



STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Everything we do makes a difference to our children; empowering minds and shaping futures.



STOKENCHURCH STAR



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£62,983 so far!

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

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE



THIS WEEK:

- SECONDARY TRANSFER TEST
- Y3 SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
- SAFEGUARDING SLOT
- CALENDER DATES THIS TERM
- WELCOME MEETINGS
- PARKING
- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- AND MUCH MORE...

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Solar Panels
 MWh produced = 88.86 MWh
 CO₂ saved = 50.47 t

GOLDEN RULES

- READY
- RESPECTFUL
- SAFE

😊 PART OF THE HARVEST FROM THE POLYTUNNEL! 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Cherry - 99.7 %		Prunus - 98.2%		Chestnut - 97.3%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	6	5	7	17	0	0
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			Beech			
THIS TERM'S SCHOOL COMPOSER (Music we listen to in class and assembly)			 Johann Sebastian Bach			



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

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back to the new school year at **STOKENCHURCH** and I would like to congratulate the children for a super week (and a bit) back at school. I do hope you all had a restful summer holiday and I look forward to seeing and working with all our children and families in the weeks and months ahead. Please read our weekly newsletter as we try very hard to use it to keep you up to date with all areas of our school business. There will be some new features coming up and some of these are detailed below so look out for them! Our focus value for this term is for our children to demonstrate that they are **READY, RESPECTFUL & SAFE**. We will be talking about this and modelling it frequently, and you will hear more about this (and lots more important information re. your child) at our welcome meetings next week. I look forward to seeing you then if not before!



SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER TEST (11+)

Even though it has been only the first week back, I would like to say well done to Y6 who have already completed the Secondary School Transfer Test (11+). They did so confidently and maturely and I am proud that they all gave their very best. Well-done children – you've done it! Thank you to Mr Showan, Mrs Springett, Mr Sloan and the entire Y6 team (+ others) for supporting the children through the experience so brilliantly. As you can see – the children were quite relieved when it was over!

CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to Miss Muddiman, who tied the knot over the summer holidays! Miss Muddiman will now be known as Mrs Rance. Also, congratulations and good luck to Miss Styles who will be leaving us shortly as she takes her maternity leave. We wish you the best of luck with your new addition when he / she arrives!

OPEN DAY / EVENING

Please can I draw everyone’s attention to our **OPEN DAY / EVENING** dates on **24th September and 7th October**. We would like to spread the word of the open invitation to new, current and prospective families far and wide this year, so please check out the poster and share it with your networks and friendship groups or workplaces as much as possible. Thank you for your support!

FAREWELL

Sadly, we wish a fond farewell to Mrs Capes who has decided over the holidays that as she has her hands full with her young family, she will not be returning after her maternity leave in October. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and support of STOKENCHURCH and wish her the very best of luck in the future for her and her family. You will be missed Hattie!

YEAR 3 MAKE A ROCKING START TO THEIR LEARNING!

Y3 started off their rocks and soils science topic with a chocolate model this week! The chocolate represented molten Lava from a volcano and we learned that when this cools it creates igneous rock! What a fabulous way to make the learning sticky Mr Pounder – quite literally! Well-done Year 3 😊






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ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

If your child has achieved something outside that you are proud of, please share it with us and we’ll share it with the school community. Community fundraising, sporting achievement, musical achievements, scouting or guiding movement badges or anything really – its good to share what we enjoy with others – you might just inspire someone else to try it out too!
Please email your pics and a short explanation to the school office.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<p>WELCOME MEETINGS</p>	<p>Our welcome meetings are taking place on Tuesday and Thursday next week (see diary dates for the timings). This is an opportunity for you to meet your child’s teachers, see their classrooms and find out all about the opportunities that lay ahead for them this year. Please do try to attend if you can – it is a really important opportunity to gain lots of important information. I will see you there!</p>	
<p>LOST PROPERTY</p>	<p>As we reach the end of the first week back, we already have a box full of unnamed lost property. Please ensure you name all your children’s belongings so we can return them as needed (and check that the biro hasn’t washed off!) The lost property box will be outside school every Wednesday if you are trying to track down a missing item!</p>	
<p>PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS</p>	<p>Please ensure that school is informed if someone different / new is picking up your child at the end of the day. To keep them safe, we insist that children are only released to familiar / expected adults so please don’t be offended if we just take a moment to check before letting children go occasionally. Thank you!</p>	


LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORMS	Please ensure you click on this link: Leave of Absence if you need to request Leave of Absence for your child during term time so we know where your children are during planned absences!	
CLUBS	After school clubs are starting next week and I am proud of the variety and number of opportunities our staff are keen to provide for your children. Please see the school website for all the details and get them signed up! Deadline for signing up to school run clubs is Monday at 8am . Please sign up via Parent Pay and e-mail the school office if the club on Parent Pay is full, we can then add your child to the waiting list.	

