



# 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:

## CONFIDENT



**THIS WEEK:**  
Y4 SCULPTURES  
F2 TO ODDS FARM  
ECOCODE OXFORD CHALLENGE  
Y5 CAROUSEL COMPUTING  
RND LEGO WINNERS  
SCHOOL DISCO  
AND MUCH MORE...

### ECO TICKER

Solar Panels

MWh produced =84.03 MWh

CO<sub>2</sub> saved=47.73 t

### GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 F2 HAD FUN ON THE FARM THIS WEEK! 😊

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	BEECH 98%		PRUNUS 97.4%		CHESTNUT 95.7%	
	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	122	113	111	144	111	120
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD WINNERS				ELDER CLASS		



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



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



What farm!

We

and were was

Next,

cow. four milk



**RECEPTION VISIT TO ODDS FARM**  
a gorgeous day we have had at the

started off with a snack but we were desperate to get outside! The sun came out for us whilst we played we all took our layers off (lots of us so hot we asked if the splash park open!).

we went to watch the cow milking demonstration before stroking the We were shocked that cows have stomachs and loved watching the fill up in the bottle.

Lunchtime! The highlight of many school trips - our ravenous bunch inhaled their lunches before going to feed the animals. We were very brave when feeding the goats and the sheep. We saw chickens, guinea pigs, rabbits, pigs, piglets, donkeys and lambs too!



Afterwards we took a walk up to the fields before enjoying a play at the castle. Our imaginations ran wild as we played in the sunshine.

We then went to our next workshop - rabbit time! The children loved stroking the rabbits and finding out what to feed them. We eventually tore ourselves away to go and feed the pigs and piglets.



Finally, we ended the day with a quick stop at the playground before collecting our things and getting back on the bus.

A big thank you to all the parents who helped and additional staff that came along. The children were absolutely fantastic and did themselves and Stokenchurch VERY proud.

So proud of you Reception. It's been such a lovely day!





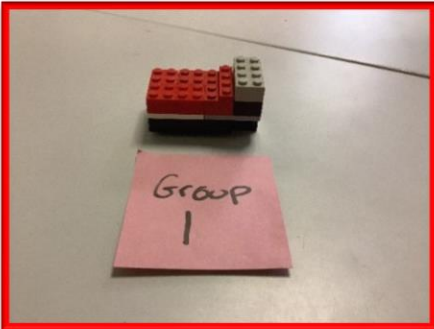
## RND 2025 LEGO CHAMPIONS

As mentioned last week, all of our children had a challenge on Red Nose Day. They had 40 seconds in groups of 4 to build a model of their choice from 40 bits of Lego in 4 minutes. They had to plan, communicate, take turns, listen and really work as a team. We've had some of the results in from the 'build-a-thon' below.... Well-



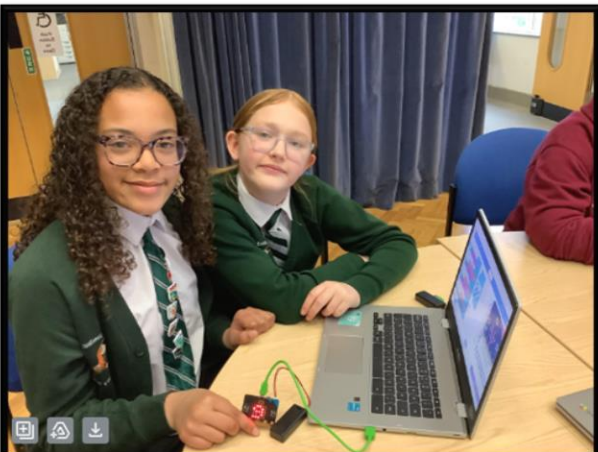
done to everyone who took part! 😊

F2 WINNER	F2 RUNNER UP 'ZOO'	Y3 WINNER
Y6 WINNER 'BED'	Y6 RUNNER UP 'BEE'	



## Y5/6 VISIT TO OXFORD BROOKES

On Thursday, Mrs Whelan and Mrs Foster took ten Year 5 and 6 children to Oxford Brookes University for the EcoCode Challenge. The children used micro:bits to tackle real-life eco problems, such as measuring the strength of spider silk,



understanding how spiders sense weight in their webs, and detecting cosmic rays with lasers. They showcased their coding skills using selection, repetition, variables, and radio signals, impressing everyone with their enthusiasm and representing the school brilliantly. Huge thanks to Mrs Whelan for organising the trip.

