



STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



AIMING HIGH ... FLYING HIGHER

Everything we do makes a difference to our children; empowering minds and shaping futures.



STOKENCHURCH STAR



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£67,463 so far!

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

SUCCESSFUL



THIS WEEK:
 PARAMEDIC VISIT
 Y6 TRIP TO LITTLE CANADA
 Y3 SCIENCE COMPETITION
 SCHOOL DISCO
 CHERRY CLASS ASSEMBLY
 WATER SAFETY WEEK
 NATIONAL 'THANK A TEACHER DAY'
 AND SO MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER
 Solar Panels
 produced = 93.00-MWh
 CO₂ saved =52.82-t

GOLDEN RULES


READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

DISCO READY!

THINGS TO CELEBRATE

ATTENDANCE	Alder 100%		Prunus 99.6%		Lime 98.1%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	159	221	198	213	219	193
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			Cherry 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)			
 John Williams			What will the world look like in 100 years?			

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FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



You can donate to our swimming pool project here:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/stokiesbigsplash>

Together, we can make waves and build something amazing!

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



ACORNS – PARAMEDIC VISIT

On Tuesday, Acorns had a very exciting surprise visit from the “other Mrs Warner”, Gemma! Earlier in the week, Gemma had been called to help an astronaut who needed medical assistance. As an Emergency Care Assistant with the ambulance service, she was perfectly placed to help. Gemma had read the letter Acorns had written, and kindly asked the astronaut all of the children's wonderful questions. She even shared photographs of her meeting the astronaut and was lucky enough to interview him! During her visit, Gemma gave the children a hands-on introduction to some of the equipment she uses in her job. The children enjoyed learning how to apply bandages, use a stethoscope, and take their pulse. They were especially fascinated by the practical activity where they used a syringe and tubing to imitate our veins, helping them to see how blood moves around the body. The children enjoyed squeezing the “blood” through the tubing and learning about the important job our circulatory system does. It was a fantastic experience that brought our space topic to life and inspired lots of curious questions and conversations. There was even some freeze-dried ice-cream to try, courtesy of the ‘astronaut’! A well-deserved, delicious snack, enjoyed by all!





YEAR 3 TRIP TO SCIENCE OXFORD

This week, Rahim, Christopher, Aidan, Sienna, Beaux and Imogen had the privilege of attending **The Big Science Event** at Science Oxford. They showed amazing confidence when sharing their science experiment to lots of other schools. After the hard work was done, they took part in pond dipping where they found lots of living things and had fun in the experiment area! A big thank you to our parents Jessica, Sanum and Nicola for helping us on the day, as well as Mr Pounder for organising the competition and accompanying the trip 😊



PTA DISCO

On Wednesday evening the children had a great time as they enjoyed the PTA Summer Discos. 250+ children danced, sang, screamed, had fun with friends, ate biscuits, drank squash and left pink-cheeked having enjoyed a brilliant pop. Huge thanks to the PTA and especially DJ Adam for making the event so successful and so much fun 😊





Y6 IOW TRIP

The Y6 children have had a beautifully sunny, exciting and tiring week on their residential on the Isle of Wight. They have climbed and swung and scrambled and swam and fallen and eaten and hidden and fired and ducked and paddled and tied and helped and laughed ALL WEEK! Updates are on the school website in the [News section](#) so please do check it out...I hope to have a fuller report next week (when they are back)!



WATER SAFETY WEEK

We've been marking Water Safety Week with special sessions in the pool for all of our swimmers this week. Building confidence is hugely important and I know the children love learning in the safety of our pool. Thank you to Jermaine from Ducks to Water for making these sessions so engaging and enjoyable. Water safety doesn't stop at the school gates. To help you engage your school community, we have put together a dedicated [parent newsletter](#) packed with essential

tips, water safety rules, and links to fun activities for families to do together at home.

POOL INSPECTION

Well-done to Mrs Springett, Mrs Mayo, Mr Rose and the entire team for helping to ensure we passed our annual pool inspection with flying colours this week. The work that goes on in the background to ensure our pool is kept in tip-top condition is much appreciated by all the children 😊



CHERRY CLASS ASSEMBLY

Cherry Class performed a rocking assembly on the Battle of Hastings yesterday. They showed amazing confidence in remembering their lines and singing their songs. There were live battles, sunglasses, air guitars and even a flying arrow! Well-done Cherry Class for a fantastic performance. Thank you to all the Parents who came along to see the performance.



