



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

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE



😊 LIME CLASS ASSEMBLY TURNED US ON TO RECYCLING THIS WEEK! 😊

THIS WEEK:

- PARENT EVENINGS
- SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
- SAFEGUARDING SLOT
- LIME CLASS ASSEMBLY
- SHOW RACSIM THE RED CARD
- IMPORTANT MESSAGES
- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
 produced = 89.37 MWh
 CO₂ saved = 50.76 t


GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Cherry 99.4%		Holly 98.7%		Elm 98.6 %	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	36	34	23	54	16	21
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			KITES KITCHEN!			
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

PARENTS EVENING

On Monday and Wednesday this week we welcomed over 90% of our parents to the first formal parent meeting of the year. The evenings went very smoothly and I received lots of positive feedback from parents about their children's progress. Thank you for attending and I hope you found the information you discussed with your child's teacher useful. Thank you also to all the teachers and support staff who coordinated and prepared for the evenings.



LIME CLASS ASSEMBLY

This morning we learned all about how we can do our bit to save energy by reducing, recycling and



reusing energy and products around us. Presented by Ms Jones and written, performed and produced in a series of sketches on the subject by the children, we learned about saving water, turning off lights, using dishwashers, protecting the world's oceans, electric cars and so much more. There were at least '6/7' themes and the children presented confidently and with good humour. Well-done Lime class – I hope more of us switch the lights off behind us as a result!

SHOWING RACISM THE RED CARD

Today the children wore an item of red clothing to support

the national day to raise awareness of the nature and impact of racism in our country and what we can do together to tackle it. Thankfully, racist comments are incredibly rare between the



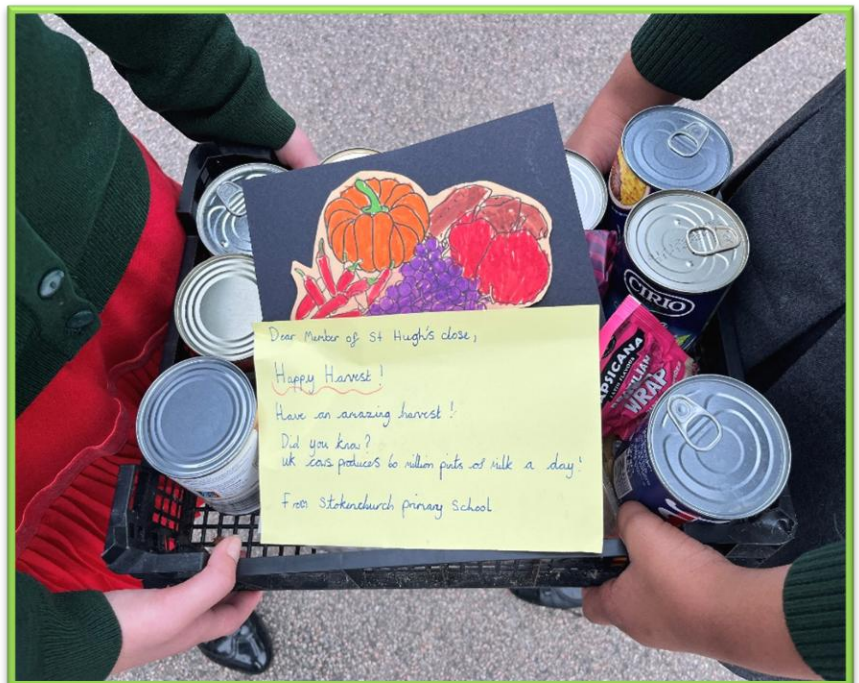
children at **STOKENCHURCH**, but on the extremely few occasions it is experienced, it is something we use immediately to share information, give a context and do our part to stamp it out. We will be

talking more about this subject in assembly on Monday and I was impressed by the support for this shown by the children. 😊









HARVEST DELIVERIES 😊

Today I had the pleasure of accompanying our Head Boys, Head Girls and Y6 Prefects (as well as Mrs Foster) to deliver 36 food parcels to the residents of St Hugh's Close. The children behaved impeccably and the gifts were warmly welcomed at the doorsteps accompanied by special Happy Harvest cards and pictures drawn by the children. One resident was so overwhelmed she shed a few tears! The children were incredibly kind, mature and thoughtful as they delivered our special gifts and were treated to a glass of Vimto as a little thank you. It is days like this that make the job of headteacher so worthwhile and I was incredibly proud. Thank you to the children and thank you everyone again for your generous harvest donations 😊



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	
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.	
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.	
PTA PUMPKIN COMPETITION	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 – Thu 23rd Oct	
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.

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.

Are you concerned about a child?

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

 Mr Nick Stevens <small>Designated safeguarding Officer Headteacher</small>	 Mr Stephen Sloan <small>Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher</small>
 Mrs Francesca Avery <small>Designated safeguarding Officer SENCo</small>	 Mrs Kat Warner <small>Designated Safeguarding Officer Nursery Manager</small>
 Miss Catherine Howland <small>Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCo</small>	 Mrs Judy Pope <small>Designated Safeguarding Officer Administration Manager</small>

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

SMARTPHONES UPDATE



As per [the letter sent home yesterday](#), we would like to share a brief update on our plans regarding smartphones at school. To support children's wellbeing, learning and behaviour, we will be introducing a phased ban on smartphones. From **September 2026**, current Year 4 pupils (then Year 5) will not be permitted to bring smartphones to school – only basic call-and-text phones will be allowed. From **September 2027**, this will extend to both Year 5 and Year 6.

STOKENCHURCH is proud to support the Smartphone Free Childhood initiative, and further details and helpful resources can be found in the full letter.

THE DAYS ARE GETTING SHORTER AND DARKER

Why does visibility matter 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 can I ensure I am seen?

1. **Wear Reflective Gear:** Jackets, vests, armbands, or even reflective tape on bags and shoes.
2. **Use Lights:** Cyclists should use front white and rear red lights. Walkers and runners can use clip-on LED lights or headlamps.
3. **Choose Bright Colours:** Fluorescent clothing (yellow, orange, pink) is more visible in daylight and twilight.
4. **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			
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	
November 2025			
Mon 3 rd	Start of Term (Autumn 2)	ALL	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can ☺	Please note change of date

COMMUNITY PAGES



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VIBES ONLY

Autumn Snuggly Day – join us in your oodies, 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 Support your child with Maths

Course code: FEMMN024



Mon 3rd Nov - Mon 8th Dec 7pm - 9pm Support your child's understanding of Shape, Data & Measure

Course code: FEMMS047



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

Mon 3rd Nov - Mon 8th Dec 9:30am - 11:30am Support your child with Geometry, Statistics & Measurement

Course code: FEMMS088



Wed 5th Nov - Wed 10th Dec 6:30pm - 8:30pm Support your child's Confidence with Numbers

Course code: FEMMN028



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

Wed 5th Nov - Wed 26th Nov 7pm - 9pm Help teach your child the value of Money

Course code: FEMMM109



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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
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PARACHUTE, LEGO LUNCHTIMES
HAZLEMERE CAMPS
WED 29TH OCT
MON 22ND DEC
MARLOW CAMPS
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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