



# STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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# STOKENCHURCH STAR



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£63,500 so far!

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

## RESILIENT



😊 LET IT SNOW! 😊

**THIS WEEK:**  
Y3 LOCAL STUDY  
LET IT SNOW  
DIGITAL LEADERS  
RESILIENCE  
FORTNITE  
WE WANT YOUR TEDDIES!  
IMPORTANT MESSAGES  
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
AND MUCH MORE...

**ECO TICKER**  
Solar Panels  
produced = 89.63 MWh  
CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 50.91t


### GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Holly - 99.7%		Larch - 98.1%		Elder - 98%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	54	83	62	83	66	83
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			CHESTNUT CLASS			
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:

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

Together, we can make waves and build something amazing!

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



## OOH IT'S CHILLY!

We 'enjoyed' our first flurry of the season this week and typically it arrived right on drop off time. The children were understandably excited and I'd like to thank Mr Rose and Mrs Springett for helping to clear the paths into school for children and families. A couple of things this reminded me of for you to note:

1. Please ensure your child includes a named black tracksuit (or similar) in their PE kit as it has been particularly cold for PE this week.
2. Ensure they have a named coat and hat / scarf / gloves if it is looking like snow or particularly cold weather.
3. The DROP BOX at the front of school is a really quick way to drop off those forgotten items, saving both you and our office-angels time. Please drop kits, lunches, glasses, etc. (named) in the box and we will ensure it gets to your child.



## Y3 LOCAL STUDY

Year 3 enjoyed their local geography walks this week learning how the land is used for different purposes. We found commercial, transport, recreational, residential and agricultural land and discovered how the spaces on our doorstep are used for many

different purposes. How many can you spot on your way to or from school? Thank you to Mr Pounder for arranging the trips



## DIGITAL LEADERS

Mrs Whelan has appointed 6 children who have a particular passion and flair for computing as this year's digital leader.

They will be responsible for helping Mrs Whelan in the ICT suite throughout the year, setting up

the suite, supporting other children and will be announced / presented with their special badges in assembly on Monday. Well-done to Maariya, Chloe, Daniela, Gabriella, Dylan and Thomas...I look forward to seeing and

experiencing your work during the year!



**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 children 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!

**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 style="text-align: center;"><b>AMAZON WISHLIST</b></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 style="text-align: center;"><b>SAFE ROUTE IN &amp; OUT OF SCHOOL</b></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>	

## TESCO GRANTS

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 😊

**Stronger Starts**

## 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.

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.

## FORTNITE

We know Fortnite is extremely popular, but we must highlight its official UK age rating and the associated risks.

**The UK Age Rating is PEGI 12.**

This means the game is **not recommended for primary school-aged children** due to mild violence and, crucially, the online chat features which expose players to strangers, inappropriate language, and other social risks.

## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

If you allow your child to play, you must put safety first. We strongly recommend using the built-in safeguards:

- Set Up Parental Controls: Epic Games (Fortnite's creator) provides controls to help you:
  - Disable Voice/Text Chat or limit it to "Friends Only."
  - Filter out Inappropriate Language.
  - Require a PIN for all in-game purchases.
  - Set Time Limits.
- Talk to Your Child: Discuss who they are playing with and remind them to never accept friend requests from people they don't know in real life.
- [This free, expert-backed guide](#) provides essential advice on Fortnite's safety concerns and how to protect young people as they enjoy the game.

## 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			
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	
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance - 9:30am	Y1/Y2	
	F2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 Christmas Party	F2/Y3/Y4/ Y5/Y6	
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance - 2:00pm	Y1/Y2	
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!

You can donate to our swimming pool project here:

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

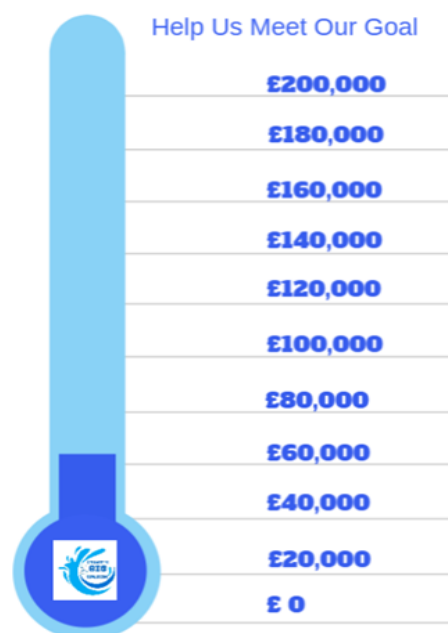
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#SwimForAll #CommunitySupport #ThankYou #MakeADifference  
#Fundraiser #TogetherWeCan

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 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

**Thank you!**





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## Stokenchurch Primary School Early Years Open Day Event

*for children starting school in September 2026*

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 5:00pm**

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

[office@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk](mailto: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 GROTTTO,  
HOT TURKEY ROLLS, STALLS, GAMES,  
RAFFLE AND MORE!

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SAT 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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11AM - 2PM

ENTRY : £1 PER ADULT - KIDS ARE FREE

STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
GEORGE ROAD, HP14 3RN

**FRIENDS**



**PTA**



### 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

**20% OFF!**  
When you book before 24<sup>th</sup> November

# PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS

MON 22<sup>ND</sup>, TUES 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER & FRI 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY

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### YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CLUB

<b>LITTLE CHALFONT PRIMARY, AMERSHAM, HP6 6SX</b>	<b>MANOR FARM JUNIOR, HAZLEMERE, HP15 7PH</b>	<b>THOMAS HARDING JUNIOR, CHESHAM, HP5 1LR</b>	<b>TRING SPORTS CENTRE, TRING, HP23 5JU</b>
<b>TIMES:</b> 9:00 - 3:30pm	<b>TIMES:</b> 9:00 - 3:30pm 8:30 - 5:30pm	<b>TIMES:</b> 9:00 - 3:30pm 8:30 - 5:30pm	<b>TIMES:</b> 9:00 - 3:30pm 8:30 - 5:30pm
<b>AGES:</b> Reception - Year 7	<b>AGES:</b> Reception - Year 7	<b>AGES:</b> Reception - Year 7	<b>AGES:</b> Reception - Year 7

**WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!**



**From £35.10**  
**£28.08**  
before 24<sup>th</sup> November

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Winter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy as they start 2026!

**Book now** for a holiday full of excitement!



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