



# 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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£67,463 so far!

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

## INDEPENDENT



### THIS WEEK:

- F2 BIKEABILITY
- BOOK FAIR
- GARDENING CLUB
- RAH CHOIR PRACTICE
- CHESTNUT CLASS REWARD
- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
- AND MUCH MORE...

### ECO TICKER

Solar Panels  
 produced = 91.33 MWh  
 CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 51.87t

### GOLDEN RULES


READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 WE LOVED THE BOOK FAIR THIS WEEK! 😊

### 😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Alder - 99.3%		Beech - 98.7%		Holly - 98.6%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	113	192	170	194	197	185
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			ASH CLASS			
THIS TERM'S SCHOOL COMPOSER (Music we are listening to in class and assembly)			CURIOUS QUESTION (Something to talk & think about as a family)			
 <b>Debussy</b>			If you could ask one question to someone in the future, what would it be?			



# 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

## COMPETITION WINNERS!

Congratulations to the winners of our **£5 book vouchers!** These students impressed us all with their incredible artistry, designing stunning pieces of bunting that brought their favourite stories to life. You can see our talented winners proudly displaying their work in the photo below and were:

Maisie	Jamie	Matilda	Naomi	Evalyn
Ash	Beech	Holly	Elder	Lime



## BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to everyone who has visited our Book Fair this week! It has been wonderful to see so many enthusiastic readers exploring the shelves

We have had one of our most successful book fairs ever this week as families have been keen to take advantage of the '3 for 2' offer at the book fair. It is a great way to inspire your children's reading and support the school. Thank you to everyone who has picked up a book and a special thanks to Mrs Elliott who has organised the whole thing. Your children's orders are being processed as we speak 😊



## GARDENING CLUB

Shhhh... the sun is out! Gardening club got off to a great start this week with a committed band of young gardeners clearing the polytunnel in preparation for our new plants and vegetables. We look forward to growing our own produce again this year and will share our progress as it happens. If you have a child in KS2 who would like to join us after school on Thursdays, there are still a few spaces available so get in touch if you would like to get involved.

## BIKEABILITY IN F2



Our children in Reception took to two wheels this week as they started their Balanceability sessions on Nathan Court. Lead by Mrs Scales and Mrs Reid, the children really enjoyed their newly discovered pedal / push power and, suitably wearing helmets, took great steps into taking their independence. These sessions will continue and I would like to thank Mrs Scales and Mrs Reid for making them possible! 😊

## MISS BLANDFORD NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Blandford, who has recently announced that she is expecting her first child at the end of the year. We look forward to sharing more baby news when he / she arrives, but in the meantime wish you and your new family our very best wishes and love.





### MISSING BALLS RETURNED

Can you spot who 'took one for the team' on Friday and ventured into the woods to retrieve footballs, tennis balls and other school equipment? They are pretty well disguised by the foliage, that, by the way, are covered in thorns! Thank you to the two members of staff who ventured beyond the call of duty. Can you guess who it might be?

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

I have noticed in recent weeks that a small minority of our children are not coming to school in the correct school uniform. We will be sending regular reminders but for your information and reference a school uniform list is available on our school website. Whilst we (of course) make reasonable adjustments for a very small number of children and where it is appropriate, the policy is consistent for the rest of our children across the school and we expect them to wear it proudly and have the high standards of themselves that we all share. Thank you for your support.



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- Grey or black skirt or trousers
- White blouse or buttoned shirt (not polo shirt)
- School tie
- Green jumper or cardigan
- Grey, black or white socks
- Grey or black school shoes
- Optional green / white check cotton dress for summer
- Long hair tied back with a suitable plain-coloured band
- Hair bows in line with school colours.






## 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>



<p><b>DONATION REQUEST</b></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><b>COLLECTION MESSAGES</b></p>	<p>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 <a href="mailto:office@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk">office@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk</a> Thank you!</p>	
<p><b>CABLES PLEASE!</b></p>	<p><b>Cable request please!</b> 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USB C to USB C (like the black picture)</li> <li>• USB A to lightning (like the white picture)</li> </ul> <p>Thank you from Mrs Whelan 😊</p>	

**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](mailto: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><b>Mr Nick Stevens</b> Designated Safeguarding Officer Headteacher</p> 	<p><b>Mr Stephen Sloan</b> Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher</p> 
<p><b>Mrs Francesca Avery</b> Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCo</p> 	<p><b>Mrs Kat Warner</b> Designated Safeguarding Officer Nursery Manager</p> 
<p><b>Miss Catherine Howland</b> Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCo</p> 	<p><b>Mrs Judy Pope</b> 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

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Performing at The Royal Albert Hall – Echoes 11	Choir	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Parent Info Evening SATS & IOW @ 1700pm	Y6	

### MAY 2026

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Birch Class Assembly	Birch	
	Stokie's Big Splash Tuck Shop @1520	ALL	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Early May Bank Holiday – No School	ALL	
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Trip to Eton College	Y4	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Parent Info Evening Willen Lake @1700pm	Y5	
W/c 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATS week	Y6	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Summer Term 1 – Normal Finish time	ALL	

### JUNE 2026

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Teacher Training Day – No School	ALL	
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>	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!

### ST HUGH'S CLOSE FUNDRAISER

Mr Stevens received the following lovely letter on behalf of the residents of St Hugh's Close –

Dear Mr Stevens,

The elderly residents of St Hugh's Close recently held a small 'bingo' fundraiser and have raised £50 which they would like to donate to the school's 'Stokie's Big Splash' fundraiser.

You have been brightening up our Autumn's with Harvest Festival parcels delivered by the lovely children for many years and we wanted to give a little something back.

Wishing you the best of luck with your fundraising goals!

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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