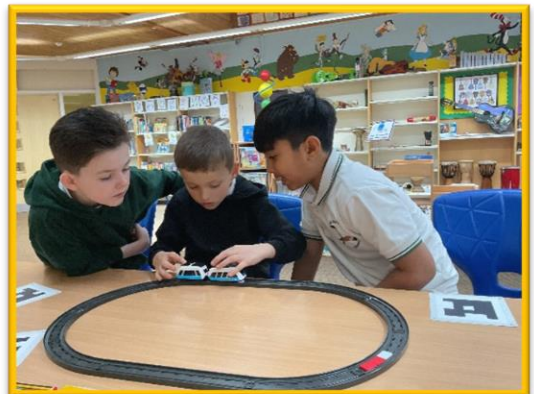
Here are some pictures of Pear class publishing their fantastic English non-chronological reports based on their own created 'Wonder of the World'. They did a brilliant job



and I am expecting several visits to the Golden Folder with their published pieces. Well-done y6!

SAFER INTERNET DAY / COMPUTING CURRICULUM DAY

On Tuesday, across the school we celebrated Safer Internet Day and completed 'unplugged' computational thinking tasks. Across the day, Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed workshops sponsored by Eko, where the children programmed Intelino trains and had to investigate how different coloured tiles on the track affected the train's actions. Meanwhile, Year 2 were learning about using algorithms to complete Lego mazes and Year 4 made pictures using binary which they then had to code for a partner. A key feature of



the day was discussing online safety and reminding children (at an age-appropriate level) about talking to trusted adults at home and school if they see anything online which makes them feel uncomfortable, with a particular focus on spotting scams.

FOXES PIECE SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT MONDAY 24TH FEB 2025

We are excited to welcome the School Council from Foxes Piece School, Marlow, to **STOKENCHURCH** Primary School on **Monday 24th February**. As part of our commitment to pupil voice and school improvement, our School Council will be giving them a tour of our school, sharing ideas, and learning from each other. This visit is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to showcase the wonderful things happening at **STOKENCHURCH** and to gain fresh perspectives from another school. We look forward to an inspiring and productive morning!

The **STOKIE** School Council



CHERRY CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday this week we were treated to a super class assembly by Cherry class. They shared their learning about Aviation and through facts and song we learned about the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart (amongst other significant aviators). The children were confident and showed off the model planes they had made in DT. Well-done Cherry Class and thank you to Miss Browne and Miss Muddiman for putting it together 😊



SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools/wow-the-walk-to-school-challenge/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opOzWJw1Hs0>

WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive **WOW Travel Tracker**. If they travel sustainably (walk/wheel, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

It's simple to run and children love taking part. Each year, the collectable WOW badges are designed by pupils in our annual badge design competition. On average, WOW schools see a **30% reduction in car journeys** taken to the school gate and a **23% increase in walking rates**. Plus, a whole host of other benefits.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL COMPOSER

(Music we listen to in class and assembly)



HANS ZIMMER

CURIOUS QUESTION

(Something to talk & think about as a family)

What is your favourite quality in yourself / someone else?

PTA NEWS

STIKINS Name Labels
SIMPLY STICK IN & STAY IN

Save Time & Money
Reduce Lost Property

Quote Our Fundraising Number To Receive Purch for School

WWW.STIKINS.CO.UK

Welcome to our PTA news section. This week, we have included a few reminders about how you can help and support the school without having to do anything...

Ways you can help support our fundraising:

1. Easy fundraising – booking a holiday? Ordering items? Go to our easy fundraising

page first and then access the company from there – each company offers different % donations, but a simple step to raise funds for the school! [Easyfundraising](#)

2. Our Blue textile bin for clothing donations, located at the top school entrance

3. Stikins labels for clothing - fundraising code is 22424 Please visit the PTA section (in the parents section) for more information about any of the above and upcoming events



SAFEGUARDING SLOT

safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk

REPORT FROM A CONCERNED NEIGHBOUR

Nitrous Oxide Canisters – odourless, colourless, non-flammable gas. Not flammable but will support combustion to the same extent as oxygen. When inhaled it leads to a state of euphoria, explaining its nickname 'laughing gas' Nitrous oxide is the least potent inhalational anaesthetic.








School neighbour has found 12 cannisters around the village and disposed of them at the recycling centre, she found one today across from the school and wanted to bring it to our attention.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

PHOTO PERMISSIONS

Thank you to those parents who have completed, signed and returned your data collection sheets. Part of this process, for GDPR purposes, is to provide an indication of permissions for use of your child's image. This number of children whose parents would prefer for their child's image NOT to be used, for example, in the school newsletter and on the school website, has jumped from around 12 children to almost 150. In order to respect those wishes, you may notice significantly fewer photos of school events and more images that are blurred or covered appropriately. This additional task may also mean that our weekly newsletter becomes fortnightly or monthly but we will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible moving forward. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



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	
PRE-LOVED UNIFORM	The pre-loved uniform will out every Tuesday afternoon located in the Reception foyer. Please come and take a look, there is an honesty box for any donations.	
NEW BEHAVIOUR POLICY	We have spent the last term developing our new behaviour policy following input from children, parents, staff and governors. This will be added to the school website in the next few days and launched in the first two weeks of next half term. Please look out for it and watch this space for further updates.	
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	
NEW HOMEWORK POLICY	Following feedback from teachers and the Parents Forum last term, our school governors have this week ratified our updated school homework policy. I will ask Mrs Whelan to pop this onto the school website early next week and will send you a link when its ready, all set for launch after half term.	

