



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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£1,625 so far!

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

INDEPENDENT



😊 SHADOW PUPPETRY IN Y3 THIS WEEK 😊

THIS WEEK:
 SHADOW PUPPETS IN Y3
 NURSERY INDUCTIONS
 FENCING (PARTS 1&2!)
 NETBALL MATCH REPORT
 NURSERY'S STICKY SITUATION
 I.T. PLEA FOR HELP
 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
 AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER
 Solar Panels
 MWh produced = 84.77MWh
 CO₂ saved = 48.15t

GOLDEN RULES
 READY
 RESPECTFUL
 SAFE

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Birch 100% Pear 100%		Lime 98.6%		Larch 98.5%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	159	128	120	144	117	126
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			ASH CLASS			
HENRY THE HOOVER AWARD			HOLLY & ELM CLASSES			
'BUCKET FILLING' CHAMPIONS			COMING NEXT WEEK...			



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



You can donate to our swimming pool project here:
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SCIENTIFIC PUPPETRY IN Y3

Elder class loved concluding their science topic on Light with a puppet show this afternoon! The children used their knowledge of how light travels to create scenes from stories and tales, which

looked very effective and entertained the whole class!

BE KIND @STOKENCHURCH... HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET TODAY?

Mr Hoey launched a 'Be Kind' initiative at school in assembly this week. Every day there are thousands of examples of kindness at school between children, between staff, between parents, between children and staff and vice versa. We have provided all adults with



"Kindness Tickets" that can be presented to any child caught

being kind – in a big way or a small way. I presented 5 tickets before 9.30 this morning! The tickets go into a kindness bucket and the year group with the fullest bucket at the end of each week receive a certificate and a class treat. Based on the book "Have you Filled a Bucket Today?" by Carol McCloud, I

look forward to sharing the winners with you in the weeks ahead!



FENCING

Our new sports providers 'Premiere Education' started working with our children this week and as well as PE lessons and play time activities, they started their range of after school clubs, available to all of our children. I enjoyed watching a group of children get to grips with the sport of fencing on Monday in the sunshine, which I could see they really enjoyed! For more details of the clubs we are running this term, please see the school website.





THE OTHER FENCING!

Thank you to Mr Rose who spent part of the Easter holiday putting up some new fencing around the playground. This helps ensure our children are safe at all times, stick to areas where they can be seen and helps us with the storage of our netball posts! Thank you Mr Rose 😊



LONDON MARATHON CHALLENGE

Two of our parents, Emma Jones and Jamie Hunt, are running the London Marathon on Sunday for Rennie Grove Peace in memory of their father who sadly passed away last year. They have beaten their fund raising target and raised over £6k (including the £202 raised on our mufti day) so I for one will be watching to spot them amongst the runners on Sunday. Good luck Emma and Jamie from everyone at **STOKENCHURCH**, and good luck to all those undertaking the challenge this weekend!



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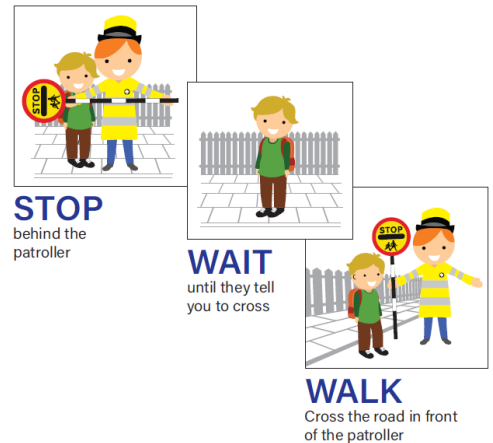
SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

A message from the Bucks Council Schools' Sustainable Travel Team

I am afraid that there was a very near miss incident on one of our School Crossing Patrol sites yesterday morning (not **STOKENCHURCH**). A mother and child using the crossing had entered the road with the Patroller, when a taxi sped by, narrowly missing both the child and the Patroller. The incident happened so fast no details were taken of the vehicle registration number so it cannot be reported to the police. The mother was understandably very upset.

Please can a reminder be sent to all parents to ask them, if using the Patrol crossing, to hold on to their children's hands, not step into the road until vehicles on both sides have stopped and the Patrollers have indicated that it is safe for them to do so.

Get to school safely



Parents and guardians

You are responsible for your children's safety, even when there is a school crossing patroller on duty.



Buckinghamshire Council

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

I.T. PLEA

We're running low on lightning cables (please see photo to the right) and need your help! If you have any spare ones at home that you no longer need, we'd be very grateful for donations to help us keep our iPads charged and ready to use. Please send any cables in, clearly marked for the attention of Mrs Whelan.



