

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

## CURIOUS



### THIS WEEK:

A TIGER CAME TO TEA IN ACORNS  
 LOCK DOWN DRILL  
 SAFEGUARDING SLOT  
 Y5 BIG OUTCOME  
 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
 AND MUCH MORE...

### ECO TICKER

Solar Panels  
 produced = 89.89 MWh  
 CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 51.06t

### GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 A TIGER CAME TO TEA IN ACORNS 😊

### ☺ THINGS TO CELEBRATE ☺

ATTENDANCE	Prunus – 99.2%		Cherry – 98%		Holly – 97.7%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	84	113	99	106	126	135
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			BEECH			
THIS WEEK'S SCHOOL COMPOSER (Music we are listening to in class and assembly)			CURIOUS QUESTION (Something to talk & think about as a family)			
<a href="#">AMBIENT STUDY MUSIC</a>			If you could choose any super power what would it be?			



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



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## CURIOS QUESTION

In support of our school value of being CURIOUS this term, we are introducing a question each week to discuss at home. It is an opportunity for you and your children to discuss ideas that may make you curious and we'd be interested to hear what they came up with. Email your responses to the office and the best ones will get a mention in our assembly. Happy chatting 😊

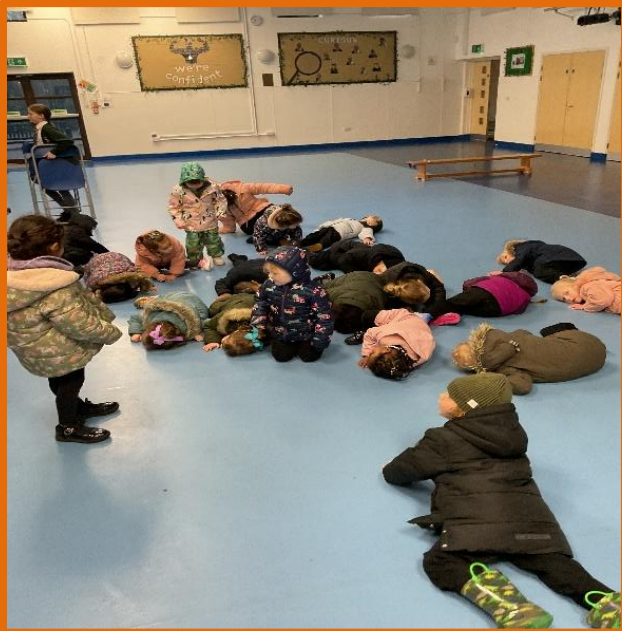
## A TIGER CAME TO TEA IN NURSEY – NURSERY WENT EXPLORING!

On Wednesday, after reading 'The Tiger who came to Tea', the children in Nursery decided to leave out their homemade sandwiches, in the hope that the tiger would come and visit.

When they arrived at school on Thursday morning, they were very excited to see that the tiger had paid them a visit. He had eaten his sandwiches and left a trail of destruction in and around the classroom!

He had painted tiger stripes on the windows and left his paw prints all over their ice cream station. There was even paint on the floor and in the water tray!

The children decided to go in search of the tiger, they needed to explain to him that we don't paint our food or leave a mess behind! The children searched all over school, telling the adults and children about his 'orange and black stripes', his 'giant paws and sharp



claws' and his furry ears that sat on the top of his head.

Hallie even found a 'collar' on the playground and was very excited to tell her friends 'maybe it's the tigers, it's ripped off. We need to give it back to him. It needs to have his name on or he will be lost.'

Milee was absolutely certain he heard the tiger 'underground' and told all of his friends to 'lay down with your ear on the floor to hear the roar!' Despite looking high and low the children didn't manage to find the tiger but, they are still searching for evidence everywhere they go!



### YEAR 5 BIG OUTCOME

Year 5 are focusing on developing their knowledge of ambitious vocabulary this week, as preparation for writing a formal persuasive letter for their Big Outcome. In their lesson on Wednesday, they challenged each other to answer questions about anagrams, parts of speech, prefixes, opposites, synonyms, and other current learning points. As it turned out, everyone learned something, so everyone was a winner!




