

# STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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# STOKENCHURCH STAR



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

## RESILIENT




😊 OUR FABULOUS FIREWORKS LAST WEEK! 😊

**THIS WEEK:**  
 FIREWORKS  
 REMEMBRANCE  
 UNIFORM  
 RESILIENCE  
 PRUNUS CLASS ASSEMBLY  
 IMPORTANT MESSAGES  
 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
 AND MUCH MORE...

**ECO TICKER**  
 Solar Panels  
 produced = 89.54MWh  
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**GOLDEN RULES**  
 READY  
 RESPECTFUL  
 SAFE

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Ash - 97.6%		Birch - 97.5%		Prunus - 97%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	50	54	62	82	36	50
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			BIRCH & BEECH CLASSES			
THIS TERM'S SCHOOL COMPOSER (Music we listen to in class and assembly)			 Philip Glass			



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



You can donate to our swimming pool project here:

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Together, we can make waves and build something amazing!

#SwimForAll #CommunitySupport #ThankYou #MakeADifference #Fundraiser #TogetherWeCa



## FABULOUS FIREWORKS

Last Thursday's fireworks were a real treat. I was a bit nervous to be honest as it is such a big responsibility, but the PTA did a brilliant and professional job of all the preparations, risk assessments and attractions / refreshments that meant 450 people had a wonderful evening. We raised an impressive £1800 for the school and will definitely do this again next year. Thank you to our wonderful PTA team and

to everyone who attended! 😊



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Parents and carers are invited to join us for our Remembrance Service on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** from 10.50am around the flagpole. We will plant a field of poppies and observe the 2-minute silence as a school mark of respect to those who have given their lives in conflict.



## PRUNUS CLASS ASSEMBLY

This morning the children in Prunus class shared a special assembly that covered the theme of World War One and the reason we mark Remembrance Day. The presentation was moving and engaging, peppered with facts about the end of the Great War and brought to life by examples of the children's excellent writing and poetry. A really nice touch was having the children's books out on display for parents and carers to share with



their children following the performance. Thank you to Mr Showan and Prunus class – you did a brilliant job! 😊



### FIREWORK FUN IN NURSERY

This week the children in Nursery have been learning about Bonfire Night. They had lots of questions about Guy Fawkes and his plan to blow up the Houses of Parliament and there were lots of discussions about how 'mean' and 'bad' the plan was to put gunpowder in the barrels. After watching a fireworks display on the interactive white board they children were inspired to create their own 'fireworks' outside on Nathans Court. There was lots of excitement as they made patterns, mixed colours and listened to the sound as they splattered and flicked their 'powder paint fireworks' onto the ground.

### THIS TERM'S SCHOOL VALUE: RESILIENCE

At **STOKENCHURCH** this term we are focusing on the school value of resilience as we believe that one of the most important life skills our children can develop is **RESILIENCE** – the ability to bounce back from challenges, learn from mistakes, and keep trying even when things feel difficult.

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**RESILIENT**

### Resilience helps children:

- Develop confidence and independence
- Learn problem-solving and coping strategies
- Build stronger relationships with others
- Approach new experiences with a positive mindset

### As parents and teachers, we can nurture resilience by encouraging children to:

- Try again when something doesn't work the first time
- Celebrate effort as much as achievement
- Talk about feelings and find healthy ways to manage frustration
- See mistakes as opportunities to learn and grow



Together, we can help our students understand that challenges are not setbacks – they are stepping stones toward growth and success. Thank you for continuing to support your child's journey of learning and perseverance.



### 😊 "GOOD MORNING!" 😊

A few members of staff have noticed at the gate in the mornings and afternoons that their positive 'good morning' or 'see you tomorrow' comments made to the children, whilst acknowledged by some, goes ignored by many. I will talk to the children about this in assembly on Monday but do encourage them to say 'hello' back. Good manners make our school a happier, friendlier place for everyone and doesn't cost anything. It's also a good habit to establish early in our

children to help shape aspects of their future lives. Let's keep showing our school spirit by treating others the way we'd like to be treated – with kindness, respect, and a smile!

