

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:

CONFIDENT

THIS WEEK:

- ROCKSTEADY
- Y3/Y4 PRODUCTION
- NETBALL MATCH v CARRINGTON
- Y5 BIKEABILITY
- DOODLE CLUB
- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- AND MUCH MORE...



ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
produced = 90.32 MWh
CO₂ saved = 51.30 t

GOLDEN RULES

- READY
- RESPECTFUL
- SAFE

😊 IT WAS A CRACKING SHOW FROM Y3&4 THIS WEEK! 😊

🌟 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 🌟

ATTENDANCE	Alder - 100%		Prunus - 99.2%		Beech - 97.3%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	100	154	157	160	206	141
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			Mr Showan			
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			Which came first, the chicken or the egg?			



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



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Together, we can make waves and build something amazing!

#SwimForAll #CommunitySupport #ThankYou #MakeADifference #Fundraiser #TogetherWeCan

Y3/Y4 PRODUCTION – THE SPRING CHICKEN



We have been treated to a real EGGStravaganza this week as Y3&4 put on their performance of 'Spring Chicken'. The staging and acting was EGGSellent and some of the individual performances were EGGStraordinary. It was almost as if it had been taken OEUFs the stage in the West End! The children sparkled and smiled throughout, as did the audience, and we were really proud of them all. Thank you to all the staff for putting it together and EGGing them on so brilliantly – they were truly EGGmazing. Thank you also to Mrs Springett and the PTA who raised an impressive £425 through sale of raffle tickets. Well-done Y3&4 😊



Y5 BIKEABILITY





Our Y5 children got on two wheels this week as they ventured out during their Bikeability training. We had some really positive feedback from our two instructors who commented on the children's

excellent conduct and great confidence. Well-done Y5 – I look forward to presenting your awards in assembly. 😊

ROCK STEADY DEMONSTRATION



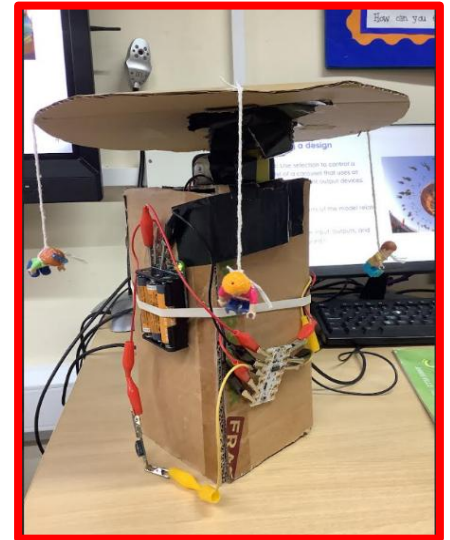
On Thursday we welcomed the guys from 'Rock Steady' to **STOKENCHURCH**, as they presented a special assembly to the children. We learned about the different instruments and the children learned about how they worked and how they played together. Filled with lots of contemporary rock and pop songs that the children could join in with, it was a high energy performance that they thoroughly enjoyed! Rock Steady are offering lessons to the children during which they can learn an instrument and be a part of a band themselves, ending the year with a special concert. Your child would have brought home a letter home to find out more or you can follow the link [HERE](#). [ROCKSTEADY INFO](#) or [ROCKSTEADY FLYER](#)

NETBALL MATCH v CARRINGTON

This week our netball team faced tougher opposition as they travelled away to Carrington School. A tough game in difficult conditions resulted in a 3-0 loss but the girls never gave up. I'm very proud of them. We go again at the tournament on Saturday!!



