



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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£53,579 so far!

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

SUCCESSFUL



😄 THAT'S IT MR SHOWAN...KEEP PULLING! 😄

THIS WEEK:
SPORTS DAY
GARSINGTON
BEECH ASSEMBLY
SPONSORED SWIM
ISLE OF WIGHT
ICKNIELD BUDDYING
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER
Solar Panels
MWh produced = 86.78MWh
CO₂ saved = 49.29 t

GOLDEN RULES
READY
RESPECTFUL
SAFE

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Pear 99.1%		Beech/Cherry 98.6%		Birch 98.3%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	179	181	143	186	193	198
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			TBC			
HENRY THE HOOVER AWARD			Acorns & Alder			
'BUCKET FILLING' CHAMPIONS			TBC			



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



NURSERY BIG READ

Thank you to Miss Masterton and Mrs Warner for hosting a very special 'Stay and Read' session for parents and some of our new Nursery children this week. Full of nursery rhymes, singing and classic children's tales, it was a great way to introduce our newbies to nursery. Thank you and well done to everyone who attended so enthusiastically!



STOKIE'S SPONSORED SWIM CHALLENGE

During the week beginning 7 July 2025, all children are invited to take part in our Sponsored Swim Challenge during their usual weekly swimming lessons in school. We are challenging our children to swim as many lengths or widths as possible during their lessons to help us reach our £200,000 fundraising goal. If every swimmer in school was sponsored just £10, we could raise up to £5,000 in a week with Gift Aid!

Each participating child will receive a certificate, and there are also prizes available:

- The top swimmer in each year group will win a prize
- The year group that raises the most money will win a celebratory ice pop party

HOW TO SPONSOR

Sponsoring is easy! So that each child's sponsorship can be tracked, we have created a sponsorship form for this event. Simply complete the sponsorship form and don't forget the all-important Gift Aid declaration if the sponsor is eligible – it allows us to collect an additional 25p for every £1 sponsored from the government. Online sponsorship can be made via:

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

Please ensure you clearly indicate which year group you are sponsoring so that we can track the winning year group! Thank you for your support We truly believe this project will have a lasting impact on our school and the wider community. By contributing, you are helping us provide our pupils with lifelong skills—and giving the local community the opportunity to engage in healthy, active lifestyles all year round. On behalf of all of the Stokenchurch Primary School Pool Committee, thank you for your support, and we look forward to updating you on our total!

Y6 TRIP TO LITTLE CANADA

Our Y6 children returned late last Friday night having spent 5 days on the Isle of Wight. Throughout the trip, I didn't have a single grumble or concern expressed by ANY member of staff and in fact it was the total opposite. They climbed, crawled, lead, followed, paddled, swam, shot, hid, ran, walked, ate and occasionally slept their way





through a fantastic week and I know the pictures have only captured a tiny portion of the positive essence of their experience. We are really proud of every single child who attended and although equally tired, I know the staff who accompanied the trip and made it possible had an amazing time too. Well done and huge thanks to Mr Hoey, Mr Sloan, Mrs Townshend, Mrs Foster, Miss Lovell, Mrs Beasley and trip organiser extra-ordinaire Mrs Brand for making the trip happen and ensuring it was such a success.



SPORTS DAY

Our Sports Day this year was a real treat as we welcomed hundreds of parents, friends and family members to **STOKENCHURCH** on a rain-free Wednesday to enjoy our annual sporting extravaganza. The children arrived behind their team captains and were cheered and supported throughout as they took part in a series of races, many traditional, to ear points for their houses. We were overwhelmed by the number of parents who attended and the day remained dry (and hot) and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. We rounded off with a series of Tug of War matches, as well as the traditional parent's races, and the children were as excited about these as their own races! Thank you to everyone who took part and huge thanks to the staff team who worked so hard to help the day run so smoothly and efficiently. Special mention to Miss Foster and Mr Pounder who masterminded the event – it was a great occasion enjoyed by all. After adding up all the race points and adding those from the carousels completed earlier in the week, the results were:



EARLY YEARS & KEY STAGE 1		KEY STAGE 2	
1 ST	FIRE	1 ST	EARTH
2 ND	EARTH	2 ND	AIR
3 RD	AIR	3 RD	WATER
	WATER	4 TH	FIRE

RIVER & CANAL TRUST ASSEMBLY

On the back of Water Safety week last week, we welcomed a volunteer from the Canal & River Trust to school on Monday to talk to the children about water safety and particularly the dangers of large bodies of open water. It was an interactive assembly during which the children asked and answered lots of questions. They talked about keeping safe, what to do in emergency and how to avoid dangers and reduce risks. Thank you to Mr Sloan for organising the visit!



ICKNIELD BUDDYING

Over a few weeks, our Y6 children who are joining Icknield College in September are lucky to enjoy a special buddying programme, designed and delivered by Y10 students (and ex pupils) currently attending the school. It is a great opportunity to ask and answer questions about what life at 'big school'



is really like and a great way to help address some of the natural nervousness that comes with the move on. The students have been amazing and should be really proud of the confident young adults they have become – we are!





BEECH CLASS ASSEMBLY

I was incredibly proud this morning as Beech class shared one of their favourite stories in assembly. They presented confidently and clearly in front of LOTS of mums and dads and we particularly enjoyed the songs and the writing that they had been doing too. Well-done children, thank you to the parents who attended, well-done to the Head Boys and Girls

for introducing and doing the thanks at the end for the first time and well-done Mrs Smye, Mrs Peake and Mrs Brand!



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

AMAZON WISH LIST	<p>Amazon Wishlist Updated!</p> <p>We've updated our Amazon Wishlist – a simple way for you to directly purchase items to support your child's year group!</p> <p>To browse and buy, just click the link: https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c</p> <p>Thank you so much for your continued support!</p>	
REPORTING ABSENCE	<p>If reporting a child absent, please select option 1 and leave a voicemail on the absence line or report via parent mail.</p>	
LATE ARRIVAL?	<p>We are seeing an increasing number of late children each day with some days reaching at least 20 children arriving after the gates have closed. We understand that sometimes circumstances are outside of your control but please endeavour to bring your child to school on time every day.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School starts at 8.45am Mon-Fri.</p>	
SCHOOL PARKING	<p>Please do not park in the school car park or in the layby in front of the school unless you have specifically been given permission to do so.</p>	

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

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	
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)		
Tues 15 th	Y6 Production 6pm	Y6	
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 on?

- 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

Fete

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 level - stay calm, float on your back without too much effort. Throw something that floats to somebody that has tubes on.

Enjoy Water Safety

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

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