



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

SUCCESSFUL



THIS WEEK:
 Y6 LITTLE CANADA
 Y3 & Y4 SPORTS CAROUSEL
 WATER SAFETY WEEK
 SUMMER DISCO
 Y4 PYJAMA DAY
 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
 AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER
 Solar Panels
 MWh produced = 86.58 MWh
 CO₂ saved = 49.17 t

GOLDEN RULES
 READY
 RESPECTFUL
 SAFE

😊 Ooooooh Hokey Cokey Cokey..... 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	100% Prunus		99.7% Cherry & Pear		99% Lime	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	179	172	140	185	192	144
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD	Acorns Class					
HENRY THE HOOVER AWARD	Elder Class & Hazel Class					
'BUCKET FILLING' CHAMPIONS	Year 5					



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



You can donate to our swimming pool project here:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/stokiesbigsplash>

Together, we can make waves and build something amazing!

#SwimForAll #CommunitySupport #ThankYou #MakeADifference #Fundraiser #TogetherWeCan

📅 SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CALENDAR

Just a quick reminder – you can **subscribe to our school calendar** so all our important dates appear directly in your **phone diary**. Simply click on **SUBSCRIBE** on the **calendar page** of the website and follow the instructions for your device. Stay up to date with ease – no more missing events! ✓



POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS

I have been really touched by a couple of parents who have reached out following a trip or experience their child has enjoyed to say thank you to the member(s) of staff who put so much work and effort into organising these extras for your children. I always pass them on and celebrate them with those concerned and it really lifts everyone

when it happens. If you have popped a 'thank you' to the office in the last couple of weeks, thank YOU...it is much appreciated!



SUMMER SCHOOL DISCO

Thanks to DJ Chris for leading the two PTA discos this week. We were joined by 230 children from across the school who took advantage of the beautiful weather to dance the early evening away in fine weather on the school playground. Fuelled by refreshments from the PTA, the children had a brilliant time so thank you to all the PTA members, staff and governors for making the event such a success!



Y6 IOW TRIP

The Y6 children have had a beautifully sunny, exciting and tiring week on their residential on the Isle of Wight. They have climbed and swung and scrambled and swam and fallen and eaten and hidden and fired and ducked and paddled and tied and helped and laughed ALL WEEK!

Updates are on the school website in the [News section](#) so please do check it out...I hope to have a fuller report next week (when they are back)!

HOT WEATHER

I would like to thank everyone for their support during the extremely hot spell this week. The temperature just outside my office hit 41 degrees on Thursday afternoon! We adapt accordingly to all conditions of course and simple steps help all of us remain as comfortable as possible. Adjusting our uniform policy is a start, and coupled with sun hats, cream, lots of water, fans and reduced time in the direct sun, we do all we can to look after all of the children. Please ensure that all clothes are named so that they can be returned if taken off and left on the field! Thank you to all the staff for all you do to look after our children in this way. 😊





GREENHOUSE

Thanks to the kind donation of plants from Abundance Seedlings, the hard work of a small band of dedicated parents and grandparents and the passion of a small group of our children, the polytunnel is transformed. From jungle to allotment, we are growing tomatoes, peppers, marrows, courgettes, cucumbers, sunflowers, butternut squash and more and if you look at the before and after pics you will see a huge difference. I hope they will survive the heat as it is incredibly hot in there and I look forward to sharing progress and produce over the next few weeks. 😊



UKULELE

Some of our children enjoy a weekly ukulele lesson and I captured our group ensemble as I passed the music room earlier this week. They sounded brilliant. Thanks to Mrs Lee for your tutelage.



WATER SAFETY WEEK

We've been marking Water Safety Week





with special sessions in the pool for all of our swimmers this week. Building confidence is hugely important and I know the children love learning in the safety of our pool. Thank you to Cerys from Ducks to Water for making these sessions to engaging and enjoyable. Next week we will also be hosting visitors from the River and Canal trust for a special assembly about safety around bodies of water. We will also be reminding the children that the emergency number in the UK is 999 (as lots of the Y5 children today thought it was 911!).

