



STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



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



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

SUCCESSFUL



OUR WILLEN LAKE ASSEMBLY WAS A TREAT THIS WEEK 😊

THIS WEEK:

ENGLAND FOOTBALL
GB WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL
BIG SPLASH UPDATE
THANKS MARY
STAY & PLAY
IS IT COMING HOME?
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
AND SO MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels
produced = 93.78 MWh
CO₂ saved = 53.27t

GOLDEN RULES

READY
RESPECTFUL
SAFE

☺ THINGS TO CELEBRATE ☺

ATTENDANCE	Alder 100%		Lime 98.8%		Holly 97.2%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	170	234	218	218	222	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			If you could invent a brand-new colour, what would it look like and what would you call it?			



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR

You can donate to our swimming pool project here:

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ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Last Monday we treated the children to a special viewing of the highlights of the England v Mexico round of 16 matches in the World Cup. The 2am kick off made it a tricky one to watch live and the children who joined us were enthralled by the play and the score line. It was VERY loud as the children cheered and supported the team and we were elated that they emerged victorious, booking themselves in for a quarter final match against Norway. Fingers crossed for tomorrow and who knows, with a bit of luck, we might actually be bringing it home...



STAY & PLAY

On Tuesday this week we welcomed our youngest and newest pupils to STOKENCHURCH for an opportunity to spend some time in the Nursery with their mums and dads. It was a lovely chance for them to explore the setting and get stuck in to some of the activities and areas, as well as a good way for the team to start to get to know them and their families. Thank you to Mrs Warner and Miss Masterton for arranging the session, which was a hit! The mums and dads really enjoyed seeing their children start their school journey and the fact that they had the chance to enjoy it together in such a calm and collaborative way, including sand and water, was the positive start it was designed to be.



FEEDBACK FROM MARY

It was really lovely to receive the following message from Mary Cadogan, the DT teacher at Great Marlow who worked with our Y3 children on their special visits over the past couple of weeks. She said:

*"Just to say that both groups of children were delightful to work with, ready to make the effort combined with humour and teamwork with clear elements of independent learning! The staff members were very supportive in every sense and readily showed a cheerful approach! Have a relaxing summer break, wishing you all the best
Mary Cadogan."*



CIRCUS INSPIRATION

It was also lovely to read that one of our children loved the visit from the circus so much last week, that he immediately sent an email to them expressing his interest in joining. I look forward to sharing the outcome of his audition when it happened! 😊

*"Hello, Please can I be in the circus, I am very strong. What do I need to do to join the circus? How far do you travel? I have been working my best.
From, George."*

PLASTIC BOTTLES NEEDED!

Sadie, who comes to **STOKENCHURCH** every year to launch the Summer Reading Challenge (see the details below) has come to school with a strange request!

Jonathan, her partner, has devised an Asian hornet detector [Asian hornets predate on honey bees] which is going national and international as Buzz-copper very soon.

It will allow beekeepers, and any other interested parties to identify Asian hornets in an area, and alert the National Bee Unit via email to come and take out the nests.

It's an entirely not for profit enterprise and the homemade kit of parts uses a 2l pop bottle. They need 100s and wondered if our children/staff might assist in collecting them for us? Washed and with labels removed would be fantastic.

In exchange I hope he might be willing to do an assembly to show how it all works, and get the children interested.

Please drop your bottles off at school, and here's link to the website for anyone who might be interested in finding out more!

<https://www.buzzcopper.org/>

Thank you to those of you who have been collecting on our behalf and dropping them in to school. I look forward to giving them to Sadie when she is in next week 😊



HOT WEATHER

It looks (at the time of writing) that after a hot weekend, the temperatures will hopefully begin to ease a little next week. 200 of our children were collected early on Friday and I hope that this was the last time that we have to consider measures such as these before the end of term. Here's the hot weather reminders for one last time:

Guidance is available for [Looking after children and those in early years settings before and during hot weather: teachers and other educational professionals - GOV.UK](#)

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!



WILLEN LAKE ASSEMBLY

This morning we welcomed mums and dads to school to share in the memories and adventures from this year's Y5 Willen Lake trip. Framed as an awards ceremony, children (and adults) were nominated for a range of different awards and received them with great humour and enthusiasm. The performance was presented with confidence and LOTS of smiles and the songs brought it all together beautifully. Well-done children and thank you to Ms Jones and Miss Lovell for making it happen 😊

Are you concerned about a child?
ALWAYS act on any concern.
Make a written record of your concern and share without delay.

 Mr Nick Stevens Designated Safeguarding Officer Headteacher	 Mr Stephen Sloan Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Headteacher
 Mrs Francesca Avery Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCo	 Mrs Kat Warner Designated Safeguarding Officer Nursery Manager
 Miss Catherine Howland Designated Safeguarding Officer SENCo	 Mrs Judy Pope Designated Safeguarding Officer Administration Manager

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:

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

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.

