



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:

INDEPENDENT



THIS WEEK:

PUZZLE WORKSHOP
Y4 RAINFOREST TRIP
ROCKSTEADY
500 WORDS WINNERS
STRANGER DANGER
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AND MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
produced = 91.10 MWh
CO₂ saved = 51.74t

GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL


SAFE



IN THE JUNGLE...THE MIGHTY JUNGLE...



☺ THINGS TO CELEBRATE ☺

ATTENDANCE	Alder 100%		Acorns & Birch 98.6%		Larch 98.1%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	113	178	167	163	188	185
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			Pear			
THIS TERM'S SCHOOL COMPOSER (Music we are listening to in class and assembly)			CURIOUS QUESTION (Something to talk & think about as a family)			
 Debussy			If you could invent a new animal, what would it look like and what would it eat?			



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



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Y4&5 PUZZLE WORKSHOPS



Earlier this week, Year 4 (Tudors) and Year 5 (Vikings) became history detectives during their Puzzle Locker escape room workshops. Using iPads and Augmented Reality, teams solved digital puzzles and scanned clues to collect coins and unlock artefacts.

It was fantastic to see the children applying their topic vocabulary and using cutting-edge tech to collaborate and



think critically. The atmosphere was electric as students raced against the clock to crack the final codes and secure their team points. We are incredibly proud of the resilience and teamwork displayed by every student throughout the challenge!

Y4 VISIT THE LIVING RAINFOREST

On Thursday our lucky Y4 children travelled to the Living Rainforest in Newbury. To support their learning about habitats, the children learned about the layers of the rainforest and the biodiversity that makes it their home. It was hot and humid, and the children were surrounded not by the lush plant life but monkeys, sloths, birds and even piranha! The conduct of the children was excellent throughout and they all thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Thank you to Miss Blandford and Miss Nixey for leading the trip as well as the band of enthusiastic parent volunteers who accompanied too.



STOKIE'S 500 WORDS

Congratulations to the 20+ children who submitted their entry to our easter 500 words competition. The creativity of the ideas and presentation was brilliant and Mrs Elliott and I had a really tough job in selecting a winner overall. However, we did pick 2 runners-up and an overall winner, as well as a highly commended entry with some incredible illustrations. These are on display in the main reception area if you would like to read them, and the stories have been shared with the school in a special assembly on Thursday this week. Congratulations to... (drumroll please)...

OVERALL WINNER	SKYE	Y6
1 ST RUNNER-UP	FREYA	Y3
2 ND RUNNER-UP	CHLOE	Y6
HIGHLY COMMENDED	MIA	Y6

Well-done to our winners and a special thank you to Thomas in Y4 who unexpectedly gifted me with a presentation of 8 shiny new teaspoons for our staffroom....it made my day! 😊



SCIENCE OXFORD

Congratulations to following Year 3 boys for reaching the finals of the Science Oxford event in June! You will have a chance to show off all your hard work from our science week, where we tested which materials work best for a parachute. Good luck to the three of you and thank you to Mr Pounder for arranging the exciting opportunity!






AIDAN		RAHIM
	CHRISTOPHER	



ROCKSTEADY LESSONS

Our children are really getting into the swing of their rock band lessons and I had the pleasure of hearing some of the early stages of their music making earlier this week. I look forward to sharing more of their creativity over the course of the coming weeks 😊

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

SWIMMING	Information regarding our swim season will be sent home after the Easter holidays. We apologise for the delay in sharing information regarding this, there has been a change in legislation regarding swimming in school pools which has caused this delay.	
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!	
COLLECTION MESSAGES	If you need to inform us of a different adult collecting your child at the end of the school day, please do this by emailing office@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk Thank you!	
CABLES PLEASE!	Cable request please! Do you have any of the following spare cables lying around not being used (ideally 1m length)? If so, please can you send them in as we are in desperate need of the following cables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USB C to USB C (like the black picture) • USB A to lightning (like the white picture) Thank you from Mrs Whelan 😊	

SAFEGUARDING: IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

REMEMBER, IT COULD HAPPEN HERE (AND PROBABLY DOES).

SMARTPHONE POLICY UPDATE

Link to information about our changing Mobile Phone Policy: [the letter](#)







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

STAYING SAFE ON JOURNEY HOME

With the busier and lighter afternoons, we want to ensure our students with walk-home passes enjoy a safe and fun journey. Here is a quick, friendly guide to share with your child.

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>



The "S.A.F.E." Rules

- **S – Stay with a Buddy:** Walk with a friend or sibling. There's safety in numbers!
- **A – Awareness:** Keep heads up and ears open. Save the phones and headphones for when you get home so you can spot traffic and surroundings.
- **F – Follow the Path:** Stick to your agreed route. No shortcuts through woods or quiet alleys!
- **E – Exit the Situation:** If a 'stranger' approaches you, **don't stop**. Keep walking and tell a trusted adult (like a teacher or parent) immediately.

A Note on Strangers: Most people are kind, but we never go anywhere with someone new unless a parent has said it's okay beforehand.

Quick Tips for Parents

- **The "Password" Game:** Create a secret family password. If anyone else ever needs to pick up your child, they must know the word first.
- **Route Rehearsal:** Walk the route together to point out "Safe Spots"—like a friend's house or a local shop—where they can go if they feel nervous.
- **Check-In:** Make sure your child knows exactly what time they are expected home.



Let's work together to keep our school community safe and happy!

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.

APRIL 2026

Tue 21 st -24 th	Book Fair	ALL	
Mon 27 th	Choir Performing at The Royal Albert Hall – Echoes 11	Choir	

MAY 2026

Fri 1 st	Birch Class Assembly	Birch Class	
Mon 4 th	Early May Bank Holiday – No School	ALL	
Tue 5 th	Y4 Trip to Eton College	Y4	
W/c 11 th	Y6 SATS week	Y6	
Fri 22 nd	End of Summer Term 1 – Normal Finish time	ALL	

JUNE 2026

Mon 1 st	Teacher Training Day – No School	ALL	
Tue 2 nd	Back to School	ALL	

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!



Friends of Stokenchurch Primary School



Summer Fete

Stokenchurch Primary School, George Road, Stokenchurch, HP14 3RN

Save the date!



Saturday

20th June



11 am till 2 pm

Crown competition

Baking competition

And more to be confirmed!



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