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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that you have chosen Stokenchurch Primary School to start, and for some, continue your child's educational journey. Our aim is to work with you to build your child's love of learning, encourage their curiosity and develop their confidence. The early years are vital for shaping children's views and attitudes, and with us, your child will learn about themselves and the world around them. We are all very excited to be part of your child's school journey in September and look forward to welcoming you to our school.

We know that starting school can be an anxious time for both you and your child and we aim to make the transition as smooth and as happy as possible. We feel that working together is the best way to ensure this and would like to invite all our families who are starting with us in Reception into school for some transitional events.

On **Tuesday 9th June 2026 4.00pm - 5.00pm** (Parents only to attend) we would like to invite you to join us at school for a 'Welcome Meeting' and 'Tour of Early Years'. This will provide an opportunity for you to see their new classroom and outside areas and find out more about the curriculum.

We will then be hosting 3 separate 'Stay & Play' sessions for Parents and their children to attend on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 16th June 2026 4.00pm until 5.00pm**
- **Tuesday 23rd June 2026 4.00pm until 5.00pm**
- **Tuesday 30th June 2026 4.00pm until 5.00pm**

Before your child starts Reception in September, the Early Years team would like the opportunity to welcome your child into their new classroom without their parents. This is an ideal opportunity for the team to find out about their interests, skills and abilities so they can plan activities and stories that will engage and excite your child when they start school. We are inviting your child into Reception on **Tuesday 7th July 2026 9.00am - 11.00am** to come and 'Meet the Teachers'.

Finally, to ensure your child has time to settle into school smoothly in September, the first week of school will include shorter sessions to support transition and settling in. Please find details below:

- **Tuesday 1st September 2026** – INSET DAY: School closed for children
- **Wednesday 2nd September 2026** – INSET DAY: School closed for children
- **Thursday 3rd September 2026** – Children in school 8.40am – 12.30am (Please send your child in with a packed lunch)
- **Friday 4th September 2026** - Children in school 8.40am - 12.30am (Please send your child in with a packed lunch)
- **Monday 7th September 2026** - Children start Full Time

Please note, when children start school on **Thursday 3rd September** we kindly ask that parents say goodbye to their children at the gate and support them to come into school independently.

When attending all our Early Years events please use Early Years Entrance, where a member of staff will be there to meet and greet you.

If you have any further questions regarding starting school in September 2026, please do contact me via the school office: office@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk

Many thanks,

Mrs Warner
Early Years Lead

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