



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

CONFIDENT

THIS WEEK:

WORLD BOOK DAY
ELDER CLASS ASSEMBLY
NETBALL MATCH v ST PAUL'S
EARLY YEARS COMMS WEEK
SAFEGUARDING SLOT
BIG SPLASH UPDATE
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
produced = 90.24 MWh
CO₂ saved = 51.25 t

GOLDEN RULES

READY


RESPECTFUL

SAFE



😊 ELDER CLASS' EGYPTIAN ADVENTURE! 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Holly - 100%		Alder - 99.3%		Lime - 99%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	100	158	134	159	176	175
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			LIME			
THIS TERM'S SCHOOL COMPOSER (Music we are listening to in class and assembly)			CURIOUS QUESTION (Something to talk & think about as a family)			
 THE PIANO GUYS			What is your favourite character from a book and why?			



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

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday this week we had an amazing day, celebrating reading across the school as part of World Book Day. The children all attended in a fine array of book character costumes and snuggly reading wear and enjoyed listening about the importance of the day...amongst all days for promoting reading! Children each received a £1 book token that they can redeem in book shops. Quizzes and other reading activities throughout the day ensued and I hope the children came home having enjoyed their day. Thank you to Mrs Elliott for arranging the day 😊



Nursery News: A Wonderful 'Communication Week'

The children in Nursery have been celebrating 'Communication Week' this week and have been very excited to welcome their parents in for our 'Stay and Read'.

A huge thank you to all the parents who could make the event, it was really lovely to hear the excitement and laughter from the children as you read to them.

The children have also enjoyed taking part in our interactive story and poetry sessions. They listened intently to the story of Billy Whiskers and had lots of fun joining in with 'Make Believe Arts' hosted by Trisha Lee.



Our last event of the week was a

visit from Marzena, one of our Early Years Advisors. She kindly brought us a story to share about 'five enormous dinosaurs' and then enjoyed spending time engaging in play with the children during provision. Marzena enjoyed her visit so much she sent us a very lovely email:

Thank you again for having me this afternoon, what an absolute treat! Seeing first hand the support the children receive with building confidence, language and communication skills is just heart







warming. The classroom is so full of life, the laughter is infectious and so are you. I am so pleased the Dinosaur story was so well received by the children, most especially that little boy who kept bringing the books and the dinosaurs as we were singing along.



It has been a fantastic week of communicating - we have been talking, listening, singing, laughing and working together! Miss Masterton and I are so very proud of each of our Acorns, they have been amazing! Thank you Mrs Warner for sharing your wonderful news 😊







ELDER CLASS ASSEMBLY

The children in Elder Class treated the whole school and an eager audience of parents and family members to a visual treat as they shared their learning all about the Egyptians. The children presented information about mummification as well as a host of Egyptian facts and songs and the mummification scene was something especially amazing to witness. Most of all it was abundantly clear how much the children had enjoyed their learning so well done to them for such a super assembly. Well-done to Mr Pounder, Miss Fowler, Mrs Brand and Mrs Quanton for putting on such a spectacle.

<p>AMAZON WISHLIST</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: https://amzn.eu/aw5up8c</p>	
<p>DONATION REQUEST</p>	<p>We are in need of items to support our DT topics. If you have any mixing bowls, baking sheets, weighing scales that you are happy to donate to us, please bring them into the school office. Thank you!</p>	
	<p>Please can you help the PTA? Volunteers needed please! Interested? Please e-mail stokenchurchptaxmasfair@gmail.com for further information.</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>Mr Nick Stevens Designated Safeguarding Officer Headteacher</p> 	<p>Mr Stephen Sloan Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher</p> 
<p>Mrs Francesca Avery Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCo</p> 	<p>Mrs Kat Warner Designated Safeguarding Officer Nursery Manager</p> 
<p>Miss Catherine Howland Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCo</p> 	<p>Mrs Judy Pope Designated Safeguarding Officer Administration Manager</p> 

SMARTPHONE POLICY UPDATE



Following [the letter](#) shared a few days ago, we would like to remind everyone about our new policy regarding mobile phones which will come into effect this September. We believe that children at primary school do not need a phone at all, as we want to help them enjoy a childhood free from the pressures of social media and the internet. If you feel your child truly needs a phone for safety during their commute in Year 5 or 6, please follow the guidance about suitable phones. You can find more information and support regarding this movement on the [Smartphone Free Childhood](#) website. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us prioritise our pupils' wellbeing and digital safety.

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:



Partnership notification

Tik Tok Trend: Awareness only

Summary

Thames Valley Police are aware of a TikTok trend circulating nationally over the past week. The posts typically promote "school fights", presenting them as challenges between a Red Team and a Blue Team. These posts often include AI-generated images and are being shared widely across the UK. At present, there is no specific intelligence indicating planned disorder at local schools within Thames Valley.

What This Means for Schools

This update is provided for awareness only. Please continue to follow your usual safeguarding and reporting procedures. If you become aware of any potential incidents or concerns:

- Use 101 for non-urgent reports.
- Use 999 if you believe a crime is in progress or there is an immediate risk to safety.

DATES FOR 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.