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

AMAZON WISH LIST

Amazon Wishlist Updated!

We've updated our Amazon Wishlist – a simple way for you to directly purchase items to support your child's year group!  
To browse and buy, just click the link below:

 <https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c>

Thank you so much for your continued support! 



ROAD SAFETY

Sharing an email from a concerned parent:

“ I would like to alert you to the fact that I have witnessed increasingly dangerous behaviour in and around pick up times.

I have seen a few near misses between cars for varying reasons including doors flying open without checking, lack of indicating etc.

and one particular instance where a child just walked straight into the road from their parked car without looking.

Luckily the driver of the moving car was driving very slowly but was forced to brake hard! it was very close! The parent of the child,

glared at the driver of the moving car but seemed totally oblivious that it was his child that was in the wrong.

The unofficial one-way system seems to have been largely forgotten, as there are increasingly frequent issues and unnecessary congestion caused by 2-way traffic.

The cars that wait inside the school grounds at pickup (taxis?) are serial offenders. Parking also is another concern where some cars are double parking, to the point where traffic can barely get through the remaining gap.”

Please can I remind all road users, be they in cars or on foot, to please take greater care in and around the school. If using the one way system, please enter at the Pigeon Farm Road end. Please access the school site on foot through the pedestrian gates only and as always, please park safely and considerately. Thank you.



THIS MONTH'S SCHOOL COMPOSER (Music we listen to in class and assembly)



Ola Gjeilo



SAFEGUARDING SLOT

safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk

VIOLENT CONTENT ONLINE

Many children are coming across violent or upsetting content online, even if they're not looking for it – often through social media or videos shared by

others. This exposure can affect their feelings and behaviour, sometimes making harmful ideas seem normal. Our latest online safety guide for parents explains these risks and offers practical advice on how to support your child. It also highlights why some young people might feel pressured to share or create violent content themselves. You can read the full guide here: [Violent Online Content – Parent Guide \(PDF\)](#).

YOU TUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids promises a safe, child-centric experience with colourful visuals, age-filtered content, and robust parental controls. Designed to appeal to younger viewers, the app has grown rapidly, being used by tens of millions of children worldwide. But is it as safe as it seems?

Despite YouTube Kids' safeguards, reports have highlighted worrying issues, such as inappropriate content slipping through filters, subtle advertising, and the use of manipulative design to keep children engaged. [This guide](#) explores how to navigate these pitfalls, offering practical advice for making sure children get the most from the platform – without the risks.

For more information and helpful tips, please visit our Online Safety page on the school website, where you'll find a range of useful resources to support families in keeping children safe online: [Online Safety](#).

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.

June 2025			
Wed 25 th	Sports Day F1, F2, Y1 & Y2 (9.30) Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (12.30)	All	
Fri 27 th	Beech Class Assembly	Y1	
July 2025			
Tues 1 st	Y1 Trip to Science Museum	Y1	
	Y6 Bucks Induction Day (1 of 2)	Y6	
	Y5 Willen Lake Award Ceremony @ 9.00am	Y5	
Wed 2 nd	Y6 Bucks Induction Day (2 of 2)	Y6	
Sat 5 th	School Summer Fete (11am - 2pm)	All	
Tues 8 th	Icknield Induction Day (1 of 2)	Y6	
	Y5 To Garsington Opera (12.30-15.00)	Y5	
Wed 9 th	Nursery Mini Sports Event	F1	
	Icknield Induction Day (2 of 2)		
Wed 16 th	Meet the New Teacher	All	
Fri 18 th	Reports Home	All	
Wed 23 rd	End of term @ 1pm		
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can 😊	
Please note change of date			

COMMUNITY PAGES



A FREE two-hour workshops for parents and carers of Year 6 children in Buckinghamshire schools

Part I - Becoming Independent in Readiness for Secondary School (FMTR108)

How can I build my child's confidence, resilience and independence, helping to make the move into Secondary school a positive one?