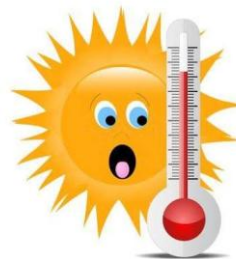
HOT WEATHER

With summer weather here and potentially significantly hotter weather forecast for next week, keeping our children safe in the sun is a team effort! Primary school skin is thin and burns easily, so please help us keep them protected during outdoor play and lunch breaks.

Here is the quick "**Slip, Slop, Slap, Slide**" checklist before heading out the door each morning:

- **Slip** on clothing that covers the shoulders (white school shirts / polos are perfect but please remove jumpers and ties)
- **Slop** on SPF 30+ broad-spectrum sunscreen before school.
- **Slap** on a wide-brimmed hat that protects their face, ears, and neck.
- **Slide** on a pair of (named) sunglasses if they have them.

Please Note: Please send a labelled bottle of sunscreen and a hat in your child's bag so they can reapply and protect themselves during the day. Make sure they have a water bottle too – many of our children particularly like it if they have been frozen the night before. Thank-you for helping us keep playtime safe and fun!



CELEBRATING NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY



This week, we celebrated **National Thank a Teacher Day**. This year they were provided with sweet treats and special bookmarks, made by the children and full of messages packed with genuine appreciation for the hard work, patience, and dedication their teachers show every day. It reminded us of the incredible impact our teachers (as well as our LSAs and all the staff at SPS) have on shaping young minds for the future. It was a wonderful way for our pupils to say a massive, collective "thank you!" 😊

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> 

IMPORTANT UPDATE: STAYING SAFE ONLINE AT SCHOOL AND HOME

We know that our filtering and monitoring systems are robust at **STOKENCHURCH** and we are always alerted on the rare occasions that children attempt an inappropriate use of devices in school. However, we also know that children can be naturally curious. Where boundaries are secure in one setting, some children may try similar searches at home using home Wi-Fi, mobile data, or personal devices. For this reason, we strongly recommend that all parents and carers review the parental controls in place on home networks and children's devices.

We appreciate that this can feel complicated, as every provider and device is slightly different. The key areas we would encourage parents and carers to check are:

Home Wi-Fi router settings

Most broadband providers allow adult-content filtering to be switched on at router level. This helps block inappropriate content on devices connected to your home Wi-Fi.

Mobile network settings

If your child has a phone or tablet with a SIM card, age-restricted filtering can usually be enabled through your mobile provider account or by contacting the provider directly.

Search engine settings

Please check that SafeSearch is turned on and locked where possible on search engines used by your child.

Family account settings

Systems such as Google Family Link and Apple Family Sharing can help parents and carers manage app downloads, screen time, age restrictions and website access.

For clear, independent guidance, we recommend **Internet Matters** – <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>. It provides free, step-by-step advice for setting up parental controls across different broadband providers, mobile networks and devices.

If you would like further guidance, or are finding it difficult to manage settings on a particular device, please contact the School Office **FAO Mrs Whelan** and we will do our best to help.

Thank you for your continued partnership in helping to keep children safe online.








