



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



THIS WEEK:

KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
CHRISTMAS PARTIES
DRESS REHEARSALS
NURSERY STAY & SING
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
produced = 89.75 MWh
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GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE



CAMEL-AMA-DING-DONG



😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Ash - 97.1%		Chestnut -96.9%		Cherry - 95.1%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	72	92	95	96	120	134
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			BIRCH 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



MISS SMITH (Y2 CHERRY CLASS) ASSISTING MR SLOAN FOR THE DAY!

Izzy had a fantastic day on Thursday as “Assistant to the Deputy Headteacher”, after her family’s successful silent auction bid. On arrival, she was presented with her special lanyard, bag, whistle, hi-vis jacket and clipboard, ready to take on the role and see first-hand how we keep **STOKENCHURCH** running smoothly. Izzy began the day with a morning briefing, with Mr Stevens and Mr Sloan. She then helped at Kiss & Drop, checked late arrivals, and joined Mr Sloan for a meeting with our office team (Mrs Alexander, Mrs Pope and Mrs Mayo) to learn about some of the important behind-the-scenes work that keeps the school organised.

Izzy also conducted an attendance walk around the classes, thinking about why being in school every day matters. Later in the morning, Izzy took part in a learning walk, using her clipboard to note excellent learning, kind behaviour and positive choices – and she particularly enjoyed handing out stickers to children she spotted doing brilliant things.

She also spent time speaking with pupils about their ideas for how we can make our school even better, before joining a Computing Walk with Mrs Whelan. Izzy also helped with a range of admin tasks, including a key job for Mr Stevens involving the school staff bumbags! A huge thank you to Izzy for the maturity, enthusiasm and pride she showed throughout the day – she was a wonderful ambassador for pupil leadership here at **STOKENCHURCH**. Huge thanks to Mr Sloan for making the experience for Izzy such a memorable one!



STAFF SURPRISE!

A big thank you to staff members Mrs Iman and Mrs Riaz for the wonderful ‘**SURPRISE**’ feast they laid on for all the staff. Both ladies were up at 4.00am. cooking and preparing this lovely spread for us to all enjoy! We are really fortunate to have such an amazing staff team and on occasions like this when we really do look out for each other and look after each other it is humbling.





KS1 NATIVITY

On Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon I (along with 160 parents and family members) had the privilege of watching Y1 and Y2's nativity performance of 'Camel-Ama-Ding-Dong'. Based on the Christmas story from the perspective of party-loving camels trekking to Bethlehem, focusing on their initial grumbling about the journey but changing to excitement and celebration upon witnessing baby Jesus. It was funny and really well performed, the ensemble singing was excellent, the children acted and confidently delivered lines. It was a joy to watch and I know it was a really special treat for everyone in the audience, proudly looking on. Good job everyone, with a particular thanks to the teachers and staff who worked



tirelessly to put the show together. They did an incredible job and as a result the children were a credit to the school. Thank you also to the PTA for selling the raffle tickets – we raised an impressive £600 which will go straight back into treats, experiences and resources for your children 😊



ACORNS STAY & SING

Our lovely Acorns invited families to join them for a stay and sing session in our Nursery this week. The children sang a number of carols and other Christmas



songs and coupled with all the actions it was a lovely occasion to round off the festivities this term. We had lots of parents come to watch and they even joined in too! Well done Mrs Warner and Miss Masterton for making it so special 😊



CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON

On Friday last week, classes buddied up to take part in our annual Christmas Crafternoon. An afternoon festooned in decorations, paper, glue, wool, fabric, scissors and glitter, it was lovely to see our children working together to try a range of different festive themed crafts and activities. Thank you to the teachers for planning the super activities and especially to Miss Blandford for organising the afternoon

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

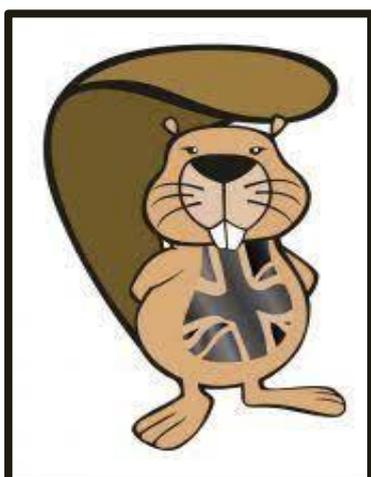
If, like me, you are already thinking about the list of things you would like to be a little better at in the new year, how about making sure your child's belongings have their name in them and you are sure that they are at school and ready to learn on time every day? Registration opens daily at 0845 and it is really important to ensure they are in class, with their friends, and 'ready to go'. Named items can be returned easily, saving you stress and money so pop a sharpie on your Christmas list and get naming! Thank you for your support.



