

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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£62,983 so far!

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

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE



😊 OUR HARVEST PRODUCE LOOKED AMAZING ON DISPLAY! 😊

THIS WEEK:
 HARVEST FESTIVAL
 EARLY YEARS OPEN EVENING
 GOVERNOR VACANCY
 SAFEGUARDING SLOT
 IMPORTANT MESSAGES
 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
 AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER
 Solar Panels
 produced = 89.35 MWh
 CO₂ saved = 50.75 t

GOLDEN RULES
 READY
 RESPECTFUL
 SAFE

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Cherry-99.4%		Ash-99%		Elder & Holly-98.7%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	28	16	23	54	14	21
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			Prunus			
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 #TogetherWeCa

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES in Y6

On Monday this week we announced the names of our Y6 prefects alongside our Head Boys and Head Girls. There was an application process during which the candidates were shortlisted and interviewed and I was impressed by the high standard of applications. They all talked about the school values, what is important to them and why they wanted the positions applied for, making the task incredibly difficult for Mr Sloan and I. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward, and I am happy to announce our prefects and Head Boys / Girls are as follows:

PREFECTS

Ariana	Emilia	Izzy	Loolah	Mayalisse
Mia	Molly	Pia	Scarlett	Skyla
	Skye	Sumayya	Thomas	

HEAD BOYS / GIRLS

Noah	River	Poppy	Ridhee
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The children were presented with special ties and badges in assembly and have already started taking on the job by being great role models to their peers. I look forward to sharing their achievements as they fulfil their jobs during the course of the year 😊

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival celebrations this morning were a joy. We welcomed Reverend Philip and his wife Lucy to our celebrations and they helped us as we sang songs and shared stories about the significance of the harvest and why we



celebrate it in school. The children sang a number of harvest songs and the display of all the produce we had donated was quite incredible. The pictures do not do justice to the range of tins and goodies that our community all donated. We will box these up and deliver them to the residents of St Hugh's Close next week so a huge thank you for your generosity.

EARLY YEARS OPEN EVENING

On Tuesday evening we welcomed almost 20 families to our second ‘Open Evening’ event as parents are looking to choose their child’s first school. Most of our visitors had not visited **STOKENCHURCH** before and so the opportunity to come and meet us and have a look at our amazing provision was much appreciated and met enthusiastically. Our Head Boys, Girls and prefects joined us to give their own perspective of what life is like at our amazing school and followed that by taking our visitors on a tour. They did us proud and were certainly enthusiastic advocates for **STOKENCHURCH**. Thank you to Mrs Pope for helping to organise the evening as well as the Pool Committee for joining us and supporting the occasion too.

GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have 2 vacancies for parent governors to join our










Governing Board and support the on-going strategic development of our school. You can find more information about the role on our school website [HERE](#). More information about the role of Governor in Schools can be found here: [HERE](#)

If you would like an informal conversation with Mr Stevens to find out more, please email the office with your expression of interest and he will be in touch with you shortly to answer your questions and explain what’s involved. We look forward to hearing from you! 😊

when it arrives! Look out for similar initiatives for other classes in the weeks to come 😊

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

AMAZON WISHLIST	We have recently updated our Amazon wishlist! Here you can purchase items for your child’s year group to be delivered directly to the school: https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c	<i>Thank you!</i>
NO DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND	Please can we remind parents that dogs, with the exception of Assistance dogs, should not be brought onto school premises.	 
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.	

<p>SAFE ROUTE IN & OUT OF SCHOOL</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>PTA PUMPKIN COMPETITION</p>	<p>Our annual pumpkin competition gets underway in the next couple of weeks so let your imaginations run riot! The pumpkin patch this year will be around the flagpole and there will be prizes for EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2 and Adult entries. £1 per pumpkin. Drop off : Tue 21st – 23rd Oct</p>	
<p>HELP!</p>	<p>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!</p>	
<p>MORE HELP!</p>	<p>HDMI Cable Request Do you have any spare working HDMI cables at home that you no longer need? We are in urgent need of these in school. If you are able to donate, please send them to the school office for the attention of Mrs Whelan. Thank you for your support!</p>	







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 concerns. Make a written record of your concerns and share without delay.