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>



NEXT WEEK'S SCHOOL COMPOSER

(Music we listen to in class and assembly)



LORD OF THE RINGS – MIDDLE EARTH AMBIENCE

PTA NEWS

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.



STICKY SITUATION IN NURSERY!

In the Spring term Acorns received a special delivery, they were excited to find a tank of stick insects which had been delivered to them all the way from India! This week they were even more excited to see that their 6 grown up stick insects had laid over 100 eggs, and that the eggs had started to hatch. Nursery are now the proud 'parents' of over 45 baby stick insects which are incredibly small and very fragile. I am pleased to say that all of our children have been amazing at helping to look after them, handling them with care and making sure they have fresh ivy and water to help them grow big and strong.



NETBALL MATCH REPORT

The match played against Widmer End was tough and fast paced. The girls got better and better as they went through each quarter, battling until the final whistle. Despite the defeat they never gave up and I was really proud of them all. Special mention to Mia who was chosen as the opposition's player of the match and thank you to Violet for keeping the scoring. Well-done to our team: Neve, Aniah, Tilly, Bluebelle, Emily, Charlotte, Mia and thank you to Mrs Peake for coaching them! 😊



SAFEGUARDING SLOT

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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.

[This free guide](#) offers practical support for parents and carers to help children use search engines safely. While search engines are a valuable learning tool, they can also expose children to inappropriate content, misleading information, or online scams. The guide explains how search engines work, outlines potential risks, and provides simple steps you can take at home – such as setting up filters and encouraging critical thinking. It's a great starting point for conversations about online safety and making sure children get the most out of the internet in a safe, age-appropriate way.

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.

April 2025			
Wed 30 th	Book Fair at School – book sales 3.30pm – 3.50pm (2 weeks – see posters!)	All	
	Y4 Hazard Alley Trip	Y4	
May 2025			
Mon 5 th	Bank Holiday – No School	All	
Thurs 8 th	Y3 ELDER class to Gt Marlow School – Food Tech Day	Y3	
Fri 9 th	Chestnut Class Assembly – 9.00am	Y2	
Mon 12 th	Y6 SATS week	Y6	
Fri 16 th	Alder Class Assembly – 9.00am.	F2	
Wed 21 st	Y4 Eton College Trip	Y4	
Thur 22 nd	Y3 ELDER class to Gt Marlow School – Food Tech Day	Y3	
Fri 23 rd	Birch Class Assembly – 9.00am.	Y1	
	Mufti Day – Tombola Prize	All	
	Half Term - End of Summer 1	All	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can ☺	
Please note change of date			

BOOK FAIR

The book fair is joining us next week with a special '3 for 2' offer on all books. It will be outside the front of school (weather permitting) for you to take a look at and enjoy. The school will receive commission on all sales and there is a competition running for the children to win a book token too!



TRAVELLING BOOKS

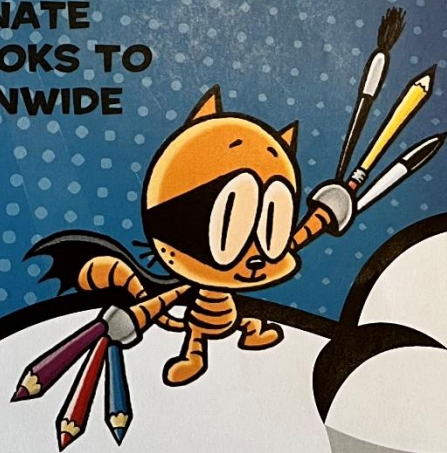
COME TO THE
3 FOR 2
BOOK
FAIR

FILL YOUR
SCHOOL WITH
FREE BOOKS
WHEN YOU BUY
FROM THE
BOOK FAIR*

READING
GIVES YOU
SUPERPOWERS!

GET 3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2⁺

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT
HELPED TO DONATE
OVER £5.3M IN BOOKS TO
SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE



Buckinghamshire ADHD Project

Free Webinars for Parents



Book Your Free Place Now... Click or Scan to Register



Session 1: 10 - 11:30am.
Thursday 22nd May 2025

- Creating an ADHD-friendly home environment.
- Strategies to improve planning, organising, and time management.
- Improving sleep habits and overall well-being.



Session 2: 1 - 2:30pm.
Tuesday 3rd June 2025

- Strategies to improve communication and connection with your child.
- Tools to help your child identify and manage feelings.
- Self-care tips to help you support your child effectively.



This series will provide valuable insights and practical tools to help both you and your child thrive. These sessions will be recorded and made available to everyone who registers, so even if you cannot make the live streamed session, you won't miss out.

www.adhdfoundation.org.uk

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FRIDAY YOGA

with Gabby McMahon

Longburrow Hall Stokenchurch

9.30am to 10.30am
SLOW HATHA FLOW

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