



# 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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£2,075 so far!

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

## INDEPENDENT



### THIS WEEK:

BOOK FAIR

HAZARD ALLEY

NETBALL MATCH (Holy Trinity)

WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS

SWIMMING

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AND MUCH MORE...

### ECO TICKER

Solar Panels

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### GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 Y4 ENJOYED A VISIT TO HAZARD ALLEY THIS WEEK 😊

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	%		%		%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	158	147	124	157	120	131
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD	BEECH CLASS					
HENRY THE HOOVER AWARD	BIRCH & LARCH					
'BUCKET FILLING' CHAMPIONS	COMING NEXT WEEK...					



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



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



## SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR

Just a reminder, you can subscribe to our school calendar so you can view forthcoming dates in your phone diary. Click on SUBSCRIBE on the [calendar page of the website](#) for instructions for your device.



## TABLE TOP SALE

Stokie's Big Splash recently held their first fundraising event - a table top sale! This was very successful and raised £210 from the sale. It was great to see so many members of the community supporting this worthy initiative and it was lovely to talk to them and get their feedback.



We are really pleased to announce that we have passed this £2000 mark on our just giving page! Keep an eye out for communications about our next fundraising events!



## FOOTBALL MATCH

Last Friday our football team travelled away to St John's School in Lacey Green for a competitive match against strong opposition flying high in the league. We were struck by absence and injury to 3 of our team but some willing Y5 subs were drafted in to face the challenge. Competition was close and there were lots of

chances at either end. Harry did a brilliant job in goal and was only beaten by a deflected shot. We came back strongly in the second half and with some tactical changes and encouragement from coach Hoey, we pressed forward and scored. The chances kept coming for both teams but the match ended 1-1 - a fair result that we were really pleased with. Thank you to the parents who helped to transport the team as well as Mr Hoey for coaching the team and refereeing the match. Especially well done to the boys - Jai, Bertie, Harry,



Austin, James, Joseph, Oliver, Archie, Brodie and Ethan - who should be really proud of their achievement! 😊

## SWIMMING



Swim season started this week and with the beautiful weather, has been a hugely successful start! The children have experienced a host of feelings including excitement and nervousness, but seeing children who have never been in a pool before finishing their first session by kicking their way across the pool is such a joy. The feedback from teachers and our swimming coaches about the conduct of the children has been really positive and I am proud of how it has been this week. Please be aware that as the term progresses, your child's swimming day may need to change day on occasions to accommodate other school activities such as trips

etc., but we will always endeavour to inform you of any changes as promptly as possible. I'd like to thank Mr Rose and Mrs Springett for working so hard in the background to get the pool up, running and ready for the children and maintained to such a high standard. Thanks also to Cerys from Ducks to Water, who has coached the children brilliantly and had such a positive impact already. 😊

## WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS

This week we have really enjoyed welcoming 8 children from Y10 at Icknield for their work experience. They have really got stuck in, helping the children alongside the teachers in class, engaging with them at break and lunch times and even performing in assembly! They have been a credit to their school (as well as ours as many of them are ex-pupils) and I think they should be really proud of the young adults they have become. Thanks and well done to Abigail, Eliza, George, Harry, Leo, Lily, Maisy and Poppy as well as to Mr Sloan who organised the experience.

## VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Next Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May is Victory in Europe (VE) Day, the day on which, 80 years ago, World War II officially ended in Europe. This is a day of national celebration and we will be marking it at school. Children will be taught all about the day in assembly on Tuesday and will be invited to come to school wearing Red White and Blue on Thursday. They will have an activity that teaches them about the day and we will have a short ceremony of celebration around the flagpole at 10am. Children in Elder Class are visiting Great

Marlow for a D.T. day on Thursday, so they are invited to wear red White and Blue and will enjoy the activity and flagpole ceremony on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. Similar to our Remembrance service, although this will of course be a celebration, parents and families are welcome to come along and join us outside the front of school for 10am if they are able.

## BOOK FAIR

We have had one of our most successful book fairs ever this week as families have been keen to take advantage of the '3 for 2' offer at the book fair. Available every afternoon outside school this week and next, it is a great way to inspire you children's reading and support the school. Thank you to everyone who has picked up a book and a special thanks to Mrs Clyne who has organised the whole thing. Watch out for the book-based competition winners next week!

## Y4 visit TO HAZARD ALLEY



On Wednesday, Y4 travelled to the Hazard Alley centre in Milton Keynes. This is a safety centre and the children learned so much about keeping safe in an almost real-life context. They learned about what to do in a fire, road safety, cycle safety, how to make an emergency phone call, how to keep safe online, how to keep safe around water, how to put a casualty into the recovery position and call for help...the list goes on! The children behaved



brilliantly and really enjoyed their day out. These valuable life lessons will hopefully stay with them and I'd to thank Miss Blandford and Miss Lovell for organising the opportunity.