BEBRAS COMPUTING CHALLENGE

We're thrilled to share that our Year 5 and 6 pupils recently participated in their first Bebras Computing Challenge, showcasing their incredible skills in problem-solving and computational thinking. Congratulations to the following Year 5s and Year 6s who received **distinction** in the competition:

Year 5: Freya & Evalyn (best in Year 5), Macy, Antonie, Noah F and Freddie.
Year 6: Oscar (best in Year 6), James F, Emilia, Poppy, River, Scarlett S and Ollie W. Additionally, we're immensely proud that Freya and Evalyn achieved **Gold awards**, scoring in the top 10% of primary schools nationally. Well done to the children who took part and thank you to Mrs Whelan for organising the opportunity!



125 HOUSEPOINT WINNERS!

Children receive a certificate in assembly, their name in the newsletter and a Merit badge.

Y1	Alfie	Arthur	Afaan			
Y2	Shreyank	Freya	Marley	Lennon	Darcey	Alice
	Archie	Buddie				
Y3	Christopher	Sienna	Imogen	Freya	Erin	Rahim
	Bluebelle	Daisy	Ezekial	Phoebe	Laurence	Oscar H
	Charlotte	Elizabeth				
Y4	Matt	Theo	Holly	Oliver	William	Summer
	Seren	Robin P	Haani	Elaia	Scarlett-Mai	
	Thomas	Jessica	Chloe	Ricky	James	Leo
	Luna	Robyn T				
Y5	Daisy	Charlotte	Jasmine	Alayna	Edison	Freya
	Antonia	Leila	Oscar S	Anaya	George	
Y6	River	Noah	Ridhee	Mayalisse		

150 HOUSEPOINT WINNERS!

Children receive a certificate in assembly, their name in the newsletter and a **GOLDEN STOKENCHURCH** school tie.

Aidan	Macey	Caitlin
Alfie	Noah H	

100% ATTENDANCE AWARDS!

We presented a special attendance certificate to the children who had managed to be in school every day for the Autumn Term. There were **58** of them this term so well done to you – it was a long one! 😊



STAR OF THE TERM



One child who stands out for their attitude to learning in each year group is presented with a certificate and a special trophy. The winners' certificates are displayed in the entrance hall 😊

F1	Wren (AM) & Almani (PM)	Y3	Caitlin
F2	Maisie	Y4	Jessica
Y1	Afaan	Y5	Jasmine
Y2	Tallulah-Rose	Y6	Brodie

HOUSE CHAMPIONS!

Winning house receives the House Cup in assembly, collected by the house captains and them displayed in the school entrance with a coloured ribbon.

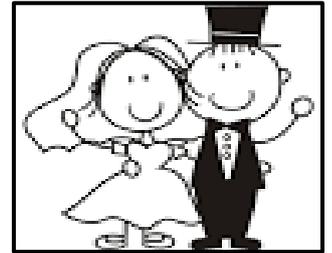
	HOUSE	POINTS EARNED
1 ST	WATER	7603
2 ND	EARTH	7468
3 RD	FIRE	7192
4 TH	AIR	6603

STAFF NEWS



We are excited to share some happy news. Mrs Clyne will be heading off on maternity leave at the end of this term as she prepares to welcome a new addition to her family, We wish her all the very best during this exciting and special time.

We are delighted to congratulate Miss Blandford on her wedding on Saturday and wish her and her new husband every happiness for the future.



A very warm welcome back to Miss Churn as she returns from maternity leave. We're delighted to have Miss Churn back with us.

A FINAL THOUGHT...

