



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:

GARSINGTON

MATHEMATICAL ART

SECONDARY TRANSFER

ENGINEERING WINNERS

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION

F2 TORTOISE VISIT

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AND SO MUCH MORE

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels

produced = 92.13MWh

CO₂ saved = 52.33t

GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL


SAFE



ROSIE THE TORTOISE PAID F2 A VISIT



☺ THINGS TO CELEBRATE ☺

ATTENDANCE	Pear 99.1%		Hazel 96.4%		Prunus 95.1%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	156	217	194	212	216	188
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			ALDER 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)			
 Debussy			It might be the hottest day of the year on Monday. What are you going to do to keep cool?			



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



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GARSINGTON COMES TO STOKIE!

On Thursday we welcomed Garsington Opera to **STOKENCHURCH** to lead auditions for our children and 38 children from KS2 stepped up to the challenge. They learned songs from the upcoming community opera and had to show how they might perform on stage, under the watchful eye of Director Karen and her colleagues, who were on the look out for the children's talents. The children really enjoyed the session and

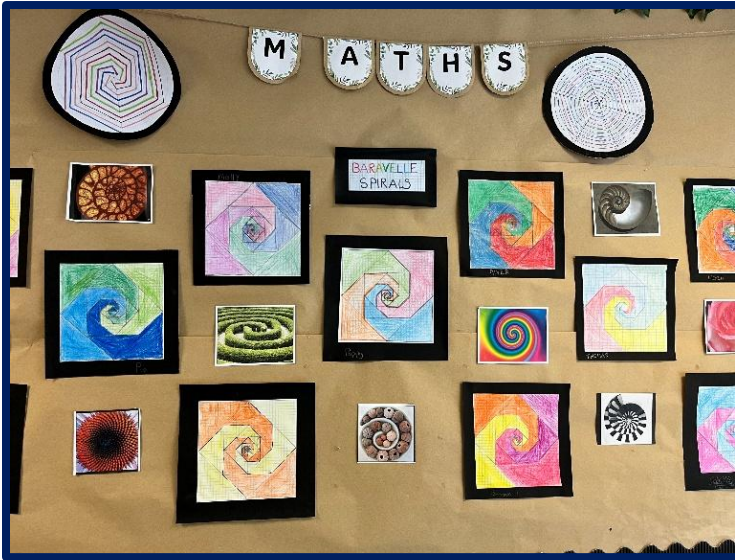


behaved brilliantly, following directions and giving their very best. We are very proud that 25 children have been 'called back' for a second audition at Garsington itself, and I look forward to sharing how they get on when they receive their invites. Well-done children and thank you to Mrs Brand for organising the session - we were very proud of you all! 😊

MATHEMATICAL ART IN Y6

Our Y6 children have been exploring mathematical sequences this week and have turned them into stunning pieces of art. They used Baravelle, Archimedes and Fibonacci sequences to create colourful spirals, often replicated in nature, and added colour to create a stunning display. Reminds me a little of my secondary school days...!





A TORTOISE VISIT TO RECEPTION!

Our Reception children were very excited to welcome Rosie, the 29 year old tortoise to visit their class this week. Fitting in nicely with the Attenborough theme, she spent time with the children, who loved holding her and asked lots of brilliant questions. Well done Rosie and thank you to Mrs Evans for bringing her in 😊

IF I WERE AN ENGINEER RESULTS

Congratulations to **STOKENCHURCH** as a fantastic **EIGHT** of our children have been awarded as winners or highly commended in this year's national 'If You Were and Engineer...' competition. All of our entries were scrutinised by a panel of expert engineers and we have children who have been successful for the South-Central region, being invited with their families to a special exhibition and awards ceremony in Milton Keynes. Our winners are....

IF YOU WERE an ENGINEER WHAT WOULD YOU DO?®

WINNERS	Nursery	Nursery	Reception	Year 2	Year 4
	Luca	Leo	Olivia	Eesa	Erin
HIGHLY COMMENDED	Reception	Year 3	Year 4		
	Freddie	Louie	Anthony		

Congratulations to all of you and I look forward to hearing how you get on at the awards ceremony. Thank you to Miss Blandford for arranging the opportunity 😊

INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION(S)!

Following on from our David Attenborough 100th Birthday activities last week, we will be continuing the theme with our Inter-House competition(s) both in and out of school next week. As an ode to David Attenborough, the theme of our Inter-House competition week 2026 is 'Nature'. The children have been completing various nature-based activities this week, competing for points for their house to win the Inter-House trophy.

You also have a chance to enter the competition at home with some challenges for half term! We will be announcing this to the children in assembly on Monday and look forward to sharing with you news and pictures of the competition in full swing...a blend of activities for indoors and outdoors, on an environmental theme, that should suit all tastes and talents!

At home, and with a closing date of the **Tuesday after half term**, you can:

Enter our creative writing competition, for which your child has two options:



A descriptive piece of writing: Use the attached image to write your most wonderful descriptive piece of writing to describe what you can see and what you think is happening in the photo.



1. **Write A Script:** Watch the short clip of David Attenborough on mute. Children can then write what they think the script should be. It can be as sensible or as outlandish as you can be (and you could even send a video of you narrating your script too!)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0gms8nw>

If creative writing is not your thing, you can also enter our **PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**.

I am sure we have lots of budding photographers at **STOKENCHURCH** and this is your opportunity to showcase your talents. The theme of our Inter-House photography competition is 'Nature'.

The children have until **TUESDAY 2ND JUNE** to submit their photograph by email to office@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk Please include your child's full name, class and house in the email.

The rules are simple. The photo must be taken by the child (adult support is fine and encouraged) and must be on the theme of 'Nature'. Make David Attenborough proud!

