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# STOKENCHURCH STAR



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

## INDEPENDENT



### THIS WEEK:

- VE DAY CELEBRATIONS
- Y3 DT DAY GT MARLOW
- NETBALL MATCH
- FOOTBALL MATCH
- BOOK FAIR
- CHESTNUT CLASS ASSEMBLY
- AND MUCH MORE...

### ECO TICKER

Solar Panels  
 MWh produced = 85.22 MWh  
 CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 48.40 t

### GOLDEN RULES

- READY
- RESPECTFUL
- SAFE

😊 VE DAY CELEBRATIONS AT STOKIE! 😊

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Pear & Holly 97.2%		Birch 96.9%		Alder 96.7%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	164	151	128	159	122	134
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD	ELDER CLASS					
HENRY THE HOOVER AWARD	ALDER CLASS & PRUNUS CLASS					
'BUCKET FILLING' CHAMPIONS	YEAR 3					



# 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.

## VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Yesterday (and today for Elder Class), we marked and celebrated VE Day alongside thousands of communities up and down the country. As they did 80 years ago, the children wore red, white and blue and following a special assembly on Tuesday, we gathered around the flagpole for a short celebration. We learned about the significance of the day and some of the lived experiences of wartime from the past. We talked about how the country marked the momentous occasion 80 years ago and took part in a minute's applause. The children took part in a variety of activities during the day, improving their knowledge and understanding of why the day was important and I was incredibly proud of their conduct throughout. Thank you to the parents who made the time to come and join us, and thank you to the staff and children for helping to recognise this special day in such a positive way.



## NETBALL MATCH v HAMILTON ACADEMY

The Netball Team played a great match away to Hamilton Academy last night. Despite the narrow defeat the girls never gave up and worked really hard. Congratulations to Neve who was chosen by the opposition as Player of the Match and a special mention to Emily for excellent shooting. Well done to the team of Aniah, Izzy, Emily, Olivia, Neve, Mia, Tilly and Charlotte, with thanks to coach Peake and the parents who assisted with transport.

## CODE CLUB

At Code Club this week, the children were programming their own games on MakeCode Arcade which they could then download onto

Micro:bits and play on our new games consoles. The children loved being able to create their own games to then share with peers. It was wonderful to see their creativity and problem-solving skills in action as they designed levels, added challenges, and tested each other's games. The room was buzzing with excitement, collaboration, and a real sense of accomplishment. Thank you to Mrs Whelan for making this happen!





### CHESTNUT CLASS ASSEMBLY

This morning we were treated to a very special assembly from Chestnut class in Y2. We followed the story of a hedgehog journeying through different habitats to find the right home and peppered with songs, we discovered the ocean, the desert, the jungle, the Arctic and the woodlands. We learned about the animals that lived there and how they have adapted to succeed, and we were really happy that Harper the hedgehog found her home in the end. Well-done Mrs Elliott and Mrs Brand – the children did us all proud! 😊



### FOOTIE UPDATE FROM MR HOEY 😊

Over the last two half terms, some students have had the privilege of representing our school in several school football matches. After starting our club later than most other schools, our Stokenchurch team has shown their desire to improve as players and as a team. After our first 4 games we have lost 1, drawn 2 and won our most recent fixture (8-1!). A mixture of Year 5 and 6 boys were selected across these fixtures, with each selected team doing our school proud. I (Mr Hoey) am beyond impressed with all the children's attitudes and mannerisms, on and off of the pitch. With several more fixtures lined up across the remaining terms, I have high hopes for what the team can achieve. A variety of fixtures are being arranged, with a Girls' team fixture hopefully in the not-so distant future. Both the children and I remain excited for what is yet to come. Come on you Greens!



# SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

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

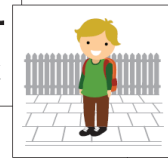
I am afraid that there was a very near miss incident on one of our School Crossing Patrol sites yesterday morning (not **STOKENCHURCH**). A mother and child using the crossing had entered the road with the Patroller, when a taxi sped by, narrowly missing both the child and the Patroller. The incident 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



**STOP**  
behind the  
patroller



**WAIT**  
until they tell  
you to cross



**WALK**  
Cross the road in front  
of the patroller

#### 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>



### THIS MONTH'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 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	
	Parent Forum Meeting 5pm	PF	
Thu 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	
	Half Term - End of Summer 1	All	

Letter available / to follow

Please join us if you can 😊

Please note change of date

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To enter the Tesco Community Pledge draw:

1. Register your school or nursery with easyfundraising
2. Ask parents and staff to sign up to support your school or nursery.
3. Encourage them to shop with Tesco via easyfundraising by May 31st. Each time they do, your school or nursery has a better chance of receiving £1,000 worth of funding.

Plus, when your supporters shop with Tesco in May, they'll raise £10 for you if it's their first online shop with Tesco, and 50p for each subsequent shop they do at no extra cost, all courtesy of Tesco!

**Let everyone know how they can help – for free!**

easyfundraising will help you get more supporters on board. Just use these [free downloadable images, flyers and messages](#) to share.

**Sign up to easyfundraising**

## ELDER CLASS BECOME CHOCOLATEERS!

On Thursday this week, Elder had the privilege of visiting Great Marlow School to take part in a special chocolate themed day with a focus on DT. They were brilliantly behaved and enjoyed the opportunity to



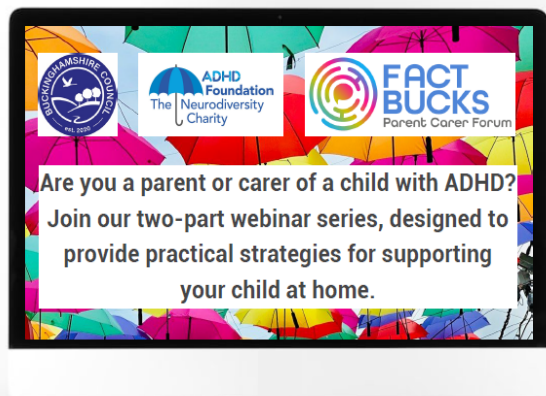
plan, discuss, mix, blend and bake a variety of chocolaty goodies. Feedback from the children was really positive and I know how much they enjoyed it! Thank you to Mr Pounder for taking the children and to the parents for transporting them.



## 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.



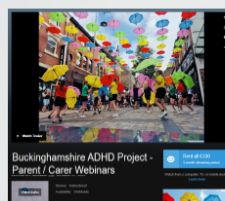
This series will provide valuable insights and practical tools to help both you and your child thrive. These sessions will be recorded and made available to everyone who registers, so even if you cannot make the live streamed session, you won't miss out.

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

### Buckinghamshire ADHD Project



01 - Follow the link in the post-webinar email and click 'Rent All'



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How to rent your catch-up videos



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



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