The trip was also possible due to the support of Stokenchurch Community Transport, who has been serving the village since 1994 and is operated

entirely by volunteers, several of whom had children who once attended the school. They took delivery of latest bus 6 years ago and it is in regular use. Journeys are usually crewed by a driver and a passenger escort and we will always welcome any new volunteers - they can be contacted on 07549 838 773. Thanks to Andy and the team for supporting our school in this way 😊



### Y5 CAROUSEL COMPUTING!

In Computing this week, Year 5 have been using Crumble controllers to program carousel rides, making motors spin and LED lights flash. They also added a push button to start the ride, just like a real fairground attraction!

### Y4 WIREY ART SCULPTURES

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed using their artistic talents to make sculptures from wire in Art this week. I saw (and recognised) shoes, birds and a whole host of different creations. Well-done Y4 – they were fantastic! 😊






## ACHIEVEMENT OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Jessica (year 2) is part of the Chiltern Cheetahs Cheerleading squad, which when attending a competition in Wales in mid-February this year, her team Cubs, won 1st place for their routine. The team meet twice a week in Beaconsfield and perform in

competitions around the country. Jessica loves "Cheer" and is very proud of her achievements there. Well-done Jessica – that's an impressive trophy!



## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<b>OFFICE PLEA</b>	If you contact the office by e-mail or leave a voice message, please could we request that you provide us with your child's full name along with their year group and class name.	
<b>NEW BEHAVIOUR POLICY</b>	Our new Behaviour Policy is now on the school website and has been launched to the children. It is a long policy, but the key / useful bits are Appendix 2 (Behaviour escalation chart) and Appendix 7 (a 2-page cue card summary of the policy). Please find on our website or use the link below: <a href="#">Behaviour Policy</a>	
<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>	

**NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL COMPOSER**  
(Music we listen to in class and assembly)



**Guillame Ferran**



# PTA NEWS

The children's Easter raffle will be held in the end of term assembly on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**.

Tickets will be on sale for the children from **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 20p each on the playground or in year group centres during breaktimes.



**We are looking for donations with an Easter theme (chocolate eggs, fluffy bunnies, etc). Please bring any donations to school from now onwards.**

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



## DISCO!

On Tuesday evening, the PTA disco hummed into action as 255 children attended ready to boogie the night away. They were brilliantly behaved in the hall and thoroughly enjoyed the refreshments on offer. A great fundraiser for the PTA, the children had a brilliant time and headed home...red, sweaty and clutching an Easter egg each. Thank you to the brilliant Mrs Springett, the PTA team and the staff who accompanied and help to make it such a success. Special thanks also to Becky who stood in to DJ at the last minute! 😊

## DISCO! DISCO! DISCO!



## SAFEGUARDING SLOT



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

Online games like Roblox can be a fun way for friends to socialise, but multiplayer gameplay with strangers comes with risks. Anonymity can lead to misuse, exposing children to inappropriate content or harm. In-game purchases and scams also pose financial risks. Parents and educators should stay informed about these dangers and how to keep children safe. [This free guide](#) provides expert advice on ensuring a safe and enjoyable Roblox experience.



A reminder: we're encouraging parents to connect through the **Smartphone Free Childhood** WhatsApp groups for **STOKENCHURCH** and **Bucks**. Please [join here](#) to find out more about [the SFC movement](#), and discuss ways to delay smartphones for children.

### WHATSAP WARNING

Recent concerns have emerged at school regarding WhatsApp groups known as 'Add Everyone' or 'Add Everyone You Know'. Schools and regional police forces across the UK have warned that this group exposes children and young people to explicit and harmful material.

