

# 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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£63,500 so far!

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

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

## RESILIENT

**Raffle Prizes**

- 4 x Aylesbury Waterside Theatre Tickets
- Kamen voucher
- S2 Dance Voucher
- Fortnum & Mason Christmas Hamper
- Nails by Lucy voucher
- Easily Does It voucher
- Sophie Bruce-Watt Photography
- (60 minute photo session with 15 free digital images)
- Reald Dahl Museum Golden Ticket
- Happi Sauna voucher
- R&L Glow Japanese Head Spa with Glow facial
- Mowchak Meal for 2
- Cat & Shave vouchers
- Puffin Cove voucher
- Splash Sensory full term voucher
- Airfryer donated by Netcutts Becker
- Pet Padlock 2 x 1hour sessions in the dog field
- Java Whiskers entry for 2
- Fox at Ibstene Voucher
- Pizzeria Lira Voucher
- Bonnars & Babingtons Bottle of Fizz
- Laceys Farm Voucher
- Chinner & Princes Risborough Railway Voucher

**£1.00 Per Ticket**

**FRIENDS PTA**

**THIS WEEK:**  
 SCHOOL AWARD FOR MUSIC  
 LIBRARY TIME  
 SENCO SLOT  
 SILENT AUCTION  
 CHRISTMAS FAIR  
 IMPORTANT MESSAGES  
 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
 AND MUCH MORE...

**ECO TICKER**  
 Solar Panels  
 produced = 89.67MWh  
 CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 50.93t

### GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE



HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS YET?



### ☺ THINGS TO CELEBRATE ☺

ATTENDANCE	Ash & Hazel - 98.6%		Prunus - 97.7%		Alder - 97.1%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	62	85	81	83	86	84
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			ASH 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 #TogetherWeCan

Low Level Disruption in Class

### SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER – PLEASE CHECK POSTER BELOW FOR DETAILS!

The Stokie's Big Splash team are very excited to announce our big **SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER** – run entirely online with Zeffy! This is a wonderful opportunity to help raise money for our new pool enclosure while enjoying some fun bidding from the comfort of your own home.

<https://sites.google.com/stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk/pool/silent-auction>

## SEN SLOT



We kindly ask that you do not purchase or send fidgets, wobble cushions, or any other SEN-related equipment into school for your child unless this has been discussed and agreed with the class teacher beforehand. These resources are used purposefully to support specific learning needs, and introducing them without prior agreement can sometimes cause distractions or difficulties within the classroom. If you feel your child may benefit from additional support or equipment, please speak to the class teacher, who will be happy to discuss this with you. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

### OOH IT'S CHILLY!

We 'enjoyed' our first flurry of the season last 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.



### 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.

### MUSIC AWARD

I am proud to have received notification that STOKENCHURCH has been awarded the national 'Music Mark' from the Buckinghamshire Music Trust. In their communication, they said "The BMT would like to celebrate the value that you place on music in your school by presenting you with the Music Mark of Recognition for Dedication & Improvement.

This is to recognise your commitment to Music Education in Bucks as a BMT member school and for making a significant contribution to the music education landscape in our county.

Music Mark works to support and enable the music education sector to deliver high-quality musical and social outcomes for all children and young people".

Well-done to all involved in the teaching and learning of our music curriculum, especially Mrs Brand whose expertise and passion for music we rely on so much. 😊



### WE LOVE OUR LIBRARY

In a world of technology and gaming, I am really proud that so many of our children thoroughly enjoy and look forward to their visits to our wonderful school library. Extremely well-stocked with a huge number of



fiction and non-fiction titles, seeing the children sharing books, reading together or just having their noses in a book by themselves is a real treat!

## 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>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TESCO GRANTS</b></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.

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

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.



## 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

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

On behalf of the children, staff and PTA at **STOKENCHURCH**, I look forward to seeing you tomorrow from 11am for our amazing Christmas Fair. Every visitor that comes through the door and every penny we can persuade you to part with goes directly to supporting our amazing children. There will be lots of the usual attractions, an amazing grotto and some fabulous prizes on offer. I look forward to seeing you tomorrow from 11am sharp!