SAFEGUARDING SLOT

SAFEGUARDING – IT’S EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY.







REMEMBER, IT COULD HAPPEN HERE (AND PROBABLY DOES).

If you have any concerns about a child or notice something that makes you feel uncomfortable, please contact one of our DSL team (in confidence) who are always happy to listen.



Are you concerned about a child?

ALWAYS act on any concern.
Make a written record of your concern and share without delay.

<p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Mr Nick Stevens Designated Safeguarding Officer Headteacher</p> 	<p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Mr Stephen Sloan Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher</p> 
<p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Mrs Francesca Avery Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCo</p> 	<p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Mrs Kat Warner Designated Safeguarding Officer Nursery Manager</p> 
<p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Miss Catherine Howland Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCo</p> 	<p style="font-size: x-small; margin: 0;">Mrs Judy Pope Designated Safeguarding Officer Administration Manager</p> 

Please do not leave the site without sharing your concern, even if just a feeling.

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SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

As we start the new school year, we'd like to gently remind families of [the information we shared in June about smartphones and safeguarding](#). Many of you told us how tricky this topic can be, and how much pressure children (and parents!) can feel when it comes to phones. As a school, **we strongly recommend that you do not give your child a smartphone**. We see first-hand how smartphones can affect sleep, friendships, and focus in class, and that's why we continue to encourage families to wait before introducing one.

Lots of parents are already choosing simple alternatives and joining the voluntary [Parent Pact](#) to delay smartphones until secondary school. If your child does bring a phone in (Year 5 and 6 only), please remember it must be switched off, labelled, and handed to their teacher at the start of the day.

To join the conversation about SFC at **STOKENCHURCH**, join the [WhatsApp group](#). By working together, we can reduce the pressures and help our children feel safer, happier, and more ready to learn.

PARKING

As we return to a new academic year and the school run, please can I ask all of you to take extra care and consideration as you drive to school in the mornings or afternoons.

1. Please park safely and considerately of other road users and pedestrians – remembering not to block access and driveways.
2. Please do not park on the double yellow lines or yellow zig-zags – they are there for a reason!
3. Take care of your speed as you use George Road and surrounds and please try to respect our unofficial one-way system – it helps everyone if we stick to it!

4. Please use our Kiss and Drop if you have children in Y1 or beyond. This is a safe, supervised way of dropping off and delivering your children in the morning which saves you lots of hassle!
5. Please be aware of the added impact of vehicles related to the building work going on at the edge of Britwell Court.....

Thank you in advance for your support in doing all we can to keep your children safe.



BIKES & HELMETS

Children are encouraged to cycle to school if they can do safely. However, I have already received reports of some children not wearing a cycle helmet and weaving in and out of the road / traffic on their way to and from school. This privilege will be revoked for any child reported as travelling unsafely. I will talk to the children about this in assembly next week.

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		
Mon 15 th	Acorns Welcome Meeting 1600	F1
Tue 16 th	Welcome Meetings (Y1 1700; Y3 1730; Y5 1800; Y6 1830)	Y1,3,5,& 6
Thur 18 th	Welcome Meetings (F2 1700; Y2 1730; Y4 1800)	F2, Y2, Y4
Mon 22 nd	Y5 Planetarium Workshop @ School	Y5
Wed 24 th	Open Morning Reception Sept 2026 Intake @ 0915	ALL
Fri 26 th	National Teaching Assistant Day	ALL
October 2025		
Wed 1 st	Flu Immunisations F2 - Y6	Y1 - Y6
Fri 3 rd	Larch Class Assembly @ 0900	Y5
Sun 5 th	National teacher's Day	ALL
Mon 6 th	Dyslexia Awareness Week	ALL
Tue 7 th	Open Evening Reception Sept 2026 Intake @ 1730	ALL
Fri 10 th	Harvest Festival (Further details to follow)	ALL
	World Mental Health Day	ALL
Mon 13 th	Parent Consultation Meetings (1700 - 2000)	ALL
Wed 15 th	Parent Consultation Meetings (1545 - 1845)	ALL
Thur 16 th	Individual/Siblings Photograph Day	ALL
Fri 17 th	Lime Class Assembly @ 900	Y5
	Wear Red - Show Racism the Red Card	ALL
Tue 21 st	PTA DiscoS (Y1-Y3 1700 - 1815 & Y4-Y6 1830 - 1945)	Y1 - Y6
Fri 24 th	Pear Class Assembly @ 0900	Y6

Letter available / to follow	Please join us if you can 😊	Please note change of date
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COMMUNITY PAGES



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ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

To book your FREE place call our enrolment team on 01296 383582, SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the [course code link](#) below

YEARS 3 AND 4

Supporting your Child with Number (6 weeks)

[FMMN026](#)