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

A gentle reminder that at **STOKENCHURCH** we take great pride in our school uniform. Wearing the correct uniform helps our children feel part of the school community and encourages a sense of belonging, equality, and respect.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the full and correct school uniform each day. Uniforms should be neat, tidy, and clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and a strong sense of school identity. When our children look smart, they feel confident and are ready to learn!

### OUR UNIFORM POLICY

- Grey or black skirt or tunic or trousers
- White blouse or buttoned shirt (not polo shirt)
- School tie (elasticated option for Reception - Year 2). Please check with the office if any are available to purchase from school, or purchase through PMG
- Bottle green jumper or cardigan (logoed jumpers and cardigans are available to purchase through PMG)
- Grey, black or white socks (not trainer socks)



- Grey or black school shoes (low heeled)
- Optional green / white check cotton dress for summer
- Long hair must always be tied back but only with a suitable plain-coloured band
- Hair bows must be an appropriate size and plain coloured, in line with school colours.








### PE AND GAMES KIT

- Bottle green shorts (shorts are available to purchase through PMG)
- White polo shirt (logoed polo shirts are available to purchase through PMG)
- White or black trainers for outdoor PE
- Black tracksuit for Outdoor Games/PE

### JEWELLERY / EARRINGS

With the exception of wristwatches, pupils are not allowed to wear ANY jewellery. Parents who wish to have their child's ears pierced are advised that this should be done at the beginning of the 6 weeks summer holiday. To avoid the loss of PE lessons, to ensure your child's safety and that of others, any earring that needs to remain in due to recent piercing, needs to be taped by parents prior to arrival at school. Given the length of the summer break, it is expected that the very latest this may be necessary is October half term. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGES







	<p>Stokie's Big Splash Silent Auction - The Pool Committee will be holding a silent auction to raise funds for Stokie's Big Splash. If you are able to donate, or know someone who might be interested, please get in touch with us by 14 November at <a href="mailto:pool@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk">pool@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk</a>. We can arrange collection or provide more information if needed. Every contribution, big or small, will make a real difference - and help us reach our goal faster.</p>	
<p>AMAZON WISHLIST</p>	<p>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: <a href="https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c">https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c</a></p>	
<p>SAFE ROUTE IN &amp; 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>YEAR 2 MESSAGE</p>	<p>In order for the Year 2 Walk to the Memorial on <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b> to take place we need more parent volunteers! Please contact the office if you are able to help. Thank you.</p>	
<p>TESCO GRANTS</p>	<p>We are fortunate to have recently received 2 grants from the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. These will be used for playground redevelopment and educational resources. Thank you to everyone who voted for us in local Tesco stores.</p>	
<p>PARENT VOLUNTEERS</p>	<p>Do you have time to spare to volunteer at our school? We would like parent volunteers to assist with reading with children, social skills group work (eg playing board games), fine motor skills (threading needles, cutting skills, pencil control), and art lessons (helping with painting, art resources prep / cleaning etc). Please contact the school office if this is something you are able to assist with.</p>	

# SAFEGUARDING: IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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

**Are you concerned about a child?**

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

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

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

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.

## PARKING



Sometimes the safety of our children goes beyond the school gates, and whilst I often give reminders to parents, I have been saddened to receive two separate emails this week from your fellow parents raising concerns about the driving and parking around our school and the potential danger it is putting our children in. Speed is reported as an increasing issue, parking inconsiderately or illegally has also been highlighted and a general lack of consideration for other road users is often mentioned. I know that Tesco express adds to the traffic impact around school time and I appreciate that the building work over the road is also making a difference. However, if YOU follow the following steps, you will be doing your bit to keep our children as safe as possible:

1. Use the unofficial one-way system at pick up and drop off times – come through to school down Pigeon Farm Road rather than George Road, which is against the flow of traffic.
2. Park where a space is available – not across (or on) people's driveways and not on the zig zag lines.
3. Head out from home a little earlier and use kiss and drop in the mornings if your child is in Y1 to Y6.
4. Be patient.
5. (Best of all...) Park a little way away from school to avoid the mayhem and walk in with your child, talking with them about the amazing day they are going to have.

Thank you for your support. If only 10% of parents start sticking to these simple guidelines, it will make a big difference to the safety of our children for everyone.



