



# 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

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### THIS WEEK:

- HOLLY CLASS ASSEMBLY
- CODE CLUB
- SAFEGUARDING SLOT
- BENCH OF BRILLIANCE
- NEW TUCK SHOP
- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- AND MUCH MORE...

### ECO TICKER

Solar Panels  
 produced = 89.91 MWh  
 CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 51.07t

### GOLDEN RULES


READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 STARTS FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 😊

### 🌟 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 🌟

ATTENDANCE	Lime 99.4%		Alder 98.6%		Pear 98.5%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	84	125	99	110	154	139
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			Larch & Lime			
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>			What makes someone kind?			



# 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 #TogetherWeCan

## HOLLY CLASS ASSEMBLY



This morning, Holly class delivered their class assembly to an eager audience of parents, family members and children. The first of 2026, we were transported back to AD49 and the Roman invasion of Britain. We learned about the history of the Roman occupation and more about the tactics they used and the armour they wore. They spoke and sang confidently and the choreography of the 'fight scenes' was Oscar worthy! Well done children and thank you to Miss Blandford and the Y4 team for putting it together so successfully – the children did you proud!



## BENCH OF BRILLIANCE

Next time you are in the school Reception area, please look out for our new 'Bench of Brilliance'. This is the one our children created as part of the display at Waddesdon Manor over the holidays and we are really lucky that Mr Pounder was able to go and collect it to deliver to us here at school. Enjoy!



## COMPUTING LESSONS

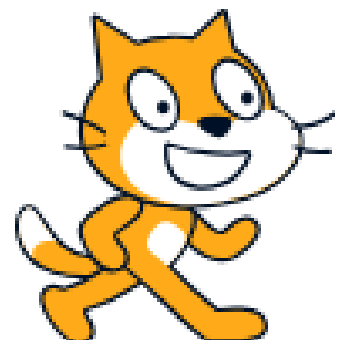
Over the past fortnight, children across the school have been developing their computing skills through a range of exciting and hands-on activities with Mrs Whelan.



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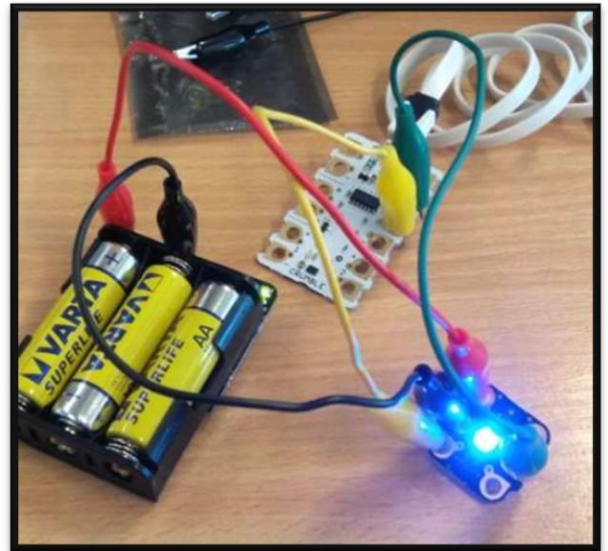
using code such as **FD 100 RT 90** (parents – can you work out what this means?).

**Year 1 & 2** have been programming [Beebots](#) to follow routes and reach destinations, using clear directional language such as forwards, backwards, left and right. **Year 3** have been using [Scratch](#) to make sprites move, focusing on sequencing instructions to control what happens and when. **Year 4** have been exploring programming the on-screen spider to draw shapes



**Year 5** have been programming LED lights and motors on [Crumble](#) controllers, using repeat loops to make their code more efficient. **Year 6** have been using variables in [Scratch](#) to keep track of scores while creating their own games.

In **Code Club**, some children have been creating their own songs using [Incredibox](#), while others have been using Canva to design professional-looking posters.



### STAFFING UPDATE CHESTNUT CLASS



Mrs Elliott has had her date through for knee surgery and so will be recovering from next Thursday for approximately two weeks. We wish her the very best of luck and hope that everything goes as smoothly as possible. In the meantime, Miss Stewart will be covering her absence full time. She knows the children already and is familiar with our school routines and systems and so I am very happy to be able to ensure consistency and continuity for the children whilst Mrs Elliott is away. Good luck Sam!



### ECO COUNCILLORS

Congratulations to our newly elected Eco-Councillors who were announced and presented with their special (recycled) badges in assembly on Monday this week. These children will be working with the children and staff over the next few weeks and months to see what can do to go greener at [STOKENCHURCH](#). I look forward to sharing their ideas and activities with you in due course. If you have any good ideas, you can talk to our Eco Councillors who will take them back to Mrs Elliott and look at whether we can make it happen!