Monday 15 September-20 October 9:30am-11:30am
Wednesday 17 September- 22 October 6:30pm-8:30pm

YEARS 5 AND 6

Developing your Child's understanding with Number
(6 weeks) [FMMN086](#)

Thursday 18 September- 23 October 9:30am- 11:30am
Thursday 18 September- 23 October 6:30pm-8:30pm



SEND WELLBEING WORKSHOPS



[Support your Autistic Child at Home \(EMAC134\)](#)

Thursday 25 September 7:00pm - 9:00pm

[Support your ADHD Child at Home \(EMAC135\)](#)

Monday 6 October 7:00pm-9:00pm



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RECEPTION

Starting Reception (5 weeks) [FMSR019](#)

Monday 22 September- 20 October 9:30am - 11:30am
Tuesday 23 September- 21 October 9:30am-11:30am
Thursday 25 September- 23 October 9:30am-11:30am



YEARS 1 AND 2

Supporting your Child with Number (6 weeks) [FMMN024](#)

Monday 15 September- 20 October 6:30-8:30pm
Tuesday 16 September- 21 October 9:30am-11:30am
Thursday 18 September- 23 October 12:30pm-2:30pm



Helping your Child with Confidence, Resilience and their Worries.
(5 weeks) [FMMW008](#)

Tuesday 23 September- 21 October 12:30pm-2:30pm



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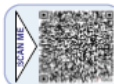
EARLY YEARS COURSES

Confident, Healthy, Active Child (EYHA034)	Tuesday 16th Sept - Tuesday 21st Oct 1.00-3.00pm	Southcourt Family Centre
Confident, Healthy, Active Child (EYHA034)	Wednesday 17th Sept- Wednesday 22nd Oct 9.30-11.30am	Berryfields Family Centre
Play and Learn (EYPL046)	Thursday 18th Sept- Thursday 23rd Oct 10am-12pm	Elmhurst Family Centre

Wonderful One Course

*Wonderful One -Helping your toddler to communicate EYPL048	Tuesday 16th Sept- Tuesday 14th Oct 9.30-11.30am	Aylesbury Vineyard Church
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These courses and workshops are suitable for parents and carers with children aged 2-4 years and where indicated *1-2 years. To book your FREE place call our enrolment team on 01296 383582, scan the QR code or click on the link. For more information call/text Jo on 07845053361 with your name + course code



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FAMILY LEARNING COURSES IN AMERSHAM, CHESHAM AND PRINCES RISBOROUGH



Join our FREE courses with your child to discover what they're learning through play, and gain practical ideas on how to support their development at home.



EARLY YEARS COURSES

Confident, Healthy, Active Child (EYHA034)	Monday 15th Sept - Monday 20th Oct 10am-12pm	Newtown Family Centre
Little Cooks (EYCK001)	Wednesday 17th Sept- Wednesday 15th Oct 10am-12pm	Amersham Family Centre
Little Cooks (EYCK001)	Thursday 18th Sept- Thursday 16th Oct 10am-12pm	Princes Risborough Family Centre

Wonderful One Course

*Wonderful One -Helping your toddler to communicate EYPL048	Wednesday 17th Sept- Wednesday 15th Oct 9.30-11.30am	Hope Church Chesham
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Early Years Open Day Events for children starting school in September 2026

Wednesday 24th September 2025, 9.15am

Tuesday 7th October, 5.30pm

To come and MEET THE HEADTEACHER, contact our office to book your place.

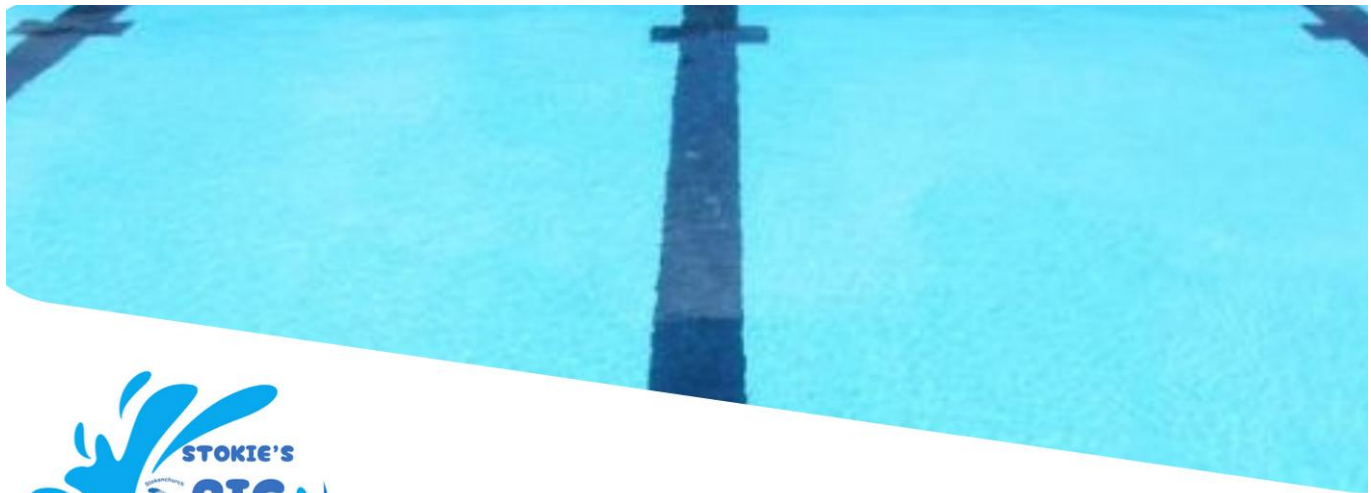
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We offer an inspiring and innovative curriculum to engage and inspire your children, led by dedicated staff that encourage them to become curious and independent learners.

