



# 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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£62,953 so far!

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

## SUCCESSFUL



**THIS WEEK:**  
 ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL  
 SWIMATHON  
 WATER FIGHTS  
 Y6 PRODUCTION  
 Y6 LEAVERS DISCO  
 Y5 COOKING  
 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
 AND MUCH MORE...

### ECO TICKER

Solar Panels  
 MWh produced = 87.61 MWh  
 CO<sub>2</sub> saved=49.76 t

### GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 TOP STOKIE SWIMMERS FROM THE SWIMATHON! 😊

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Lime -100 %		Cherry - 99.7%		Prunus - 98.5%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	168	249	175	224	211	229
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			CHESTNUT CLASS			
HENRY THE HOOVER AWARD			ASH & LARCH CLASSES			
'BUCKET FILLING' CHAMPIONS			YEAR 4 & 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

## SWIMATHON

Last Friday we held a special assembly to celebrate the results of our SWIMATHON. Children had collected their sponsorship money and swam numerous widths or lengths of the pool to raise money towards our new roof. In a first and in a record for **STOKENCHURCH**, I can reveal that we raised a whopping

# £7218

towards the **STOKIE'S BIG SPLASH** campaign. This is an incredible result and I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped do their bit to support our campaign. Well-done and thank you to the pool committee for making the event such a success and well done to the children.



The swimmers who were judged to be the top swimmers in each year group, based on a combination of the amount they raised and the distance they swam. Each received an Amazon voucher and these were presented in the assembly. Well done to our **TOP SWIMMERS**:

RECEPTION	<b>ARTHUR</b> (42 widths)
YEAR 1	<b>ESMEE</b> (57 widths)
YEAR 2	<b>MACY</b> (84 widths)
YEAR 3	<b>CHARLIE</b> (72 widths)
YEAR 4	<b>FREYA</b> (93 widths)
YEAR 5	<b>MAYALISSE</b> (36 lengths)
YEAR 6	<b>VIOLET</b> (102 widths)



The winning year group was going to earn an ice-pop party, but as the whole school did so well, they will all receive this as a special end of term thank you treat!

## YEAR 3 END OF TERM WATER FIGHT

When a class earns a reward for perhaps having the best conduct in the dining hall, leaving the tidiest classroom at the end of each day or winning the kindness award, we have this term encouraged them to pick a reward they really strive for. Elm class chose a water fight which was a really good (and popular choice) for the end of year and considering the temperatures we have had of late. Thank you for arranging this for your class Mr Pounder and Mr Ratcliffe - I know you both enjoyed it too! 😊



### CULINARY MASTERCLASS IN YEAR 5

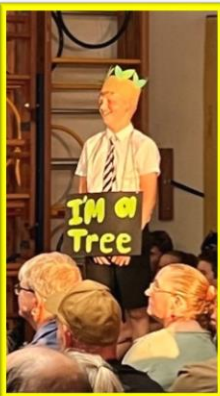


On Tuesday, Year 5 thankfully picked the coolest day of the month to make a bolognese sauce for spaghetti. The children chopped and sliced and grated and stirred the mixture to concoct a delicious dish, wafting a wonderful scent around the school premises. For the evaluation, feedback was mixed, with some children proclaiming it to be very tasty, whereas others declared that it wasn't flavourful enough. With such discerning tastebuds, who could doubt that Year 5 will grow up to become great chefs in the future?

## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Charlotte Bridgeman in Holly class received her deputy black belt at her martial arts class last week. She had to attend the biggest panel grading ever which had almost 200 people present! Well-done and congratulations Charlotte – we are all very proud of you! 😊



### Y6 PRODUCTION & END OF TERM SHENANIGANS!

Congratulations to our amazing group of Y6 children and staff. Their performance of 'School Daze' was an absolute triumph – funny, clever, sounding beautiful and a great production all together. Not only was this a fitting way for them to sign off the year, but a great reflection on how far they have come and how

ready they are for the new challenges they face in



September. Good luck Y6 – you will go far! Coupled with the end of year Y6 leavers assembly, the leavers disco and a special day of tears and shirt signing, it was lovely that Y6 (for the first time) ended with a trip around the school so they could be clapped out by every other child and every member of staff. It



was really lovely and something that will surely become a tradition at **STOKENCHURCH**. Good luck Y6 – you are an amazing, funny, resilient, kind and amazing bunch and I wish you the best of luck in Y7 and beyond! Thank you also to all of the amazing staff this year and before who have made your journey so incredible and shaped you in ways you may not yet know.



GOOD LUCK TO THE CLASS OF '25!





### NURSERY STAY & EXPLORE

Meanwhile, at the other end of the school, a set of 'new recruits' joined us for a familiarisation session in the Nursery in preparation for their first day at school in September. They met the staff, made potions, explored the garden, built, balanced, swung, smiled and showed



that they are ready to embark on their new adventure. Thank you to Mrs Warner and Miss Masterton and we look forward to the start of the new year! 😊

### A FOND FAREWELL

As we draw to the end of the year, we sadly wish farewell to a number of staff who are moving on to new opportunities and challenges for a variety of reasons. Mr Hoey, Mr Ratcliffe & Miss McMaster. I would like to thank each of them for the support, hard work and dedication to the school and wish them all the very best of luck in the future.