Team: Poppy, Scarlett K, Mayalisse, Rozii, Izzy, Alayna, Ariana, Maariya

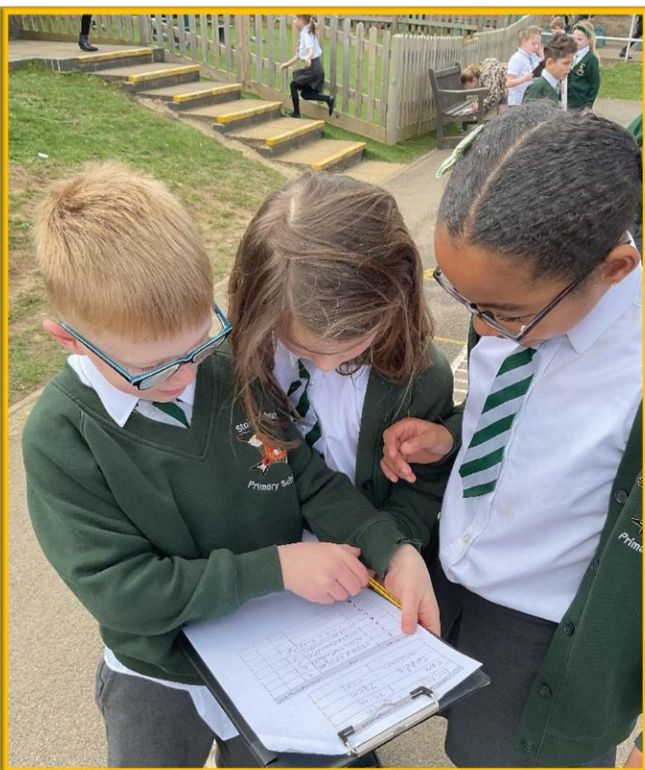


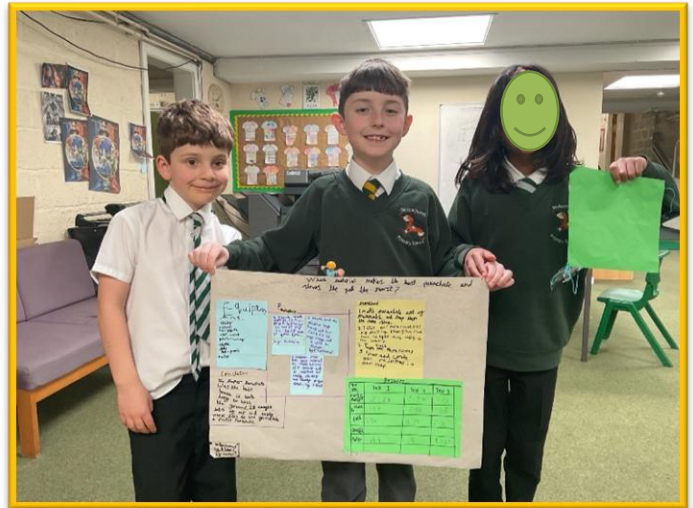
Y5 CODING A 'CRUMBLE'

Hughie and Henry in Year 5 enjoyed coding a 'Crumble' to make a carousel spin with flashing lights. The Year 5s had to plan an algorithm for the fairground ride considering the speed, duration and direction of the motor along with a light sequence. The Lego figures were reported to have had a thrilling time on the carousel.

SCIENCE WEEK

This week we have challenged our children across the school to focus on thinking scientifically as a part of British Science Week. They have worked in pairs and groups to ask a range of questions that they then designed experiments to investigate. We have seen parachutes, boats, bubble rockets, solids, liquids, gases, changes and much, much more. The week ended with a visit to the library by the winning group in each year who presented a poster about their learning to a team of our school governors, answering questions and demonstrating what they had learned. Thank you to Mr Pounder for organising the week and to all the teachers for challenging the children's thinking in such a range of engaging ways. Thank you to our governors too – they had a particularly tricky task I know!





The Governors have spent the morning deliberating and they have made the extremely tough decision of choosing our winners! Our three winning groups (who will be submitted as our school winners to the national competition in Oxford are:

RECEPTION

Finn, Clara, Otis, Benjamin, Joseph, Bodi, Elodie, Ruby, Finley, Freddie- Transport Master of Motion Week

YEAR 3

Aidan, Christopher, Rahim- what material makes the best

parachute and slows the fall the most?

YEAR 6

Poppy, Daniela, Scarlett K, Molly- What happens when you change the weight of a paper helicopter?

Well-done to our winners and thank you again to everyone involved 😊



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>



DONATION REQUEST

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!




Please can you help the PTA? Volunteers needed please!
Interested? Please e-mail stokenchurchptaxmasfair@gmail.com for further information.







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

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:
safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk

SAFE & COURTEOUS PARKING

As a part of keeping our children safe both in and around the school, I would again remind parents to park legally, safely and courteously at drop off and pick up times. Double yellows and zig-zags should not be used for parking and please avoid blocking the driveways of those neighbours who live close to the school. Many thanks for your support.





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.



DOODLE CLUB

In Doodle Club this week, we were inspired by the story 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds. We shared and talked about the story and then made our own pieces of art by taking our dots for a walk. We were impressed with the results!

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			
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	



ACHIEVEMENT OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Congratulations to Isla, Year 2 Cherry class who won a gold medal in her gymnastics competition at the weekend 😊

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!

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

RBVE

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

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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.



**FUTURES
NETBALL
ACADEMY**

5.30pm - 7pm
Thursday 19th March 2026
Highcrest Academy, Hatters Lane,
High Wycombe HP13 7NQ

JUNIOR NETBALL TRIALS!

**We are recruiting players
in school years 5, 6 and 7.**



Please contact
FuturesNetball@gmail.com
to register your interest