



# STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



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## Welcome to Reception



1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that you have chosen **Stokenchurch Primary School** to start, and for some, continue your child's educational journey. Our aim is to work with you to build your child's love of learning, encourage their curiosity and develop their confidence. The early years are vital for shaping children's views and attitudes, and with us, your child will learn about themselves and the world around them. We are all very excited to be part of your child's school journey in September and look forward to welcoming you to our school.

We know that starting school can be an anxious time for both you and your child and we aim to make the transition as smooth and as happy as possible. We feel that working together is the best way to ensure this and would like to invite all our families who are starting with us in Reception into school for some transitional events.

On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 9.30am – 11.00am** we would like to invite you to join us at school for a **'Welcome Meeting' and 'Tour of Early Years'**. This will provide an opportunity for you and your child to visit their new classroom and outside areas, meet the adults who will be learning with them in September and spend time meeting the other children and who will be in Reception with them. It will also provide an opportunity for our new parents and carers to meet in preparation for September. Please use the Google link to confirm your attendance <https://forms.gle/nGrN7BizpShx6wn16>

On **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at 4.00pm until 5.00pm**, we are inviting you and your child to join us for our **'Reception Read' story session**. Your child's Reception teachers will be reading some of their favourite stories to the children and sharing some texts that will form part of our Early Years Curriculum in September. This session will provide an opportunity for the children to spend time together and experience a taste of what to expect when they start school. Please note, **the stories will finish at 5pm** and the remaining time between **5pm and 5.30pm will provide an opportunity for you to have a look around the classrooms and ask the teachers any questions you may have in preparation for September**. Please complete the Google link to confirm your attendance. <https://forms.gle/kEAPRjyCQLZhgYHr6>

On **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 4.00pm until 5.00pm** we would like to invite you and your child into school for a **'Stay and Explore' session**. This session will provide an opportunity for your child to spend time with their new teachers and spend time in their new classroom and outside areas; exploring, investigating and learning through play. Please complete the Google link to confirm your attendance. <https://forms.gle/za4HTEz9EzhQms8N6>

Before your child starts Reception in September, the Early Years team would like the opportunity to welcome your child into their new classroom without their parents. This is an ideal opportunity for the team to find out about their interests, skills and abilities so they can plan activities and stories that will engage and excite your child when they start school. We are inviting your child into Reception on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 at 12.45pm until 2.45pm to come and 'Meet the Teachers'** and play for the afternoon. If you would like your child to attend this event, please complete the Google doc. <https://forms.gle/TJNZ471bSMbjKU8VA>

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Lastly, to ensure your child has time to settle into school smoothly in September, the first week of school will include shorter sessions to support transition and settling in. Please find details below:

- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – INSET DAY: School closed for children
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – INSET DAY: School closed for children
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Children in school 8.40am – 11.00am (Settling in session)
  
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 -Children in school 8.40am – 12.00pm (transition session 1)
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Children in school 8.40am – 12.00pm (transition session 2)
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Children in school 8.40am – 12.00pm (transition session 3)

Please note, for the **settling in session on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, parents are welcome to stay with their child if they feel they need support to settle.** For the **transitions sessions (Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September) we kindly ask that parents say goodbye to their children at the gate and support them to come into school independently.**

When attending all our Early Years events please use Early Years Entrance, where I will be there to meet and greet you. Please make sure you arrive promptly at the allotted times as the gate will be locked after 5 minutes to ensure we are safeguarding everyone at all times. If parents and/or carers have been invited to stay for an event with their child, we kindly ask that there is a maximum of two adults per child.

Please note we will be sending out admission paperwork via e-mail in the next few weeks for you to complete and return at your earliest convenience.

If you have any further questions regarding starting school in September 2025, please do contact me via the school office: [office@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk)

Many Thanks

Mrs Warner  
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