ACORNS	Rani	CHERRY	Esme	HOLLY	Theo
ASH	Zoe	CHESTNUT	Eesa	LARCH	Oliver
ALDER	Finley	ELDER	Freya	LIME	Lexi
BIRCH	Kairo	ELM	Freddie	PEAR	Scarlett
BEECH	Otilia	HAZEL	Jessica	PRUNUS	Skyla

# IMPORTANT MESSAGES






<b>AMAZON WISHLIST</b>	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>	
<b>AFTER SCHOOL TUCK SHOP</b>	After school on the last Friday of every month, starting Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January. Location: School Flag Pole Available: Snack & Treats 50p/£1 cash preferable Please support <b>'STOKIE'S BIG SPLASH CAMPAIGN'</b>	

## 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 style="font-size: x-small;">Mr Nick Stevens Designated Safeguarding Officer Headteacher</p> 	<p style="font-size: x-small;">Mr Stephen Sloan Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher</p> 
<p style="font-size: x-small;">Mrs Frances Avery Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCo</p> 	<p style="font-size: x-small;">Mrs Kat Warner Designated Safeguarding Officer Nursery Manager</p> 
<p style="font-size: x-small;">Miss Catherine Howland Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCo</p> 	<p style="font-size: x-small;">Mrs Judy Pope 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. 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

Last Friday I attended a morning conference at St Michel's School in High Wycombe, hosted by MP Emma Reynolds, to share the journey **STOKENCHURCH** has been on towards our mobile phone policy being introduced from next

September. It was an interesting morning attended by lots of Buckinghamshire headteachers and I was accompanied by Hazel Hanley and Mrs Whelan. It's nice to hear that we are considered as 'trailblazers' in this area of online safety and your support in helping us to make difficult but positive decisions to help our children is appreciated.

### 3D PRINTED ITEMS

We are writing to ask for your support with an issue that has arisen in school recently. A number of children have been bringing in 3D printed items from home. While we appreciate the creativity and interest behind these objects, they are increasingly causing distraction in lessons and, in some cases, leading to disagreements and upset when they are being gifted to some and not others. For this reason, we kindly ask that children do not bring 3D printed items into school. This includes toys, figures, accessories, or any other items made using 3D printers. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a calm and focused learning environment for all children.

# 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 @ 9.00	Y4	
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Beech Class Assembly @ 9.00	Y1	
FEBRUARY 2026			
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Elm Class Assembly @ 9.00	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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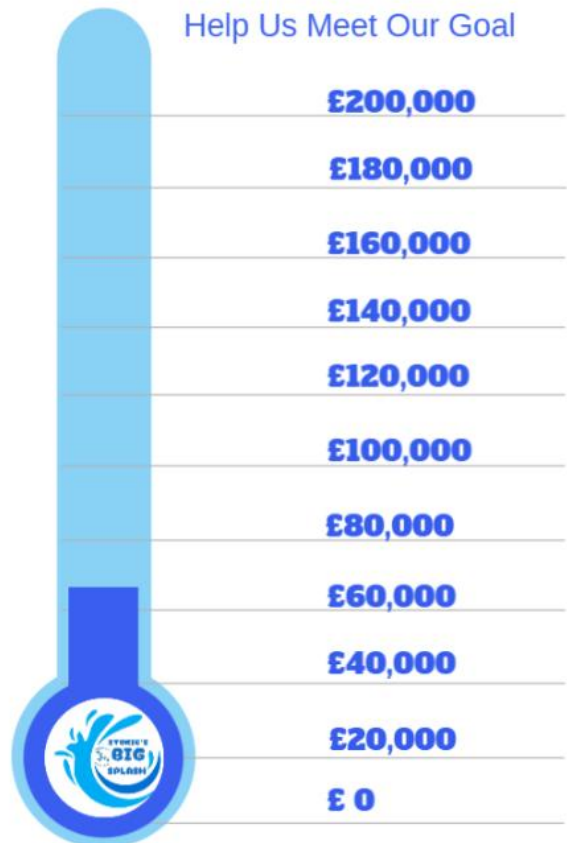
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Our BIG SPLASH fundraising campaign continues and the committee have lots of ideas of helping us reach our target for the pool. We have a very fancy totaliser which shows our progress and will be updated regularly through the newsletter after half 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



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## 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

SCAN ME

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Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

9:30am - 11:30am


Online

SCAN ME

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



**Buckinghamshire Family Learning**

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


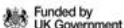
← Choose from 1 of these 3 dates

9:30am - 11:30am

Online

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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  
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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



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**COMMUNITY DAY AT OUR HOUSE**

**WYCOMBE WANDERERS VS PETERBOROUGH UNITED**  
SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY | KO 3PM  
ADAMS PARK, HP12 4HJ

<b>17 &amp; UNDER</b>	<b>ADULTS &amp; CONCESSIONS</b>
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  - Stadium tours
- Pop-up shop with great deals
  - Football challenges
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Coaches are all DBS  
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Mixed team

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