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.

February 2025

Mon 24 th	Return to School & History Week (No hot lunches)	ALL	
	Foxes Piece School Council Visit	SC	
Tue 25 th	Y3 History Day – Ancient Egyptians	Y3	
Wed 26 th	Y4 History Day – Romans	Y4	
	Y6 History Day – 1940s	Y6	
Thu 27 th	Y5 History Day - Tudors	Y5	
Fri 28 th	Y1 History Day – Toys	Y1	
	Y2 History Day – The Great Fire of London	Y2	
March 2025			
Thu 6 th	World Book Day	ALL	
Fri 7 th	Elder Class Assembly @ 9.00am	Y3	
Wed 12 th	Y3/Y4 Production - Ali Baba & The Bongo Bandits @ 6.00pm	Y3/4	
Thu 13 th	Y3/Y4 Production - Ali Baba & The Bongo Bandits @ 9.15am	Y3/4	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can 😊	Please note change of date

ATTENDANCE NOTICE

We have been asked to share the information below that explains how penalty notices for term time absence works.



Penalty Notices for School Attendance

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following will come into force for absences that start after 19th August 2024. This is nationwide and across borders if you move school or house. **Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances when communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.**

FIRST OFFENCE

The first Penalty Notice issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days and reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid with 21 days

SECOND OFFENCE

For the second Penalty Notice (within three years of the first offence) issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered

THIRD OFFENCE AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. If found guilty there could be up to a maximum fine of £2,500 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU
COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR
CHILD'S SCHOOL**

In law only the headteacher of a school can authorise a child's absence. A pupil's attendance forms part of their official school record.

Parents do not have an automatic right to remove their child from school during term time for the purpose of a leave of absence and are strongly advised not to do so.

Headteachers are unable to authorise leave of absence during term time unless they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. 'Unavoidable' implies that an event could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

10 sessions (5 days) in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.

5 consecutive days of term time absence can trigger a Penalty Notice.

Do not forget that Penalty Notices are issued Per Parent. Per Child. i.e. Two siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 2 fines. This could amount to £640

COMMUNITY PAGES



**WYCOMBE VS
WIGAN**
SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

QUID A KID

All child tickets in the Family Stand are just £1 for Wycombe Wanderers vs Wigan Athletic on Saturday 22nd February (kick-off 3pm).

TICKETS.WWFC.COM



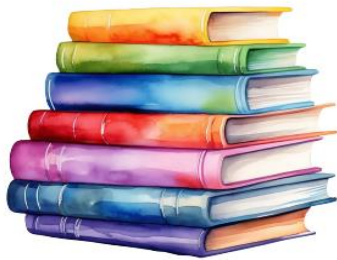
**WYCOMBE VS
BRISTOL ROVERS**
TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY






FOOTBALL FOR A FIVER!

Bring the kids along for £5 for midweek football under the lights during half-term for Wycombe Wanderers vs Bristol Rovers on Tuesday 18th February (kick-off 7.45pm).

TICKETS.WWFC.COM

FREE BOOKS!



-  Up to **3 free books** each day you visit
-  HUGE selection of fiction & non fiction inc. children's & young adult
-  We also take donations of books when the shop is open
-  Opening hours are advertised on the HW Facebook pages
-  No catch, no need to return them

4 Octagon Parade, High Wycombe
(when leaving the Octagon headed towards White Hart Street, turn left in front of where Sports Direct used to be - we're next to Travelodge)



ClubSport
Children's Sports & Activities



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	Wednesday	3:20-4:30pm	3 & 4	£37.50
Multi-Sports and Dance	Friday	3:20-4:30pm	Rec, 1 & 2	£37.50

Clubs will run W/C 24th February until W/E 4th April for a total of 5 weeks. 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.

The Saturday Space

● A club for neurodivergent young people (ages 10-16) ●

Build, code & operate LEGO® ROBOTICS



- Find your crowd
- Spark your creativity
- Have fun!

Where Marlow Youth Centre
Wycombe Road, SL7 3JD

When FREE taster session 1-3pm on Saturday 1st March. Then sessions 1-3pm on Saturdays 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March & 5th April

Cost Free taster then £75 for five sessions

For info Scan QR code



PARENTING SPECIAL CHILDREN

BRIGHTER FUTURES TOGETHER

ADHD course: Bucks

Online on 5, 12, 19 & 26 March

A course for parents of children & young people pre & post assessment for ADHD

Week 1: Introduction to ADHD

- What is ADHD?
- Challenges & concerns
- Strengths and opportunities
- Signposting to support

Week 2: ADHD and anxiety

- What is anxiety?
- What is the relationship between ADHD and anxiety?
- Coping strategies for children/young people and parents/carers

Week 3: ADHD and behaviour

- Attention deficit behaviours
- Hyperactive behaviours
- Impulsive behaviours
- Behaviour management strategies

Week 4: Support and signposting

- An overview of local and national support

Course will also include:

- Question & answer sessions
- Opportunities to talk to other parents and carers
- Facilitators with lived experience of ADHD

Time
7pm to 9pm

To book
[Click here](#) or scan code



Venue
Online via Zoom

Cost*
£50.00 (+ £4.88
Eventbrite fee)

Contact
hello@brighterfutures
together.org.uk

Websites
<https://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/>
<https://brighterfutures.together.org.uk>

If you are in receipt of low-income benefits, tax credits, free school meals or similar, ask about our Financial Assistance Fund for help towards meeting the cost of this course