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Make Your Mark

Exciting chance to make your mark on this campaign! Within the enclosure we will be dedicating a space to display names of supporters.

We are offering 4 different levels of sponsorship:

Platinum: £300

Gold: £150

Silver: £75

Bronze: £25



We are also offering corporate sponsorship opportunities!
Please get in touch to find out more.




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Hello from The Book House! As it's the start of a brand new academic year, we're writing to let you know about our school discount scheme for purchases as well as our teacher appreciation discount.

School Discounts:


- Most purchases made by the school will get a 20% discount and can be invoiced on a 30 day return, making it even easier to manage.
- We can take orders via email with a purchase order number for as many or as few books as you'd like, there's no minimum spend.
- We are also happy for staff to come and choose the books they'd like from our stock and have them invoiced.
- Sending us an order couldn't be easier, just send the details to office@thebookhouseofthame.co.uk for the attention of Jools or Mairi and let us do the rest!
- Looking for a new core text? Topic books need some updating? Want some books to help with a tricky situation? We are expert booksellers, champions of children's books and literacy and are happy to help track down books on any topics you can think of!
- We are a dyslexia friendly stockist; we have a large range of books in stock to help those students with reading challenges and we are always happy to help staff and parents who need some guidance in this.
- Our school discount scheme is a great way to support your local high street bookseller and our offer is competitive with other well known suppliers.

We also have a teacher discount of 10% on ANY personal purchases (excluding National Book Tokens). So, if you're buying cards, gift-wrap, journals, toys, our own Book House vouchers and of course books, each teacher will get 10% off on presentation of a valid staff ID. This flat discount is in lieu of our normal stamp card loyalty scheme.

And don't forget, schools that do regular purchases with us can take advantage of our schools donation scheme, allowing families and friends of your school to donate the books at 20% discount from a wish list you provide to us, or we can help put together a list for you. For more information about this scheme, please get in touch.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and we look forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes,
 The Book House Team

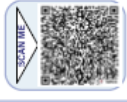



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Confident, Healthy, Active Child (EYHA034)	Wednesday 10th Sept - Wednesday 22nd Oct 9 10am-12pm (no sessions on 8th or 15th Oct)	Hampden Way Family Centre
Play and Learn (EYPL046)	Tuesday 16th Sept - Tuesday 21st Oct 1-3pm	Hampden Way Family Centre
Wonderful One Course		
*Wonderful One - Learning Through Play	Thursday 18th Sept - Thursday 16th Oct 9.30-11.30am	Mapledean Family Centre

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GARSINGTON OPERA
 AT WORMSLEY

Garsington Studios Open Day



Garsington Opera is delighted to open the doors to Garsington Studios on the Wormsley estate in Stokenchurch for a new programme of concert recitals and events.

Garsington Studios Open Day
Sunday 28 September 2025 at 1.30pm - 6pm
Garsington Studios, Stokenchurch
Free to attend but timeslots must be booked in advance

Building on the success of last year's Open Day, we're doing it all again with free access to discover our behind-the-scenes world including set design, costume and make-up, as well as a chance to try acting and singing in a very friendly, no pressure workshop.

Find out more about events in the Garsington Studios Programme and book tickets now at garsingtonopera.org/studios-programme/

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SCHOOL

2025-26 OPEN EVENTS

Open Evening

Thursday 25th September

Three sessions to book on to: 4:45pm, 5:45pm and 6:45pm

- Hear from the Head of School
- Tours of the school
- An opportunity to talk to teachers in their classrooms about the curriculum and take part in fun educational activities

Open Mornings

See the school in action

One tour of the school at 9:00 am followed by a Q&A with the Head of School.

Dates: 23rd & 24th September
and 15th & 16th October



FOR ALL OPEN EVENTS, PLEASE BOOK VIA OUR WEBSITE