📅 Wednesday 2nd July, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

📅 Wednesday 2nd July, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

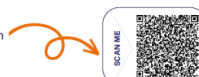
Part II - Getting Prepared for Starting Secondary School (FMTR109)

How can I prepare my child with their move to Secondary school and understand the changes in expectations and within the curriculum?

📅 Wednesday 9th July, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

📅 Wednesday 9th July, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

To book your FREE place, choose a date and contact our enrolment team on 01296 383582, scan the QR code or click on the link. For more information call/text Lou on 07814 305345



**£1
PER ADULT**

KIDS GO FREE

**STOKENCHURCH
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

SUMMER

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Saturday 5th July

~11am - 2pm ~

- ☆ BOUNCY CASTLE ☆ RAFFLE ☆ BAR ☆
- ☆ TOMBOLAS ☆ GIANT SLIDE ☆
- ☆ ENTERTAINMENT ☆ MARKET STALLS ☆
- ☆ YUMMY FOOD ☆ AND MUCH MORE!

FRIENDS



Join in THE FUN

Support Your Local School





RLSS WATER SAFETY ADVICE



It is vital that the whole family knows basic water safety and what to do if they find themselves in the water unexpectedly. Fatal and devastating drowning incidents typically increase as children come into their later teens, especially in males. It is also a time for young people to look for adventure and so learning how to enjoy the water safely provides confidence, resilience and opens up more opportunities.

With Drowning Prevention Week around the corner, the RLSS have produced a range of educational resources. There is a really informative video titled 'Drowning, Don't Let It Be You' and we would encourage you to have a look at these with your child. <https://www.rlss.org.uk/>

The following Summer Water Safety Guidance provides valuable advice in keeping safe in and around water during the summer months and the National Water Safety Code provides 4 simple messages which could potentially save a life:

Summer WATER SAFETY

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

- ENTER SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY
- STAY WITHIN REACH
- ALWAYS BE SUPERVISED

In an emergency...

- CALL 999
- IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP

Summer WATER SAFETY

BEACH FLAGS

The beach flags are displayed by the Beach Lifeguards in controlled areas to provide guidance on the water and the wind conditions. The flags also inform beach users where the swimming and water sports zones are located.

- RED AND YELLOW LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY**
Between the flags is the safest place to swim
- RED DANGEROUS AREA**
Lifeguards are not watching this area
Do not swim here
- BLACK AND WHITE WATER SPORTS AREA**
Do not swim here
- ORANGE WINDSOCK SHOWS THE DIRECTION AND STRENGTH OF THE WIND**
Be aware of winds blowing out to sea

#ENJOYWATERSAFELY

For more information visit www.rlss.org.uk

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY UK

Whenever you are around water:

- STOP AND THINK**
Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.
- STAY TOGETHER**
When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

- CALL 999**
Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- FLOAT**
Full on become float - stay calm, float on your back without too help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has tubes on.

Enjoy Water Safety

Learn basic floating and CPR skills visit www.rlss.org.uk

DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK



14-21 JUNE
2025



The Royal Lifesaving Society Child Drowning Update (Sept 2024) sadly reports that the number of child drowning deaths has doubled, with 125 child fatalities in England across the last four years. 51 children drowned in inland open water. 16% of these were aged 5-12 years old and 41% were 13-17 years old.

The Royal Life Saving Society's (RLSS) campaign is designed to explore a multitude of opportunities to proactively raise awareness of water safety ahead of a summer outdoors. Starting in May, through the summer, the risk to the public through accidental drowning increases significantly - DPW is critical in raising awareness and encouraging the public to enjoy water safely.

Every young person should have access to water safety skills that can be used throughout their life, no matter their background. This knowledge will keep them safe around the water and enrich their opportunities to engage in water-related activities and play.

Summer
WATER SAFETY

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-  ALWAYS BE SUPERVISED

In an emergency...

-  CALL 999
-  IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP

Summer water safety

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

- **Enter slowly and carefully**
Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- **Stay within reach**
Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- **Always be supervised**
Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.

Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

In an emergency...

- **Call 999**
If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- **If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help**
Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



STOP AND THINK



STAY TOGETHER



CALL 999



FLOAT