### STAFF NEWS

Mrs Greenwood will be starting her maternity leave today. While we will certainly miss seeing Mrs Greenwood around the school, we know that she will enjoy this special time with her growing family. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Mrs George who has joined the staff team as a Learning Support Assistant and Midday

Supervisor.

### TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM... AND POSSIBLY BEYOND!

In just a few months, a prototype space thruster made by A British company, Magdrive, will be launched into space on its first test mission. Space missions often have their own patch, and some of our children have chosen to design the patch for this important mission. The winning patch will be used for the mission into space and will be displayed alongside the prototype thruster in the new Space gallery at the Science Museum, which opens in autumn 2025. I look forward to letting you know how our entries get on - I hope you agree that these look amazing!



## SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

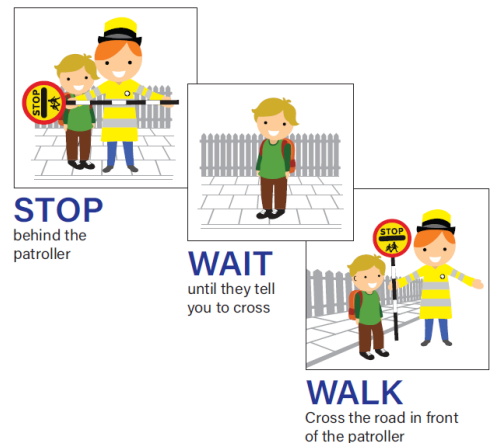
### A message from the Bucks Council Schools' Sustainable Travel Team

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

### 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.

and the Patrollers have indicated that it is safe for them to do so.

## 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.



## 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.

[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.

May 2025			
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – No School	All	
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 ELDER class to Gt Marlow School – Food Tech Day	Y3	
	VE Day Celebrations – Non-Uniform Day Children to wear Red, White & Blue	All	
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Chestnut Class Assembly – 9.00am	Y2	
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATS week	Y6	
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Alder Class Assembly – 9.00am.	F2	
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y4 Eton College Trip	Y4	
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3 ELM class to Gt Marlow School – Food Tech Day	Y3	
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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			

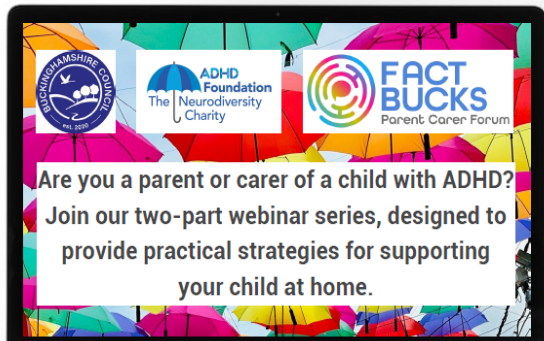
### BOOK FAIR

The book fair is continuing 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!

## COMMUNITY PAGES

# 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.



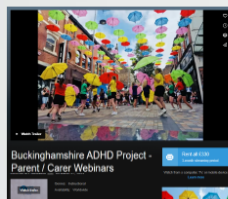
This series will provide valuable insights and practical tools to help both you and your child thrive. These sessions will be recorded and made available to everyone who registers, so even if you cannot make the live streamed session, you won't miss out.

[www.adhdfoundation.org.uk](http://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk)

# Buckinghamshire ADHD Project



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How to rent your catch-up videos

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# FAIR

READING GIVES YOU SUPERPOWERS!

GET 3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2<sup>+</sup>

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





25K,  
75K, 110K  
Routes

Bucks radio

Tour  
de  
Vale

Charity  
Bike Ride

CHIP  
TIMING



Sunday 8th June 2025  
Stoke Mandeville Stadium

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# THE GREAT SCHOOL RUN OF HENLEY

FREE  
RACE  
ENTRY

AT STONOR PARK  
SUNDAY 18 MAY 9.30AM

CROSS COUNTRY RACES

FOR ALL LOCAL NURSERY AND  
SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 3-17  
IN THEIR YEAR GROUPS...  
AND FOR THEIR GROWN-UPS!



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## FRIDAY YOGA

with Gabby McMahon

LONGBURROW HALL STOKENCHURCH

9.30am to 10.30am  
SLOW HATHA FLOW

Book Online  
[www.gmyoga.co.uk](http://www.gmyoga.co.uk)



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