<p><small>Mr Nick Stevens Designated Safeguarding Officer Headteacher</small></p> 	<p><small>Mr Stephen Shan Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher</small></p> 
<p><small>Mrs Francesca Avery Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCO</small></p> 	<p><small>Mrs Kai Warner Designated Safeguarding Officer Nursery Manager</small></p> 
<p><small>Mrs Catherine Howland Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCO</small></p> 	<p><small>Mrs Judy Pope Designated Safeguarding Officer Administration Manager</small></p> 

Please do not leave the site without sharing your concern, even if just a feeling.
Remember, IT COULD HAPPEN HERE.

[Safeguarding Update – Andy Cope Children’s Books](#)

We have been made aware of a safeguarding alert relating to some children’s books written by Andy Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats* and *Spy Pup* series. These books include a website link which, while originally connected to the author, now directs to a site that is no longer appropriate for children.

The stories themselves remain suitable to read, but the website link is not safe. As a precaution, we will remove these titles from our school library and book areas.

We would encourage families to check at home for any books by Andy Cope and to be mindful if children ask to follow a website link within a story. This is also a good opportunity to remind children to always check with an adult before following any link they come across in a book or online.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep our children safe.

[THE DAYS ARE GETTING SHORTER AND DARKER](#)

Why Visibility Matters in Low Light

- 1. Reduced Driver Visibility**
In low light, drivers have a harder time spotting pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users. Wearing dark clothing makes you nearly invisible until it's too late.

2. Shorter Reaction Times

If you're not clearly visible, drivers have less time to react—especially in poor weather conditions like rain or fog.

3. Increased Risk of Accidents

According to road safety statistics, a significant number of pedestrian and cyclist accidents happen during dawn, dusk, or night time.



How to Be Seen

- **Wear Reflective Gear:** Jackets, vests, armbands, or even reflective tape on bags and shoes.
- **Use Lights:** Cyclists should use front white and rear red lights. Walkers and runners can use clip-on LED lights or headlamps.
- **Choose Bright Colours:** Fluorescent clothing (yellow, orange, pink) is more visible in daylight and twilight.
- **Avoid Distractions:** Stay alert and avoid using phones or headphones when crossing roads.

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL – A SERIOUS SAFETY CONCERN

We must urgently remind all parents and carers that parking on double yellow lines, zig-zags, and other restricted areas outside our school is both illegal and extremely dangerous.

Over recent weeks we have seen a significant increase in cars stopping and parking where they should not, particularly on the double yellow lines around the school gates. This is not a minor inconvenience – it places our children, families, and staff at real risk. Visibility is reduced, crossings are blocked, and children are forced to navigate unsafe situations simply because some drivers choose convenience over safety. We cannot stress this enough: no drop-off or pick-up is worth endangering a child's life. Please take the extra care to park safely and legally. The school will continue to monitor the situation closely, and will liaise with local authorities to ensure enforcement if necessary. We ask every member of our community to do their part: set a good example, respect the rules, and put the safety of our children first at all times.



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.

October 2025			
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	Mufti Day (Autumn Snugglies) Tombola Prizes Please!	ALL	
	End of Term 1 (usual finish time)	ALL	
Thu 30 th	PTA Fireworks Event at school	ALL	

Letter available / to follow

Please join us if you can 😊

Please note change of date



Cozy
VIBES ONLY

Autumn Snuggly Day - join us in your oodles, onesies, pjs, slippers or anything you find comfy for the day!

Friday 24th October -
Mufti Day with a difference!

PLEASE BRING A TOMBOLA PRIZE -
ALCOHOL, CHOCOLATE, TOILETRIES &
GIFTS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY
ACCEPTED.
(UNOPEN & IN DATE PLEASE)

THANK YOU!





Autumn Disco

Tuesday 21st October 2025

Years 1, 2 & 3 - 5pm-6.15pm
Years 4, 5 & 6 - 6.30pm-7.45pm



Includes drinks &
snack with a treat
to take home!