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>



PICKING UP YOUR CHILD	<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 office@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk</p>	
LOST UNIFORM	<p>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!</p>	
DENTAL SURVEY	<p>Buckinghamshire Council annually assess the oral health of children across the county to help highlight any areas of children's dental health that needs to be addressed. Public Health would appreciate it if you could spend 5-minutes completing a short anonymous survey that asks basic questions regarding your child's oral health and general oral routine.</p> <p>To access the survey, please either, click on the link below or copy and paste the link into your browser: buckinghamshire.gov.uk/dental-health. Deadline for completion is Wednesday 31st July 2024.</p> <p>https://schoolsweb.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/s4s/File/FormAttachment/7d8a8148-bc5f-4894-a0ff-e54a0853fa41?filename=June%202023-24%20Reception%20and%20Year%206%20Oral%20Health%20Survey%20Letter.pdf</p>	
URGENT NO HOT SCHOOL MEALS	<p>We have just received communication from Millbrook (our lunch provider) informing us of a mechanical breakdown in their kitchen that will impact all hot school meals from Tuesday 23rd June onwards.</p> <p>Unfortunately, from Tuesday 23rd June until further notice (hopefully a maximum of 2 weeks), they are only able to provide packed lunches for children in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM).</p> <p>All meals ordered via ParentPay will be cancelled and refunded. If your child is not in receipt of FSM they will need to be provided with a packed lunch from home.</p> <p>We understand this will cause some frustration and can only apologise but this is completely outside of our control. We will be in contact as soon as we have a date for hot school meals to resume.</p>	
SPORTS DAY UPDATE	<p>Due to the extremely hot weather forecast for next week (and the fact that we have been issued with an Amber weather warning), we are making the following changes to Sports Day:</p> <p>Sports day on Wednesday 24th June will be for EYFS and KS1 in the morning only and the KS2 sports day will now take place on Wednesday 1st July in the morning.</p> <p>Wednesday 24th June 0930 - 1130 EYFS & KS1 followed by picnic lunch 1130 - 1200pm (with EYFS and KS1 children only). The gate will be open for parents to enter from 0910 - 0940 and to exit from 1150 - 1210</p> <p>Wednesday 1st July 0930 - 1200 KS2 followed by a picnic lunch 1200 - 1230 (with KS2 children only). The gate will be open for parents to enter from 0910 - 0940 and to exit from 1220 - 1240</p> <p>Apologies for any inconvenience. We are making the decision now to give as much notice as possible to parents.</p>	

A LETTER FROM THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

Good morning,

First of all, congratulations to your Year 6 pupils on completing their SATs, and thank you to all your staff for everything you've done to support children through the assessment period. I know how much work and care goes into making the experience positive for pupils.

As Children's Commissioner, I'm writing to ask for your support in helping children at your school take part in my new survey, The Big Future.



Your pupils can take part here: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

As many of your Year 6 pupils will have recently finished their SATs, this could be a great opportunity for them to reflect on their time at primary school and share their hopes and ideas for the future in their own words. I want to hear from children aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country, and your support will help make that possible. I'm asking children about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they want to see in their communities, and what they think a good childhood should look like today.

I would be hugely grateful if you could share the survey with pupils, parents and carers across your school community. Schools with particularly high participation rates will receive formal recognition for helping amplify children's voices, along with a summary of their pupils' responses, and an invite to my final Festival of Childhood.

To support you, I've created a pack of resources including an introductory video, lesson materials and FAQs, all available on [my website](#).

I'll publish the findings next year, and they will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures at the highest levels. Thank you very much for your support.

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England

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.

JUNE 2026

Sat 20 th	PTA Summer Fete (11.00- 2.00) SEE YOU TOMORROW!	ALL	
Tues 23 rd	Y1 Trip to The Oxford Science Museum	Y1	
	Y5 trip to Garsington	Y5	
Wed 24 th	Sports Day F1, F2, Y1 & Y2: 9.30 - 11.30	ALL	
Mon 29 th	Y2 Trip to Mop End	Y2	

JULY 2026

Wed 1 st	Sports Day KS2: 9.30 - 11.30	Y3-6	
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Letter available / to follow

Please join us if you can 😊

Please note change of date

BIG SPLASH UPDATE!

You can donate to our swimming pool project here:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/stokiesbigsplash>

Our **BIG SPLASH** fundraising campaign continues and the committee have lots of ideas of helping us reach our target for the pool. 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!

Thank you to everyone who entered our 'Design a Football Shirt' competition. We had a wonderful number of entries and will reveal the winners next week!

[BREAK THE RULES DAY!](#)

Get Ready for Break the Rules Day!

Taking place next Friday, June 26th! It's time to see how many rules you can break for a great cause.

- **Cost:** £1 per rule broken.
- **Payment:** Cash or via ParentPay (if paying via ParentPay, you can enter a variable amount between £1 and £20).

♥ **Wear crazy socks**

♥ **Have wacky hair**

♥ **Non-uniform**

♥ **Face paint**

♥ **Squash in your water**

♥ **Wear a hat all day**

♥ **Bring a teddy to school**

♥ **Bring a sweet treat for afternoon snack (no nuts)**

♥ **Temporary tattoo**

♥ **Wear pj's**

♥ **Wear your favourite hoodie!**


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

 **Save the Date: Week Beginning 6th July 2026**

All children will take part in our **Sponsored Swim Challenge!**


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:** You can donate via 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.