### A FEW THINGS TO CELEBRATE

We always end the year with a very special assembly, during which we present a range of awards and prizes for achievements in school throughout the year individually and collectively. Here are some of this year's notable recipients...

## 125 HOUSEPOINT WINNERS!

Children receive a certificate in assembly, their name in the newsletter and a Merit badge.

YEAR 1					
Amelia	Alice	Archie	Buddie	Emmie	Esme
Gracie	Ivy	Jacob	Leelia	Tristan	
YEAR 2					
Aidan	Beaux	Bonnie	Freddie	Harley	Imogen
Oscar	Phoebe	Rahim	Sophia		
YEAR 3					
Frankie					
YEAR 4					
Antonia	Charlotte	Daisy	Evalyn	Freya	Grace
Henry	Hughie	Leila	Lochy	Mayana	Oliver
Theo					
YEAR 5					
Ariana	Avery	Chloe	Daniela	Emilia	James
Maariya	Mayalisse	Molly	Noah	Ridhee	River
Skye	Skyla	Thomas	Tyrienne		
YEAR 6					
Adeela	Archie	Mia	Olivia	Oliver	Tobias

# 150 HOUSEPOINT WINNERS!

Children receive a certificate in assembly, their name in the newsletter and a **GOLDEN STOKENCHURCH** school tie.

YEAR 1		
Marley	Willoughby	
YEAR 2		
Aayah	Amelia	Ayla
Charlotte	Erin	Oscar
YEAR 4		
Alayna	Rounak	
YEAR 5		
Gabriella	Poppy	Scarlett
YEAR 6		
Ellis	Violet	



## STAR OF THE TERM

Awarded to one child who stands out for their attitude to learning in each year group

F1	Sadie & Liam	Y3	Ricky
F2	Savannah	Y4	Hughie
Y1	Zidane	Y5	Tyrianne
Y2	Aayah	Y6	Gabriel

## 100% ATTENDANCE AWARDS!

100% attendance for the entire academic year – receiving a certificate and badge 😊

Macy	Ricky	Finn	Freya	Henry G	Maahi
Dylan	Roy	Elyra	Otilia	Benjamin	Hugo
Alexis	Noah				

## HOUSE CHAMPIONS!

Winning houses each receive a trophy in assembly, collected by the house captains.

	SPORTS CHAMPIONS		HOUSE CHAMPIONS	
1 <sup>ST</sup>	EARTH		WATER	
2 <sup>ND</sup>	AIR	FIRE	FIRE	
3 <sup>RD</sup>			AIR	
4 <sup>TH</sup>	WATER		EARTH	



## BOOK TOKEN WINNERS

		Y3	William
			Frankie
Reception	Bronte	Y4	Jasper
	Alfie		Mayana
Y1	Gracie	Y5	James
	Jeorgia		Skyla
Y2	Sophia	Y6	Ethan
	Erin		Ollie

## MODERN LANGUAGES RISING STAR AWARD:

Tobias






## NEWTON SHIELD FOR EXCELLENT BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING:

Mia S

## GRANT SHIELD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

Mia B

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<b>AMAZON WISH LIST</b>	<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> Thank you so much for your continued support!	
<b>REPORTING ABSENCE</b>	If reporting a child absent, please select option 1 and leave a voicemail on the absence line or report via parent mail. Thank you 😊	
<b>LATE ARRIVAL?</b>	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. <b>School starts at 8.45am Mon-Fri.</b>	
<b>SCHOOL PARKING</b>	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.	
<b>THIS MONTH'S SCHOOL COMPOSER</b> (Music we listen to in class and assembly)		<b>Ola Gjeilo</b>

## SAFEGUARDING SLOT

We're part of the

[safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk)



**SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD**  
**Schools Network**

As mentioned in the smartphone follow-up letter last month, we are strongly urging parents not to buy a smartphone for their child. There are growing concerns about the impact on children's wellbeing, learning and safety, and we want to support families in making informed decisions. Over 150,000 parents and carers around the country have already signed the voluntary Parent Pact to delay smartphones until at least the end of Year 9 – you can find out more at [www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact](http://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/parent-pact). Please also join our school [WhatsApp group](#) to connect with other families. We'll be running a parent information event in the Autumn term, and in school we continue to support children's online safety through regular lessons and workshops.

