



# 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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£54,401 so far!

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

# SUCCESSFUL



😊 MR SLOAN GOT INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE Y1 TRIP THIS WEEK! 😊

**THIS WEEK:**  
WILLEN LAKE ASSEMBLY  
Y1 TRIP TO OXFORD  
COMPUTING WORKSHOP  
SPONSORED SWIM  
NETBALL MATCH  
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
AND MUCH MORE...

**ECO TICKER**  
Solar Panels  
MWh produced = 87.06MWh  
CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 49.45 t

**GOLDEN RULES**  
READY  
RESPECTFUL  
SAFE

## 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Beech 99.4%		Lime 99.3%		Ash 98.1%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	181	195	163	202	193	198
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			PRUNUS CLASS			
HENRY THE HOOVER AWARD			ELDER & PEAR CLASSES			
'BUCKET FILLING' CHAMPIONS			YEAR 6			



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



## 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>

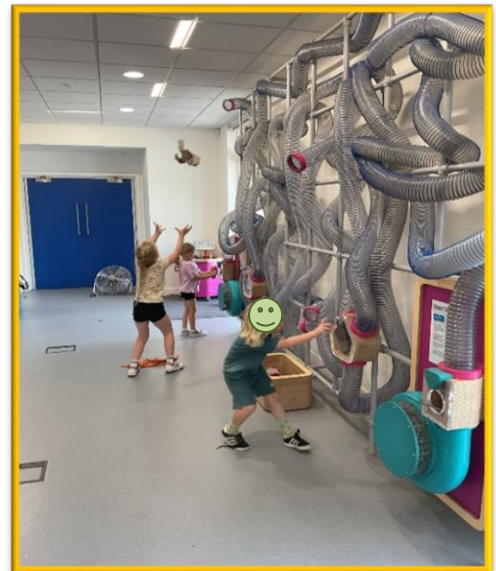
Please ensure you clearly indicate which year group you are sponsoring so that we can track the winning year group! Thank you for your support We truly believe this project will have a lasting impact on our school and the wider community. By contributing, you are helping us provide our pupils with lifelong 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!

## WILLEN LAKE ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday this week our enthusiastic Y5s presented the 'Willen Lake Awards 2025'. They shared their memories and experiences, awarded certificates, sang songs with adapted lyrics and beamed throughout. The mums and dads who attended thoroughly enjoyed hearing about some of the unseen parts of the trip and the children clearly enjoyed their memories and experiences fondly. Well done children and thanks to the Y5 teachers and wider team for putting it together 😊





### Y1 TRIP TO OXFORD

We had a great time at Science Oxford. We did three different activities:

- giant water play,
- a woodland walk where we spotted different types of animal habitats and learned about pollination
- the exploration zone where there were lots of exciting things to experiment with

Thanks to all the parent helpers that came along, well done children and thank you to the teachers in Y1 for making it such a successful trip. 😊

### COMPUTING WORKSHOPS

This week, Year 3 loved their computing workshop by Vodafone Three where they created their own stop motion animations! They used Lego and took pictures every time we moved them a tiny bit to create an awesome video. Y5 created their own movies with green screen technology for the backgrounds and I know they were buzzing after the experience. Well-done children and thank you to Mrs Whelan for arranging the experience 😊



## SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

### CYCLE HELMETS

We positively encourage children to travel to and from school by bike. There are lots of benefits from health to wellbeing to pollution. However, in order for this to happen safely, to safeguard your children and to ensure that they get here or home in one piece, we will be insisting that helmets are worn by every child on a bike. No helmet, no bike. We have noticed several children (and parents)



cycling without and would encourage you to ensure this basic safety equipment is in place for your child. Thank you for your support and happy cycling!

Wearing a helmet when cycling:

- Reduces serious head injuries by 60%.
- Reduces traumatic brain injury by 53%.
- Reduces the number of cyclists killed or seriously injured by 34%.







### NETBALL RESULT

I was so proud of the Netball Team last night. They finished the season with a very close, hard-fought match away to Burford School. They defended brilliantly and moved the ball so well. They really worked hard as a team to get a thoroughly deserved 4-4 draw. Special mention to Izzy who was chosen as the opposition's girl of the game and for scoring all 4 of our goals.

Well-done to the team of: Izzy, Emily, Aniah, Neve, Olivia, Tilly and Poppy

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<p><b>AMAZON WISH LIST</b></p>	<p><b>Amazon Wishlist Updated!</b> We've updated our <b>Amazon Wishlist</b> – a simple way for you to <b>directly purchase items</b> to support your child's year group! To browse and buy, just click the link: <a href="https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c">https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c</a> <b>Thank you so much for your continued support!</b></p>	
<p><b>REPORTING ABSENCE</b></p>	<p>If reporting a child absent, please select option 1 and leave a voicemail on the absence line or report via parent mail. Thank you 😊</p>	
<p><b>LATE ARRIVAL?</b></p>	<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><b>School starts at 8.45am Mon-Fri.</b></p>	
<p><b>SCHOOL PARKING</b></p>	<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

# SAFEGUARDING SLOT

[safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk](mailto: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			
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Summer Fete (11am - 2pm) <b>SEE YOU TOMORROW!</b>	All	
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Swimathon	All	
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	Icknield Induction Day (1 of 2)	Y6	
	Y5 To Garsington Opera (12.30-15.00)	Y5	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Mini Sports Event	F1	
	Icknield Induction Day (2 of 2)	Y6	
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Production 6pm	Y6	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the New Teacher	All	
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reports Home	All	
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.00am	Y6	
	Y6 Leavers Disco 6pm – 7.30pm	Y6	
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of term @ 1pm	All	
Letter available / to follow	Please join us if you can 😊	Please note change of date	



## Buckinghamshire Family Learning



### 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



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**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](https://www.rlss.org.uk)

**ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE**

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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 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](https://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