

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:

- WELCOME MEETINGS
- WADDESDON MANOR WORKSHOP
- SAFEGUARDING
- Y3 CAVE PAINTINGS
- HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS
- PARENT REPORT FEEDBACK
- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
MWh produced = 88.97MWh
CO₂ saved = 50.53t

GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 WADDESDON MANOR WORKSHOP THIS WEEK 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Pear - 99.6%		Holly - 99.3%		Lime - 98.4%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	7	13	8	25	0	10
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			HAZEL CLASS			
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

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!



WELCOME MEETINGS

I had the pleasure of joining each of our welcome meetings this week, which gave parents the opportunity to visit school, meet the teachers teaching their children this year and find out about what's in store for them in the year

ahead. The children have all made a really cracking start and we are really excited to support them this term. The presentations delivered can be found on your child's class page of the school website and are full of important information that you need to know. Thank you to the parents who attended (there were lots of you!) and huge thanks to the teachers who prepared and delivered the information so well.



WADDESDON MANOR WORKSHOPS

On Thu and Fri this week, children from across the school had the opportunity to take part in a special art workshop lead by colleagues from Waddesdon Manor. I don't really want to mention Christmas this early, but the focus was on helping to prepare for the Waddesdon Christmas display. The children were brilliant and decorated benches on a musical theme, which will all be on display during the festive season. We look



forward to seeing our children's work in situ and will let you know when you can go and see them nearer the time. Thank you to Miss Blandford for arranging the sessions 😊





SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are really pleased that our library is open to 'customers' already this term and as you can see, our children are thoroughly enjoying the experience! Watch out for books in their book bags and spend a little time sharing them if you can



COMMENTS FROM SCHOOL REPORTS

Thank you to all the parents (170+) who have returned your child's school report with your comments and feedback. Your child's teacher and I always enjoy reading them and recognising the overwhelming appreciation you have for the progress and development your children make during the course of the school year. I thought I would share some of the comments received...

"...we have really enjoyed hearing his vocabulary grow this year and listening to all the fun adventures he's had." **Nursery**

"...She has grown in confidence, made great progress and truly enjoyed learning. The teachers are caring, supportive and made her first school year very positive!" **Reception**

"...It is wonderful to see his confidence. Curiosity and love for learning grow. Thank you for the support and encouragement throughout the year – it's made a big difference to him." **Year 1**

"...He has had a super year – academically, socially and emotionally – and we are very grateful for your commitment to helping him be his best self." **Year 2**

"...She has once again made us proud parents. We are over half way through school now and we'll encourage her to keep it up for the coming years. We couldn't have asked for more." **Year 3**

"...She has enjoyed another fabulous year at Stokenchurch, much thanks to the wonderful teachers who encourage and nurture the children so beautifully. We are very proud of her achievements." **Year 4**

"...She has come on leaps and bounds and she never ceases to amaze me. I am very proud of where she is now and look forward to seeing who she will become in Year 6." **Year 5**

"...We are extremely proud of the progress he has made at Stokenchurch. He will miss it but is definitely ready for his next stage in life!" **Year 6**

MOBILE PHONE REVIEW

Following a review with our Governors, we will be updating our school's mobile phone policy shortly. We will share full details with parents well in advance, giving plenty of notice ahead of the September 2026 changes.





YEAR 3 CAVE PAINTINGS

Year 3 turned their classroom into a cave this week! They explored cave paintings from the Stone Age and re-created some amazing paintings of themselves in-front of their bonfire! The children absolutely loved the activity and felt like real cave dwellers! Thank you to Mr Pounder for sharing their learning 😊



YEAR 5 TO INFINITY & BEYOND!



In Science this week, Year 5 children became physical representations of the planets moving around the Sun in the Solar System. They drew their orbits in chalk on the playground, learning how far each planet is from the Sun. This meant they could look at how much longer the planets that are further away take to orbit the Sun. Thank you Miss Lovell for sharing their learning 😊







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 – it's 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>LOST PROPERTY</p>	<p>As we reach the end of the second 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>Lost property</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>	 <p>SAY NO TO STRANGERS</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 have started. We still have a few spaces on some of the clubs. Please see the school website for all the details and get signed up if your child is interested!	
SAFE ROUTE IN & OUT OF SCHOOL	Please can I ask that you use the pedestrian gates to enter / exit the school site at drop off and pick up times. We have seen a couple of near misses with cars this week and want to keep your children as safe as possible. Thank you in advance.	
HELP!	If you have any spotlights, lighting rigs, work lights or similar that the school / PTA could borrow for the fireworks event on 30th October , please get in touch!	

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

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

Remember, IT COULD HAPPEN HERE.

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.