Imagine a room filled with children and adults where images, videos and other information are displayed on a screen for all to see. You're probably picturing a concert, a cinema or some other happy family occasion. But what if the adults in the room are those with ill intentions? What if these adults could interact with the children and encourage them to bring other young people to the room? In this room, the imagery on the screen is sexually explicit, violent, and illegal material that's highly inappropriate for children.



Sadly, this nightmarish scenario is reportedly happening on WhatsApp through the use of 'Add Everyone' group chats.

An accompanying ParentMail has been sent home with more information.

### LONDON MARATHON CHALLENGE

Two of our parents, Emma Jones and Jamie Hunt, are running the London Marathon this year and are raising money for Rennie Grove Peace in memory of their father who sadly passed away last year and was so well looked after by them. To find out more and donate to the charity, the link to the just giving page is below and I would encourage you to take a look if you can. We will be holding a school mufti day later this term in support of the family and I look forward to hearing how the pair get on on the 27<sup>th</sup> April. Good luck to both of you from everyone at **STOKENCHURCH**! To help support their campaign we will be holding a mufti day on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** with all donations going towards Ronnie Grove Peace charity.



[https://www.justgiving.com/page/emma-hunt-1731260646038?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/emma-hunt-1731260646038?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

## 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.

March 2025			
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	Y5 Bikeability (all week)	Y5	



	Parents Evening 5.00 – 8.00pm (ASH parents eve Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April)	ALL	
<b>April 2025</b>			
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm (ASH parents eve Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April)	ALL	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mufti Day – London Marathon Challenge – Rennie Grove Peace Charity	ALL	
	End of Term – School Closes at 1pm.	ALL	
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of term 5	All	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can ☺	Please note change of date

## COMMUNITY PAGES

### 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



**BRIGHTER FUTURES TOGETHER**

### High Wycombe Gang Show

Come and join us for a spectacular variety show full of music and comedy performed by members of Scouting and Girlguiding.

**Everyone's welcome!**

Our show, now in its 39th year, consists of 100+ local members of Scouting and Girlguiding who produce, manage and perform the entire show with a live band.

Gang Shows have a rich history, dating back to 1932. The shows of today combine new and original material, popular music and dance with traditional Gang Show values of fun and friendship.


**Come and enjoy the enthusiasm, talent and achievements of our cast.**

**SHOW INFO**  
Friday 4th April 7pm  
Saturday 5th April 2pm & 7pm


£19 - Adults  
£10 - 14 and under  
Group Discounts Available.  
Performances expected to last 2 hours 20 mins including interval.  
BSL Interpreted Performances.

Lancaster Arts Centre  
Wycombe Abbey School High  
Wycombe  
Buckinghamshire  
HP11 1PE

Please allow time to park, there is a 5 minute walk from the car park. Disabled parking available.





This year we are proudly supporting



**YDA**  
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**TICKET INFO**  
hugsboxoffice@gmail.com  
highwycombegangshow.co.uk

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**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**

**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>

**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

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



**STOKES BIG SPLASH**

## Table Top Sale

Sunday 13 April 2025  
10am - 1pm

### Stokenchurch Primary School

Tables £10 each, payable in advance  
50p entry fee for buyers

Scan me to reserve your table or contact us via the below



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



## Drop in Sessions

On parents evening we will be running a stall in the hall so you can find out more about the project!

Come along and find out more, meet the team and our swim partners, Ducks 2 Water.

Monday 31st March 5-8pm  
and  
Wednesday 2 April 3.30-6.30pm



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Taking bookings for summer term now!



## SPRINGBUCKS GYMNASTICS CLUB



Learn tricks

Make friends

FANCY TRYING GYMNASTICS?

Have fun



Sessions for Reception up to Year 6 at Stokenchurch Primary

Mondays & Wednesdays 7.45-8.45am £10 per 1 hr weekly class

For more information or to book a free trial session please email Ruth at [springbucksge@gmail.com](mailto:springbucksge@gmail.com)

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