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!



Registered Charity Number: 1069756

FRIENDS OF STOKENCHURCH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Children's CROWN COMPETITION

**FREE
TO ENTER!**

**PRIZE
FOR THE
WINNER!**

AT THE SUMMER FETE

**20TH
JUNE**

**PARADE &
JUDGING AT
11:30AM**

Help celebrate
KING CHARLES'S BIRTHDAY
BY MAKING YOUR OWN ROYAL CROWN!

BE
CREATIVE!

USE YOUR
IMAGINATION!

HAVE FUN!

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!

SEE US THERE!

INFLATABLE TRUCK OBSTACLE COURSE

CIRCUS MEGA SLIDE

FRIENDS PTA Friends of Stokenchurch Primary School

PRESTIGE BOUNCY CASTLES
Stokenchurch
07900 911 304
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Summer WATER SAFETY

BEACH FLAGS

The beach flags are displayed by the Beach Lifeguards in patrolled areas to provide guidance on the water and the wind conditions. The flags also inform beach users where the swimming and water sports zones are located.



RED AND YELLOW LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY

Between the flags is the safest place to swim.



RED DANGEROUS AREA

Lifeguards are not watching this area. Do not swim here.



BLACK AND WHITE WATERSPORTS AREA

Do not swim here.

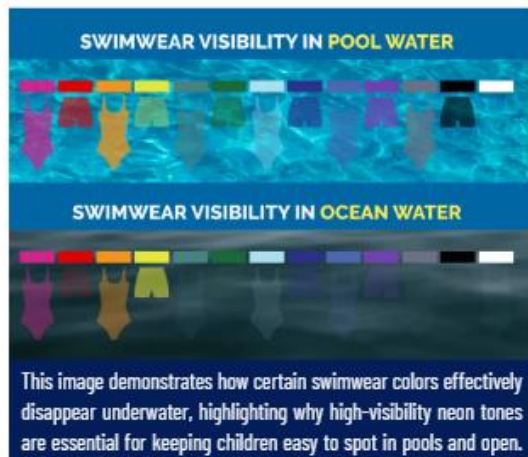


ORANGE WINDSOCK SHOWS THE DIRECTION AND STRENGTH OF THE WIND

Beware of winds blowing out to sea

#ENJOYWATERSAFELY

For more information visit rlss.org.uk



This image demonstrates how certain swimwear colors effectively disappear underwater, highlighting why high-visibility neon tones are essential for keeping children easy to spot in pools and open.

WATER SAFETY STARTS AT HOME

Whilst schools are working hard to equip students with the skills they need to stay safe, the most effective way to prevent accidents is for these messages to be reinforced at home. Water safety isn't just a lesson for the pool—it's a life skill that requires regular conversation and practice.

As children spend more time outdoors during the summer, they need to know that open water—like rivers, lakes, and beaches—behaves very differently than a swimming pool. By discussing the Water Safety Code with your children, you can ensure they have the confidence to make the right decisions when it matters most.

How You Can Get Involved

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) provides a fantastic range of free resources specifically for parents and carers. These are designed to make learning about water safety fun and engaging for the whole family.

- Educational Cartoons: Perfect for younger children to help them understand the risks.
- Activity Sheets: Interactive ways to learn the Water Safety Code together.
- Splash Safely at Home: Tips for keeping safe around garden ponds, paddling pools, and even bath time.

We encourage all families to visit the [RLSS UK Water Safety Resources for Families](#) page to download these free materials.

RACE FOR LIFE

TOGETHER
WE ARE
STRONGER
THAN CANCER

RUN, JOG OR WALK
5K YOUR WAY

WE'RE RUNNING THE RACE FOR LIFE ON

26th of July

Kirsty,
bleubelle,
beaux

FOR EVERYONE
AFFECTED BY
CANCER.

WE RACE.
WE REMEMBER.
WE HOPE.



MOVE
YOUR WAY



MAKE A
DIFFERENCE



TOGETHER
WE CAN

SIGN UP
TODAY!



Print Poster



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LET'S BEAT CANCER
SOONER

SIGN UP, DONATE OR FIND OUT MORE AT
[RACEFORLIFE.ORG](https://www.raceforlife.org)

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