SNAPCHAT

Our school's position is that Snapchat is not appropriate for primary-aged children. The app has a range of risks which many parents/carers may not be aware of, including disappearing messages, location sharing through Snap Map, access to strangers, and exposure to inappropriate content. Increasingly, there are also concerns around scams and overuse. As a school, we strongly discourage

children from using Snapchat. However, we know some families may already be dealing with this at home. To support parents/carers in understanding the risks, [this guide](#) which explains the latest features and provides advice from online safety experts.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate Mrs Quinton who was successful appointed as a Higher-Level Support Assistant (HLTA) at the end of last term. She has made a brilliant start already, supporting and helping to lead learning across the school 😊

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 22 nd	Y5 Planetarium Workshop @ School	Y5	
	PTA AGM – ALL VOLUNTEERS VERY WELCOME! (7pm at school)	ALL	
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 Disco's (Y1-Y3 1700 – 1815 & Y4-Y6 1830 – 1945)	Y1 – Y6	
Fri 24 th	Pear Class Assembly @ 0900	Y6	
Thu 30 th	PTA Fireworks Event at school	ALL	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can 😊	Please note change of date

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)

[EMMN026](#)

SCAN ME



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) [EMMN086](#)

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

SCAN ME



YEARS 1 AND 2

Supporting your Child with Number (6 weeks) [EMMN024](#)

SCAN ME



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) [FMWB008](#)

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



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FAMILY LEARNING COURSES IN AYLESBURY



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

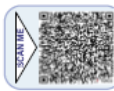
Confident, Healthy, Active Child (EYHA034)	Tuesday 16th Sept - Tuesday 21st Oct 1.00-3.00pm	Southcourt Family Centre
Confident, Healthy, Active Child (EYHA034)	Wednesday 17th Sept - Wednesday 22nd Oct 9.30-11.30am	Berryfields Family Centre
Play and Learn (EYPL046)	Thursday 18th Sept - Thursday 23rd Oct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



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

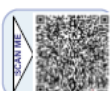
Confident, Healthy, Active Child (EYHA034)	Tuesday 9th Sept - Tuesday 21st Oct 10am-12pm (no sessions on 7th or 14th Oct)	Castlefield Family Centre
Confident, Healthy, Active Child (EYHA034)	Wednesday 10th Sept - Wednesday 22nd Oct 9 10am-12pm (no sessions on 8th or 15th Oct)	Hampden Way Family Centre
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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High Wycombe Music Centre

LEARN TO PLAY

11 October '25

Saturday 11th October 25
Millbrook School HP12 4BA

Musikids session 9.30-10.30am
for all children aged 4-7 years old
Come and try a musical instrument 11-12.30pm
For children of all ages
**contact lle@bucksmusic.org to book your space or
for more information
www.musicforall.org.uk**

Music for All supports disadvantaged music makers across the UK
Registered UK charity no 1055371



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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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Gold: £150

Silver: £75

Bronze: £25



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<https://sites.google.com/stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk/pool>



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DURING THE OCTOBER HALF-TERM!

SPORTS
HOCKEY
FOOTBALL
BASKETBALL
TAG-RUGBY
GYMNASTICS

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DEN BUILDING
GLOW DODGEBALL

ENRICHMENT
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HAZLEMERE, HP15 7PH

DATES:
27th - 30th October
TIMES:
9:00 - 15:30
8:30 - 17:30
AGES:
4 - 12 years old

STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY,
HIGH WYCOMBE, HP14 3RN

DATES:
27th - 30th October
TIMES:
9:00 - 15:30
9:00 - 13:00
AGES:
4 - 12 years old

Looking for something exciting this October half-term? Our multi-activity holiday clubs are packed with fun, energy, and variety for children of all ages!

Each day brings something new – from archery and fencing to dodgeball, cricket, and loads more. With a mix of sports, team games, and seasonal crafts, there's never a dull moment.

Book now for an unforgettable half-term!

Prices start from
£35.10 a day!



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*T&Cs apply. Refer a friend discount on new bookings only.





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STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

FIREWORK DISPLAY

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2025

GEORGE ROAD, STOKENCHURCH HP14 3RN

TICKETS ONLINE AT:

[WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/
FRIENDS-OF-STOKENCHURCH-MIDDLE-SCHOOL](http://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/FRIENDS-OF-STOKENCHURCH-MIDDLE-SCHOOL)

EARLY BIRD PRICES

SUPER EARLY *NOW TILL MIDNIGHT 14/09* - £5.00

EARLY *15/09 TILL MIDNIGHT 30/09* - £7.50

BIT LATE *01/10 TILL MIDNIGHT 26/10* - £9.50

ON THE GATE TICKETS
WILL BE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

GATES OPEN 6:00PM - FIREWORK DISPLAY 7:00PM



Let's do something amazing

Let's do a Macmillan Coffee Morning

Come along and help us do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: St. Peter & St. Paul

Date: 26th Sept 2025

Time: 10-12.00

Contact: Church office

01494 854045



Simply scan this QR code with your phone to donate direct to your host's Coffee Morning.

It's easy, quick and secure. Thank you.



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