## 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.

September 2025			
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset - Teacher Training Day (School closed to children)	All	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset - Teacher Training Day (School closed to children)	All	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	All Children return to school	All	
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Secondary School transfer (11+) Practice Test	Y6	
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Secondary School Transfer (11+) Transfer Test	Y6	
Letter available / to follow	Please join us if you can 😊	Please note change of date	

## COMMUNITY PAGES

**Offering free trials in September -  
EMAIL [springbucksgc@gmail.com](mailto:springbucksgc@gmail.com)**

**SPRINGBUCKS**  
GYMNASTICS CLUB

**7.45/8AM TO 8.45AM**  
**Mon (up to Yr 2s) & Wed (Yr 3+)**

Progressive Award Scheme

Experienced & Highly Qualified Coaches

Training on FLOOR, VAULT BARS, BEAM

**IGAT**

Welcome to



Hi! We are Springbucks Gymnastics Club, a registered Independent Gymnastics Affiliation Club, who have been running top class gymnastics sessions in the mornings before school at Stokenchurch Primary since we started up in 2009.

The club is run by Ruth Middleton and Fenella Lockhart and a team of highly qualified and experienced coaches who love gymnastics and are enthusiastic about introducing children to our sport and helping them develop their skills and achieve their goals.

We are a welcoming and friendly recreational club, focused on growing children's self confidence as they develop their agility, balance and coordination, strength and flexibility whilst moving through a progressive and motivational awards scheme. Our sessions

introduce gymnasts to skills on floor, air track, beam, bars, trampette and vault in a safe, fun and progressive manner and many of our gymnasts stay with us from Reception right through to Year 6 because they love it so much!

***'It is so fun and you learn new skills that you never knew you could do!'***

***Molly***

This June, 8 pupils from Stokenchurch entered our Annual Springbucks Floor and Vault competition, where 140 gymnasts from our various Springbucks venues got together to compete, displaying a floor routine they had learnt and their best vault. All the gymnasts did really well with the following receiving medals in their age category – Cooper Finley (silver), Freya Moore (bronze), Erin Hunt (silver), Phoebe Rose (bronze), Skye Walker (silver) and Rozii Awan (gold). A big congratulations to all!!

***'I love gymnastics and the opportunities that we are given are amazing and it teaches us lots of important skills!'*** Poppy

We would love to see more children from Stokenchurch Primary at our morning gymnastics classes next school year. We run sessions for Foundation, Years 1 & 2 on a Monday morning and Years 3 up to 6 on a Wednesday morning. We have a soft start where gymnasts may arrive between 7.45 – 8am as we know some are better at getting up in the mornings than others and our sessions run through to 8.45am.



**EMAIL US TODAY AT [SPRINGBUCKSGC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SPRINGBUCKSGC@GMAIL.COM) TO BOOK YOUR CHILD IN FOR A FREE TRIAL SESSION THIS SEPTEMBER OR COME ALONG TO ANY OF OUR FABULOUS SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS THAT ARE OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 3 – 11 OF ALL ABILITIES! CHECK US OUT AT [WWW.SPRINGBUCKS.CO.UK](http://WWW.SPRINGBUCKS.CO.UK)**



***'I love gymnastics because all the activities are amazing and the coaches make it fun, memorable and challenging. It is an amazing experience and I recommend it! 5 star experience!!!'*** 😊

***Skye***

# SHARE A BOOK... COMPETITION TIME

We are looking for a photo of you sharing a book in a garden or any outside space. \*

**Be inventive. Be cheeky. Be fun.**

Send your photo labelled Photo Competition to [enquiries.scl@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.scl@gmail.com) with your name, age and school details. All photos will be displayed in the library but with names withheld. Winners will be announced at school medal assemblies.



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Dear Headteacher,  
I hope you are well.

I have great pleasure in sending you the summer edition of All About Family. The free digital magazine aimed at giving your parents valuable information for their children. There is exclusive content from NSPCC, St John Ambulance plus more.

Within there is advice on;

- Internet Safety with NSPCC
- Making The Leap to High School
- Calming Back to School Nerves
- New Books
- First Aid with St John Ambulance
- Portion Control
- Family Law Advice with Cornwell Dawson
- Child Bereavement with Winston's Wish

- Benefits of Football to Children
- Protecting Children's Eyes From UV Damage
- Plus more.....

Below is a link to the Summer edition

[www.allabout-family.co.uk/national-magazine/](http://www.allabout-family.co.uk/national-magazine/)


## Family Centre Open Mornings

Come and meet the Family Hub team  
and find out more about your local  
Family Centre

**Free activities for young people  
up to 10 years old**

- Arts and crafts
- Interactive music session with Band in a Van
- Outdoor activities

If you have any questions, email [familyinfo@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

 10 am to 12 midday

Friday 25 July	Tuesday 5 August	Wednesday 13 August	Thursday 21 August
Southcourt Family Centre Plus	Berryfields Family Centre	Wing Family Centre	Elmhurst Family Centre



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Council



SCAN  
ME 



# Youthspace

Come and meet the Family Hub Team and join in with the free activities for young people 11 to 19 (up to 25 with SEND)

SCAN ME



- Switch console
- Graffiti art workshop
- Sport activities
- Arts and crafts



**Berryfields Family Centre**  
Wednesday 30 July  
3pm to 5pm



**Southcourt Family centre Plus**  
Monday 18 August  
3pm to 5pm



If you have any questions about additional support you may need contact [familyinfo@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyinfo@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)