MARCH 2026			
W/C 9 th	Science Week	All	
Thu 12 th	Y3/Y4 Production @ 2.30	Y3/Y4	
Fri 13 th	Y3/Y4 Production @ 9.15	Y3/Y4	
Wed 18 th	PTA School Disco Years 1-3 4.00 - 6.15, Years 4-6 6.30 - 7.45	Y1 - Y6	
Thur 19 th	Comic Relief Day	All	
Mon 23 rd	Parent Consultation Evening 5.00 - 8.00	ALL	
Wed 25 th	Parent Consultation Evening 3.45 - 6.45	ALL	
Fri 27 th	End of Spring Term, School Finishes @ 1.00	ALL	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can 😊	Please note change of date



NETBALL MATCH v ST PAULS

On Thursday, the netball team travelled to St Paul's School in Wooburn Green for a netball match. Well-supported by the cheering squad of mums (and dads), they didn't let the long journey due to closed roads put them off the task ahead! They played brilliantly and used their skills and attributes to dominate the game, eventually ending with a 14-2 victory. Congratulations to our team of Poppy, Scarlett K, Mayalisse, Izzy H, Rozii, Alayna, Maariya and Ariana and thank you to Mrs Peake for arranging the match and coaching the team – it's a really positive result ahead of the upcoming netball tournament!

ACHIEVEMENT OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Congratulations and well done to Louie, who stepped on to the pitch as an official mascot for Aston Villa v Chelsea. Despite the result Louie walked out with his footballing hero and idol World Cup Winner and World No 1 Goalkeeper Emi Martinez.

Stokie's Big Splash

Make a Splash All Year Round!

£200,000

£180,000

£160,000

£140,000

£120,000

£100,000

£80,000

£60,000

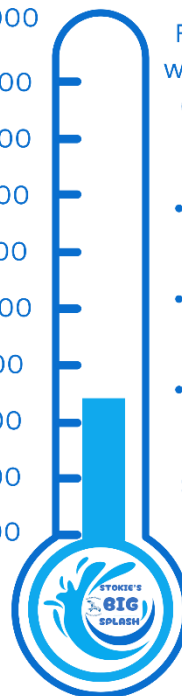
£40,000

£20,000

Follow the progress as we fundraise to build an enclosure around the pool here to enable:

- Year round swimming for pupils at Stokenchurch and nearby schools
- Community swimming (evenings, weekends and school holidays)
- After school swimming lessons

Scan the QR code to find out more



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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!

EASTER POTTERY PAINTING

There's still time to buy your tickets to our Easter Pottery Painting taking place on Friday 20th March from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. Each child will have their own egg cup to paint with the help of Vicki from pot-tastic.

Parent attendance is not compulsory but feel free to join in the fun - will be a selection of items available for adults to choose from!

£20 per person, bookable via ParentPay.

Every penny raised goes directly to Stokie's Big Splash bringing us one step closer to our target!



Spring Disco

Wednesday 18th March 2026

Years 1, 2 & 3 - 5pm-6.15pm
Years 4, 5 & 6 - 6.30pm-7.45pm



Includes drinks & snacks plus a treat to take home!

(unfortunately we cannot cater for every dietary need)

£5 via parentpay or on the door

No Mobiles or ipods allowed



After School Easter Pottery Painting



In Partnership with



Friday 20th March 2026

3:30pm- 5:30pm

£20pp

Pot-tastic

Join us for 2 hours of creative fun!

Each child will have their own egg cup to paint with the help of Vicki from Pot-tastic. Once their masterpiece is done, it will be glazed and returned the following week in time for Easter Holidays.

Parents can join in too! There will be a selection of other items available for adults to choose from to get creative with the children..

This is a teacher lead after school club, parent attendance is not required but you are welcome to join in the fun all whilst helping to raise funds for Stokies Big Splash



Visit the website

Booking via ParentPay

THE GREAT TOMMY SLEEP OUT
sponsored by **BAE SYSTEMS**
Barratt Redrow

Friday March 27th
1st Stokenchurch Cubs & Beavers are taking part in **The Great Tommy Sleep Out**

Please help us support our homeless veterans

Scan the QR code with your device to donate

Fundraising@rbve.org.uk
 @rbve.org.uk
 @RoyalBritishVeteransEnterprise
 @royalbritishveteransenterprise

FRIENDS PTA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help the PTA?

We are looking for volunteers to be our point of contact for each year group. There is no obligation to join meetings or help at events, we simply need help reaching all the WhatsApp year groups to share information.

We have a dedicated WhatsApp group for you, where we will share messages, posters, etc in the chat, which then needs to be shared across the year group WhatsApp chats.

It's as simple as that!

The PTA helps to raise funds for our school, all the fundraising we do goes straight into the school! Each year our wonderful teachers put in a wish list for their classes, and we try very hard to complete each wish list. Alongside this, the PTA also funds trips, special visitors to the school, plus lots of other special things! Every pupil directly benefits from the PTA, which is why we work so hard to raise as much as we can, in a fun and engaging way.

Can you be our point of contact? To help spread the word. You do not need to attend meetings, etc. Your role of our point of contact is a HUGE help to us!

If you are interested, could you please reach out to **stokenchurchptaxmasfair@gmail.com** and we are happy to answer any questions you may have.