£5
via parentpay or
on the door

No Mobiles or ipods allowed



**FRIENDS OF
STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

FIREWORK DISPLAY

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2025

GEORGE ROAD, STOKENCHURCH HP14 3RN

PTA BAR

🍷🍷 SWEET TREATS & HOT DRINKS 🍪🍪

🌟GLOW EMPORIUM🌟

🍖 SCOUTS BBQ! 🍔

RAISING FUNDS FOR THEIR TRIP TO SLOVENIA

TICKET PRICES

15/09 TILL MIDNIGHT 30/09* - £7.50

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

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



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FREE ONLINE SCHOOL COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE → 01296 383582 OR SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the course code link below

RECEPTION (MATHS - 6 week online course) Develop your child's Early Maths Skills

9:30am - 11:30am
• Mon 3rd Nov - Mon 8th Dec
• Tue 4th Nov - Tue 9th Dec
• Thur 6th Nov - Thur 11th Dec

Choose from 1 of these 3 dates

Course code: FEMEM049



YEARS 1 & 2 (MATHS CONFIDENCE - 6 week online courses)

Tue 4th Nov - Tue 9th Dec 9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: FEMMN024



Mon 3rd Nov - Mon 8th Dec 7pm - 9pm

Course code: FEMMS047



YEARS 3 & 4 (MATHS CONFIDENCE - 6 week online courses)

Mon 3rd Nov - Mon 8th Dec 9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: FEMMS088



Wed 5th Nov - Wed 10th Dec 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Course code: FEMMN028



YEARS 1 - 6 (MONEY MATTERS - 4 week online course)

Wed 5th Nov - Wed 26th Nov 7pm - 9pm

Course code: FEMMM100



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FREE ONLINE SCHOOL COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE → 01296 383582 OR SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the course code link below

YEARS 3, 4 & 5 (2 hour online workshops)

Advice for parents to support their children with the pressures & anxieties of the 11+ (Part 1)
6:30pm - 8:30pm
• Tue 4th Nov
• Tue 2nd Dec

Choose from 1 of these 2 dates

Course code: FMEP095



Expectations of the 11+ and useful information to support your child (Part 2)

6:30pm - 8:30pm

• Tue 11th Nov
• Tue 9th Dec

Choose from 1 of these 2 dates

Course code: FMEP096



YEARS 5 & 6

Thurs 6th Dec - Thurs 11th Dec 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Support your child with MATHS - Fractions, Decimals & Percentages (6 week online course)

Course code: FMPD135



Using Books to help your child with Grammar, Vocabulary & Punctuation (2 hour online workshop)

6:30pm - 8:30pm

• Tue 18th Nov
• Tue 25th Nov

Choose from 1 of these 2 dates

Course code: FEMWG033



YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6 (WELLBEING)

Tue 9th Dec 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Help your child develop Self-Belief through Problem Solving (2 hour online workshop)

Course code: FEMWB021



Tue 4th Nov - Tue 2nd Dec 12:30pm - 2:30pm
Support your child's Wellbeing (5 week online course)

Course code: FEMWB020



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PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS

more fun, more friendships, more smiles DURING THE OCTOBER HALF-TERM!

SPORTS

HOCKEY
FOOTBALL
BASKETBALL
TAG-RUGBY
GYMNASTICS

ADVENTURE

ARCHERY
FENCING
NERF GAMES
DEN BUILDING
GLOW DODGEBALL

ENRICHMENT

CRAFTS
EDIBLE ART
YOGA
DANCE
KARAOKE



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Springbucks Gymnastics Club Holiday Camps advertisement featuring gymnasts, winter decorations, and camp dates: Wed 29th Oct, Mon 22nd Dec, Thurs 30th Oct, Tues 23rd Dec.

Half Term Events

Sun 12th Oct - Sun 2nd Nov

Pumpkin Hunt Trail

Hunt our gardens for pumpkins to win a prize! Age 3 - 11.
Pre-book or drop in. £3.15 per child. Not available Mon & Sat.



Sun 26th Oct

Halloween Monster Hunt

Hunt through the museum gathering body parts to build your own Frankenstein! Inspired by Mary Shelley's locally-written Frankenstein. Age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £7.25 per child.



Tue 28th & Wed 29th Oct

Discover & Make: Mosaic Madness

Make your very own mosaic coaster in your own personal design! Learn all about mosaic history, including Wycombe's Roman villa. Best for age 4 - 11. Pre-book. £4.75 per child.



Thu 30th Oct

Babes in the Wood Forest School

For little ones to enjoy nature, explore, do seasonal crafts, campfire cooking and more. For age 18mth - 5yrs.
Pre-book. £8.90 per child.



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