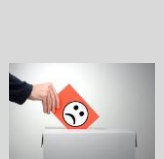
### MUSICAL RECITALS

On Thursday this week, Mrs Brand really enjoyed teaching the ukulele to the whole of Y3. They listened carefully and played together, enjoying the sounds they made. Following that was the turn of Y5 the African

music, Shosholoz! I overheard them and popped in to join them on the piano, accompanied by Freddie, and the result was brilliant. Thank you Mrs Brand and well done children 😊



## IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<p><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><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><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>	
<p><b>PARENT COMMUNICATIONS</b></p>	<p>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.</p>	

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Tree festival in the local church. Our tree was very popular, having been decorated by our Y2 children, and the event raised £130 for the local food bank.



## 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. We have a dedicated email address solely for any concerns of this nature so that you can get in touch directly to our DSL team confidentially if needed. Please contact via [safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk)

### SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

At the time of writing, I am preparing to travel to St Michaels School in High Wycombe to join a meeting arranged by our local MP Emma Reynolds. It will be an opportunity for us to speak about our journey so far at **STOKENCHURCH** and speak to representatives from other schools and organisations about their own experiences and ambitions. I look forward to sharing how it went in next week's STAR.

### FIRE & LOCKDOWN DRILLS

Once a term we conduct one of two drills aimed at helping to ensure our children are safe. The first is a fire drill, during which all children are escorted to the playground

and registered to ensure everyone is accounted for. I remember these from my own school days and we have now got the process down to 3 minutes! We also conduct a lockdown drill which is there in case for some reason we may have to keep the children in school to make sure they are safe. The children close the doors and remain in their classrooms until they have the all clear and they did this this week brilliantly. We have recently had the alarm system upgraded and so the test was important to identify the new tones for each. Well done children and thank you to the staff for making these happen so efficiently and successfully.

## 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			
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Holly Class Assembly	Y4	
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Class Assembly	Y1	
FEBRUARY 2026			
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Elm Class Assembly	Y3	
W/b 9th	History Week	All	
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Stay & Play, 10.15 & 14.15	F1	
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Half Term @ normal finish time	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!

## Stokie's Big Splash!

Help Us Meet Our Goal



## COMMUNITY PAGES

**Buckinghamshire Family Learning**

**FREE ONLINE SCHOOL COURSE for PARENTS and CARERS of children in YEARS 1 & 2**

**SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH PHONICS & READING**  
Course code: **FMPR064**

Join our course for practical, fun ideas to boost your child's phonics(sound) knowledge, strengthen reading and spelling skills, and build confidence for the Phonics Screening Check

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Online

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February  
9:30am - 11:30am  
Online

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE → 01296 383582 - Enrolment team or SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the course code link

FOR MORE INFORMATION → 07710 145234 - Nina

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**FREE ONLINE SCHOOL COURSE for PARENTS and CARERS of children in RECEPTION**

**SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH PHONICS & READING**  
Course code: **FMPR063**

Practical ways to boost your child's phonics skills and early reading through fun, child-friendly activities. You'll learn how phonics is taught and why it builds confidence and reading ability.

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  
Online

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE → 01296 383582 - Enrolment team or SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the course code link

FOR MORE INFORMATION → 07770 641997 - Kathryn

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**FREE ONLINE SCHOOL COURSE for PARENTS and CARERS  
of children in YEARS 5 & 6**

**SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH  
READING & COMPREHENSION**

Course code: FMRC091

This course will give you practical ideas and free resources to build strong reading habits, boost your child's understanding of what they read and help build confidence for tests!

 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

 6:30pm - 8:30pm

 Online



TO BOOK  
YOUR PLACE ➔ 01296 383582 - Enrolment team  
or SCAN the QR code  
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FOR MORE  
INFORMATION ➔ 07814 305345 - Lou



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**FREE ONLINE SCHOOL COURSE for PARENTS and CARERS  
of children in YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6**

**HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE  
ONLINE-TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD**

Course code: FMWB090

Help keep your child happy, healthy, and safe online - whether they're gaming, doing homework, or connecting with friends through activities. Learn how to start conversations and access key information to support them.

 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

 12:30pm - 2:30pm

 Online



TO BOOK  
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