☺ Mr Stevens ☺





# BIG SPLASH UPDATE!

You can donate to our swimming pool project here:

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

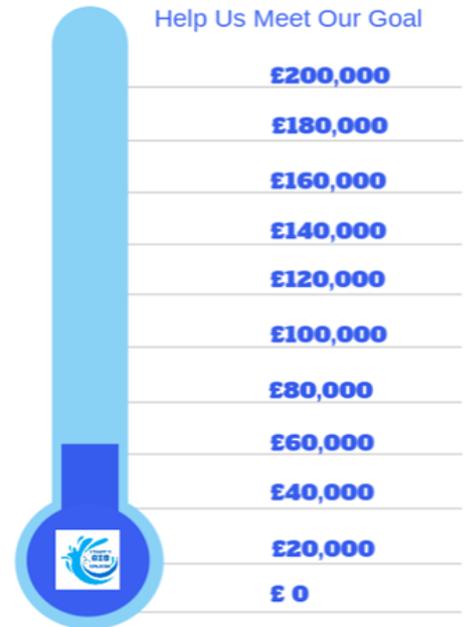
Together, we can make waves and build something amazing!

#SwimForAll #CommunitySupport #ThankYou #MakeADifference #Fundraiser #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



## COMMUNITY PAGES

**HC**  
HOLIDAY CLUBS

**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**

Book today premier-education.com

Excellent Trustpilot

### 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 5JW</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!



**CLUBS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!**



**TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!**

\*T&C Apply. Refer a friend & discount on new bookings only.





# 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**



# SILENT AUCTION



Bid on exclusive lots to help raise money to build an enclosure over the swimming pool at Stokenchurch Primary School to enable year round swimming for pupils and the wider community.

## BID ON OVER £3,000 WORTH OF ITEMS:

- ✓ Afternoon Tea Packages
- ✓ Wycombe Wanderers Matchday Experiences
- ✓ Experience Days
- ✓ Homewares
- ✓ Luxury Items
- ✓ Opera Tickets
- ✓ School Exclusive Items



**BID BY 9.30PM FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER!**



<https://sites.google.com/stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk/pool/silent-auction>



[facebook.com/stokiesbigsplash](https://facebook.com/stokiesbigsplash)



This project is being delivered on behalf of Stokenchurch Primary School by the Stokenchurch Primary School Charitable Fund - a charity registered in England and Wales under charity number 1127377



**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



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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**



**ADHD** Tips to support your child at home (2 hours)

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jan  
9:30am - 11:30am

Course code:  
**FMAC135**



**AUTISM** Tips to support your child at home (2 hours)

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan  
7pm - 9pm

Course code:  
**FMAC134**



**RECEPTION**



**PHONICS & READING**  
Support your child with Phonics and Reading (5 weeks)

• Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jan - Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb  
• Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Jan - Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
• Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Jan - Thur 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

← Choose from 1 of these 3 dates

9:30am - 11:30am

Course code:  
**FMPR063**



**YEARS 1 & 2**



**PHONICS & READING** Support your child with Phonics and Reading (6 weeks)

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Course code:  
**FMPR064**



Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jan - Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feb  
9:30am - 11:30am

Course code:  
**FMPR064**



**MATHS**  
Support your child's understanding of Shape, Data & Measure (6 weeks)

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
9:30am - 11:30am

Course code:  
**FMMS047**



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**YEARS 3 & 4**



**READING & COMPREHENSION**  
Support your child with Reading and comprehension (6 weeks)

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb  
9:30am - 11:30am

Course code:  
**FMRC059**



**MATHS**  
Support your child's understanding of Shape, Data & Measure (6 weeks)

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jan - Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feb  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Course code:  
**FMMS088**



**YEARS 5 & 6**



**READING COURSE**  
Creative ways to engage children in reading and making sense of text (6 weeks)

• Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Feb  
• Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Jan - Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

← Choose from 1 of these 2 dates

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Course code:  
**FMRC091**



**YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6**



**WELLBEING**  
Help your child to stay safe when playing games, doing homework or meeting friends online (4 weeks)

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Jan - Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb  
12:30pm - 2:30pm

Course code:  
**FMWB090**



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**RECEPTION**



**ADHD** Tips to support your child at home (2 hours)

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Jan  
9:30am - 11:30am

Course code:  
**FMAC135**



**AUTISM** Tips to support your child at home (2 hours)

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan  
7pm - 9pm

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**FMAC134**



**RECEPTION**



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Support your child with Phonics and Reading (5 weeks)

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← Choose from 1 of these 3 dates

9:30am - 11:30am

Course code:  
**FMPR063**



**YEARS 1 & 2**



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