Our winners and runners up will be celebrated on the website and in assembly and most importantly, will win points for their house. There will be a winner from each year group.

Many thanks to Miss Browne for organising the activities and we look forward to seeing all of your fantastic photos, descriptions and scripts! I look forward to announcing the winners of the HOUSE CUP when all the entries have been received and the points have been added up (and independently verified!) 😊

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	
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	
CRESS SEEDS & YOGHURT POTS NEEDED	After half term our children in Reception will be growing cress seeds as part of their learning. Please save up any yoghurt pots over the holidays and if you can donate some seeds that would be appreciated!	
UNLABELLED UNIFORM	We have a huge amount of unlabelled uniform making it's way to our lost property every week. Please remember to label all of your child's uniform to ensure that it can make it's way back to them!	

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

This email address is monitored constantly and confidentially by the school's safeguarding team, including at weekends and during holidays.

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> 

Mon 8 th	Tempest Class Photo's	ALL	
	Pool Open – Swimming starts	F2 – Y6	
Thur 11 th & Fri 12 th	Y5 to Willen Lake	Y5	
W/c 15 th	Y6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight	Y6	
Wed 17 th	PTA Summer Disco	F2 -Y5	
Sat 20 th	PTA Summer Fete	ALL	
Tues 23 rd	Y1 Trip to The Oxford Science Museum	Y1	
Letter available / to follow		Please join us if you can 😊	Please note change of date

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!


[SPONSORED SWIM CHALLENGE – Full information has been sent via parentmail](#)

Save the Date: Week Beginning 6th July 2026

During their usual weekly swimming lessons, all children are invited to take part in our **Sponsored Swim Challenge!** We are challenging our swimmers to complete as many lengths or widths as possible to help us smash our fundraising goal.

How to Sponsor

Option 1: Online (Quickest & Easiest!)

- **Create a Personal Page:** You can set up an individual fundraising page linked directly to our campaign so you can track your child's progress. [Click here for easy step-by-step instructions on JustGiving.](#)
- **Donate Directly:** Alternatively, you can donate straight to our main campaign page: [JustGiving - Stokie's Big Splash.](#)
-  **Important:** Please clearly state **which year group** you are sponsoring so we can track the Ice Pop Party winner!

Option 2: Cash

- Please hand cash directly to your child's class teacher or the school office.
-  **Important:** Cash **must** be accompanied by a completed sponsorship form.

QUOTES FROM OUR CHILDREN

"I really enjoyed the Inter-House competitions this week!" Macy Y5

"I enjoyed writing my newspaper report (for my English lesson) because my descriptive language was really good." Scarlett Y5

"I loved the Fire Engine because we learned everything about it and we got to sit inside it too!" Lexi y5

COMMUNITY PAGES



After School Pottery Painting



Friday 5th June 2026

3:30pm - 5pm

£20pp

Back by popular demand!

Join Stokie's Big Splash and Vicki from Pot-tastic for an after school pottery painting session.

Like getting crafty? Personalised gift for someone special? Father's Day idea?

There will be a selection of mugs, bowls and plates to choose from. No equipment is required. One item per child.

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 to find out more

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facebook.com/stokiesbigsplash
<https://sites.google.com/stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk/pool>



FRIENDS PTA

Summer Disco

Wednesday 17th June 2026

Years F2, 1 & 2 – 5pm-6.15pm
Years 3, 4 & 5 - 6.30-7.45pm

Includes drinks & snacks with a treat to take home!

£5 via parentpay & on the door

No Mobiles or ipods allowed



Friends of Stokenchurch Primary School

Summer Fete

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

Saturday 20th June

11 am till 2 pm

Refreshments!
Hot Food!
Stalls!

Bucks Fire and Rescue!
Crown Competition!
Tombola! Raffle!
Games!

FRIENDS PTA Friends of Stokenchurch Primary School
Registered Charity Number: 1069756

PICNIC ON THE PITCH

Monday 25th May // 12 - 4pm



Entertainment for all the family
on the Adams Park turf
Find out more: WWFC.COM




PRESTIGE BOUNCY CASTLES

FUN
FOR ALL
AGES!

ARE PROUD TO BE PART OF

Stokenchurch Primary School's

SUMMER FETE

 SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026

Pop over and see us...
we'll be there with our
★ Inflatable Truck
★ Obstacle Course &
★ Circus Mega Slide



BOUNCING
FUN
ALL DAY!



INFLATABLE TRUCK
OBSTACLE COURSE

SEE
US
THERE!



CIRCUS
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Look beyond league tables and exam results
Look beyond stereotypes and conventions
Look beyond a world where futures are fixed

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wycombe High School is very pleased to invite you and your family to our Community Carnival on Saturday 20 June 2026, taking place as part of our 125th anniversary celebrations.

The Community Carnival is a joyful, family friendly event designed to bring together local primary school families, neighbours, and friends to celebrate our school's long history and its close links with the community. We would love to welcome you and your children to join us on the Wycombe High School site for a fun and relaxed day out.

Throughout the day, families can enjoy a lively festival atmosphere with a wide range of activities for children of all ages. These will include live music and performances, fairground rides, creative and hands-on workshops, interactive games, stalls, food vendors, and opportunities to explore our spacious school grounds. There will be plenty to see and do, whether you stay for a short visit or make a day of it.

Tickets for the Community Carnival are free, but we ask that families book in advance so that we can manage numbers and ensure a safe, enjoyable experience for everyone. Tickets can be booked via the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/whs-community-carnival-tickets-1987395545576>

We hope you will be able to join us for this special occasion and help us celebrate 125 years of Wycombe High School with the local community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Renyard

Headteacher