We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate the festive season and observe the various traditions we may have in our families. I talked about the meaning of advent in our KS2 assembly last week and lit the 4 candles that traditionally represent Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. I do hope that you have a restful and peaceful holiday break and know that whilst it can be busy and stressful, I hope the time you have with your friends and families is one in which you share joy and lots of love. I am immensely proud of our **STOKENCHURCH** family and would like to thank every staff member who has worked especially hard this week to make something a little bit special for every child. Whether that be, the 'He's behind you!' in the panto, the winning of a raffle prize or the creation of something craftily wonderful...none of it happens without an immense amount of thought and preparation. So; Happy Christmas from **EVERYONE** at school to all of you and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school, refreshed and ready to learn, on **Tuesday 6th January 2025**. Happy Christmas 😊



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	
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.	
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 😊	
PARENT COMMUNICATIONS	We love receiving messages from parents, with the vast majority sharing pertinent information or saying thank you for something or other. Occasionally we might not get something as right as a parent or family hopes and we are always keen to identify these occasions and resolve them as quickly as possible. Our complaints policy is on the school website should you have something of concern to raise.	

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.

AI TOYS AT CHRISTMAS: WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

Many children will receive new toys this Christmas, and an increasing number now use artificial intelligence to talk, listen and respond in lifelike ways. [This guide](#) explains how these AI-powered toys work and what this can mean for children's privacy, security and development.

The guide explores features such as internet connectivity and reward-based interactions, and how these may influence children's play during the holidays. It also offers practical advice for parents and carers on checking settings and permissions, setting clear boundaries, and balancing screen-based or AI-led play with offline activities.

As children spend more time at home over the Christmas break, we encourage families to read the guide to help keep

play safe, healthy and enjoyable over the holidays.

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.

JANUARY 2026			
Mon 5 th	INSET - Teacher Training Day	STAFF	
Tues 6 th	ALL Children Return to School	ALL	
Fri 23 rd	Holly Class Assembly	Y4	
Fri 30 th	Beech Class Assembly	Y1	
FEBRUARY 2026			
Fri 6 th	Elm Class Assembly	Y3	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can ☺	Please note change of date



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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!

Stokie's Big Splash!

Help Us Meet Our Goal



COMMUNITY PAGES



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MON 22ND, TUES 23RD DECEMBER & FRI 2ND JANUARY



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LITTLE CHALFONT PRIMARY, AMERSHAM, HP6 6SX	MANOR FARM JUNIOR, HAZLEMERE, HP15 7PH	THOMAS HARDING JUNIOR, CHESHAM, HP5 1LR	TRING SPORTS CENTRE, TRING, HP23 5JU
TIMES: 9:00 - 3:30pm	TIMES: 9:00 - 3:30pm 8:30 - 5:30pm	TIMES: 9:00 - 3:30pm 8:30 - 5:30pm	TIMES: 9:00 - 3:30pm 8:30 - 5:30pm
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WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!



From £35.10
£28.08
before 24th 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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YEARS 3 & 4



READING & COMPREHENSION

Support your child with Reading and comprehension (6 weeks)

Mon 5th Jan - Mon 9th Feb

9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMRC059**



MATHS

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

Wed 7th Jan - Wed 11th 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 6th Jan - Tue 10th Feb
Thurs 8th Jan - Thurs 12th Feb

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Choose from 1 of these 2 dates

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 13th Jan - Tue 3rd Feb

12:30pm - 2:30pm

Course code: **FMWB090**



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RECEPTION - YEAR 6



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

Wed 14th Jan

9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMAC135**



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

Mon 19th Jan

7pm - 9pm

Course code: **FMAC134**



RECEPTION



PHONICS & READING

Support your child with Phonics and Reading (5 weeks)

Mon 12th Jan - Mon 9th Feb
Tue 13th Jan - Tue 10th Feb
Thur 15th Jan - Thur 12th Feb

9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMPR063**



YEARS 1 & 2



PHONICS & READING

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6:30pm - 8:30pm

Course code: **FMPR064**



Wed 7th Jan - Wed 11th Feb

9:30am - 11:30am

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MATHS

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

Tue 6th Jan - Tue 10th Feb

9:30am - 11:30am

Course code: **FMMS047**



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SPRINGBUCKS GYMNASTICS CLUB

FUN & GAMES - PARACHUTE - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS - LEGO

Need some Christmas shopping time without the kids? **TRY OUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMPS!**

Hazlemere Youth Centre
Rose Ave, HP15 7UB

Monday 22nd Dec 2025

Court Garden Leisure Centre
Marlow, SL7 2AE

Tuesday 23rd Dec 2025

OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES & EXPERIENCE AGES 3 - 12 YEARS

Times - Mornings 9 - 12 (£18)
Lunch Club 12 - 1pm (£4)
Afternoons 1 - 4pm (£18)
Full Day 9am - 4pm (£40)



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