



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:

RESILIENT



😊 OUR FIELD OF POPPIES FOR REMEMBRANCE 😊

THIS WEEK:
SCHOOL COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
CHILDREN IN NEED
RESILIENCE
Y2 WALK TO WAR MEMORIAL
WORLD KINDNESS DAY
IMPORTANT MESSAGES
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER
Solar Panels
produced = 89.58 MWh
CO₂ saved = 50.88 t


GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Beech - 98.7%		Hazel - 98.2%		Cherry - 97.4%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	55	63	62	84	57	65
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			Mrs George and Miss Hubbard			
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



REMEMBRANCE

On Tuesday we had our annual service of Remembrance. We were joined by more than 40 parents and the children gathered around the flagpole where our garden of Remembrance was brought to life by over 400 individual poppies made by the children and staff. We had readings, poems, observed the 2-minute silence on the stroke of 11am and listened to Y6 reflections about what Remembrance means to them. It was a rightly respectful occasion and I was incredibly proud of our



children and their exemplary conduct throughout. Thank you to our Head Boys, and Head Girls who delivered their special duties perfectly and to everyone who came together to make it such a special occasion. Lest we forget.

Y2 WALK TO THE WAR MEMORIAL

On Tuesday 11th, Year 2 walked through the village and met Reverend Ackford at the War Memorial. He led us through the 2-minute silence and told us about the significance of the poppy. We were incredibly proud of how well the children behaved during our visit and the high level of respect they showed. They really were a



credit to **STOKENCHURCH.**

When we came back to school, we were lucky enough to have a talk from Gracie's dad, Nigel, who showed us his medals from his time in the RAF Police. The children were very impressed!

GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

This term, Year 2 are learning about the Great Fire of London. We have just been finding out which methods were used to put the fire out.



As part of our learning, we have been creating a 'bucket chain' to see if we could get the water all the way from 'the river' to the burning houses. We were very careful not to spill a drop or waste any water to make sure we could put the fire out. Thanks to Miss Browne and Mrs Elliott for bringing the children's learning to life!



CHILDREN IN NEED

We've had an amazing and fun day today as we support the incredible work of Children in Need. We have all dressed up or dressed down, worn our spots with pride and generally got into the spirit of the day. We have all taken part in special Pudsy themed activities in class to celebrate Children in Need, teach the children who the charity is and explain what they do. Thank you to all who donated and did their bit again this year 😊

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN



WOW Travel Tracker

We're taking part in the WOW Schools Active Travel Competition, where schools compete to see who has the highest number of pupils walking, scooting, wheeling or cycling to school. The more pupils who travel actively, the higher our score! Children record their journeys each morning in school, so there's no extra work for parents – we just need your support in encouraging active travel whenever possible. The competition runs until Friday 12th December 2025, with prizes of up to £150 for winning schools. Make the journey more fun by trying the [WOW Scavenger Hunt](#) on the way. Thank you for

helping us stay active and aim for the top!

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.

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.

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.








WONDERS, TRICKS & SURPRISES CLUB

We got the Lego out this week and the children were challenged to make the tallest tower as their first challenge and then a vehicle as their second challenge. The children

were brilliant and the importance of teamwork shone through. We had some impressive towers and all manner of vehicles from caravans to space rockets and heli-planes! I'm really glad the children enjoyed it and am proud of how many clubs and other activities that are available to our children at the start or end of the school day. If you would like your child to join, please see the school website for all the details.



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 pool@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk. 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: https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c</p>	
<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>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>	

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 Rick Stevens Designated Safeguarding Officer Headteacher	 Mr Stephen Sloan Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher
 Mrs Françoise 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. 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.



You will hopefully have noticed the traffic cones out on the zig-zag lines this week. These have helped to remind road users not to park here and to help keep your children safe. Many thanks to the parents who have taken the time to comment and show their appreciation.

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.



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 18 th	Y6 Height & Weight Check	Y6	
Sat 29 th	PTA Christmas Fair	ALL	
DECEMBER 2025			
Mon 1 st	Y5 Carol Service - 2:30pm	Y5	
Tue 2 nd	Y6 Carol Service - 2:30pm	Y6	
Wed 3 rd	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Lunch	ALL	
Fri 5 th	Y4 to Waddesdon Manor	Y4	
Tues 9 th	Travelling Pantomime (at school) Funded by PTA	ALL	
Thurs 11 th	Reception Christmas Performance – 9:15am	F2	
Mon 15 th	PTA Santa Sleigh around Stokenchurch (evening tbc)	ALL	
Tue 16 th	Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance – 9:30am	Y1/Y2	
	F2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Christmas Party	F2/Y3/Y4/ Y5/Y6	
Wed 17 th	Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance – 2:00pm	Y1/Y2	
Thurs 18 th	Nursery Stay & Sing – 9:45am-11:15am	F1	
	Nursery Stay & Sing – 1:30pm-3:00pm	F1	
	Y1/Y2 Christmas Party	Y1/Y2	
Fri 19 th	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!

You can donate to our swimming pool project here:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/stokiesbigsplash>

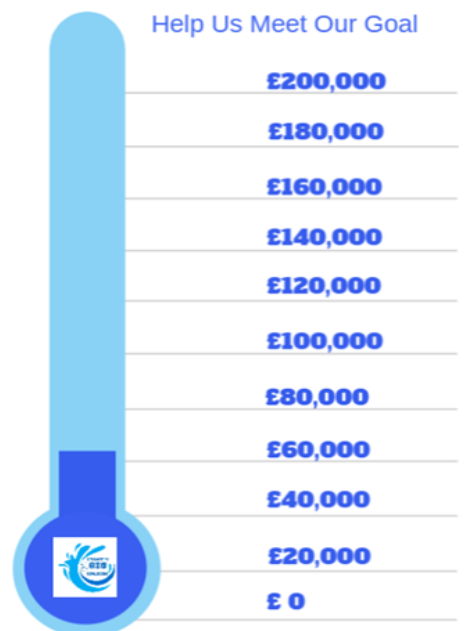
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#Fundraiser #TogetherWeCan

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!

Stokie's Big Splash!

Help Us Meet Our Goal





UNWANTED TEDDIES?

We want them please!

**Drop your preloved
teddies in to the school
reception before 28th Nov.**

Thank you!





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Stokenchurch Primary School Early Years Open Day Event

for children starting school in September 2026

Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 5:00pm

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

office@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk

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

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE RESILIENT CURIOUS CONFIDENT INDEPENDENT SUCCESSFUL



**CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

JOIN US FOR SANTA'S GROTTO,
HOT TURKEY ROLLS, STALLS, GAMES,
RAFFLE AND MORE!

SAT 29TH NOVEMBER

11AM - 2PM
ENTRY : £1 PER ADULT - KIDS ARE FREE

STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL,
GEORGE ROAD, HP14 3RN

**FRIENDS
PTA**



**CLUBHOUSE
CAFE**

Santa's coming!

CLUBHOUSE CHRISTMAS GIFTS APPEAL

Collecting small gifts for children in local
hospitals this Christmas

Saturday 6 December
10.00 - 11.30 *

Bring your gift & get some Santa selfies
£5 per slot - limited tickets (only 30 available)

WhatsApp to book - 07852 464969