## OTHER NEWS

Mrs Foster's Daughter is taking on an inspiring challenge to run the London Marathon next year. She has set up a JustGiving page to raise funds and awareness – and we'd love our school community to get behind her!



Please visit [her Just Giving page](#) to read her story and lend your support.

Louie in Elm was given the amazing opportunity of being a mascot for the Aston Villa match on Thursday evening. He proved to be quite the lucky charm as the player he walked out with scored the first goal and Villa won the match. Well-done Louie!

## 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.

NOVEMBER 2025			
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service at SPS Flag Pole at 10:50am Y2 Walking to the War Memorial at 10:30am	ALL	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	National Kindness Day	ALL	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need – Non uniform day (spotty clothing encouraged) £1 donation	ALL	
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Height & Weight Check	Y6	
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair	ALL	
DECEMBER 2025			
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5 Carol Service - 2:30pm	Y5	
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6 Carol Service - 2:30pm	Y6	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Lunch	ALL	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 to Waddesdon Manor	Y4	
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling Pantomime (at school) Funded by PTA	ALL	
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Christmas Performance – 9:15am	F2	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Santa Sleigh around Stokenchurch (evening tbc)	ALL	
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance – 9:30am	Y1/Y2	
	F2/Y5/Y6 Christmas Party	F2/Y5/Y6	
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance – 2:00pm	Y1/Y2	
	Y3/Y4 Christmas Party	Y3/Y4	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Stay & Sing – 9:45am-11:15am	F1	
	Nursery Stay & Sing – 1:30pm-3:00pm	F1	
	Y1/Y2 Christmas Party	Y1/Y2	
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Christmas Party	F1	
	School Closes for Christmas Holidays – 1:00pm	ALL	

Letter available / to follow

Please join us if you can 😊

Please note change of date



# BIG SPLASH UPDATE!

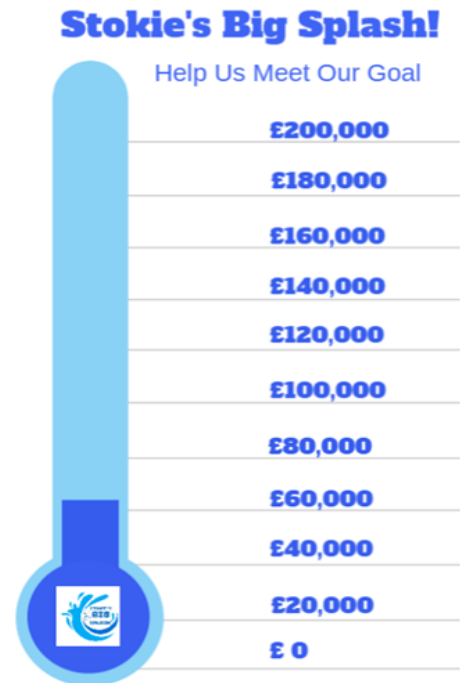
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Our BIG SPLASH fundraising campaign continues and the committee have lots of ideas of helping us reach our target for the pool. We have a very fancy totaliser which shows our progress and will be updated regularly through the newsletter after half term. If you can



donate, please do. If you work for a company or organisation that can help or signpost our campaign, go for it. If you have any contacts or ideas, please don't hesitate to get in touch as we all work together to bring our school's dream to reality!

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to one of our lovely local residents who donated this pod chair for our school library. It is an amazing piece of furniture, and one that I know the children will thoroughly enjoy!

## HARVEST HAMPERS THANKYOU

Dear Mr Stevens,

On behalf of all the residents, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks to you and the wonderful pupils of your school for the delightful harvest festival hampers.

The generosity and thoughtfulness shown by your young students truly warmed our hearts. Each hamper was filled with care and kindness and, and it brought such joy to everyone here. It was especially lovely to see the children

themselves delivering them – their smiles and enthusiasm lit up the day and reminded us of the spirit of community and giving.

Please pass on our gratitude to all the staff and families involved. Your school's continued support means so much to us, and we deeply appreciate the effort that goes into making these moments so special.

With warmest thanks,

Dorothy and the residents and Staff of St Hugh's Close.