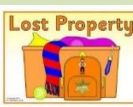
Thank you for your continued partnership in helping to keep children safe online.

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	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	
LOST UNIFORM	We have a huge amount of unlabelled uniform making its way to our lost property every week. Please remember to label all of your child's uniform to ensure that it can make its way back to them!	

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.

JULY 2026

Tues 14 th	Meet The Teacher – Transition Morning	F2 to Y5	
Thurs 16 th	Y6 Production at 600pm	Y6	
	Nursery New Starters Stay & Play 4pm	Nursery	
Fri 17 th	Reports Home	All	
Tues 21 st	Y6 Leavers Assembly at 0915	Y6	
	Y6 Leavers Disco 6.00-7.30pm	Y6	
Wed 22 nd	End of Term @ 1pm	All	
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** which raised £104! Our judge, a professional EFL kit designer, was so impressed by all of the entries and spent over an hour whittling them down to find our winners. Due to the sheer quality of the entries, we have chosen a winner from each year group, rather than just per key stage. The winners are as follows:

F2	Clara and Jenesses
Year 1	Savannah
Year 2	Zidane
Year 3	Daisy
Year 4	Luna
Year 5	Lochy





lifeguards for making sure all lengths and widths were counted!

Please don't forget to hand your child's completed sponsorship form along with any cash they have collected in to the school office or your child's class teacher by the end of the day on **Monday 13th July**.



Watch this space for details of our prize winners and total raised 😊

GRAB YOUR EXCLUSIVE MERCH!

Only a limited number available to purchase. Buy via your child's ParentPay account and it will be sent home with your child.

SPONSORED SWIM CHALLENGE

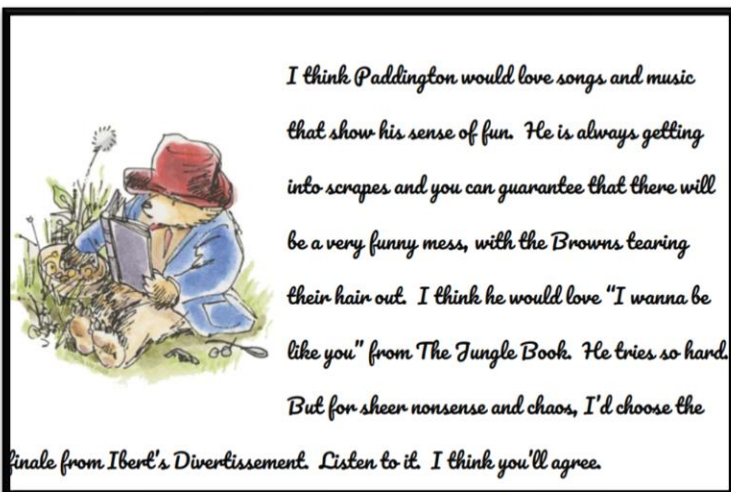
What a glorious week we had for our Swim Challenge! Thank you to the children for taking part with such enthusiasm, parents for assisting with sponsorship, Cerys our swim teacher and our wonderful team of

Stokie Splash hats £5



Available on parent pay

COMMUNITY PAGES



I think Paddington would love songs and music that show his sense of fun. He is always getting into scrapes and you can guarantee that there will be a very funny mess, with the Browns tearing their hair out. I think he would love "I wanna be like you" from The Jungle Book. He tries so hard. But for sheer nonsense and chaos, I'd choose the

finale from Ibert's Divertissement. Listen to it. I think you'll agree.



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



SWIMWEAR VISIBILITY IN POOL WATER



SWIMWEAR VISIBILITY IN OCEAN WATER



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](https://rlss.org.uk) page to download these free materials.



Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Competition at Stokenchurch Library

Choose a character from a book you've enjoyed reading. Think about what music they might like to listen to or might suit them and explain why.

You can draw a picture of your character or find one on the internet.

Send your entry with your name, age and school with the heading Summer Reading Challenge Competition to

enquiries.scl@gmail.com

All entries will be placed in a draw for their school. There will be one winner per school.

Entries close on 12 September 2026.

Winners for each school will be announced in Certificate Assemblies in September.

For an example of an entry, see over.

SUMMER: YOUTH THEATRE & WORKSHOPS AT READING REP!

Looking for a creative escape for the kids (or yourself!) this summer? **Reading Rep Theatre** is launching an exciting lineup of Summer Schools and workshops for young people aged **5–25**, running throughout July and August.

Led by professional theatre-makers in a friendly, supportive environment, these sessions are the perfect way to build confidence, learn new skills, and make lifelong friends.

Check out the blockbuster line up:

- **West End Experience (27–31 July)** | Ages 5–10 (*Juniors*) & 11–16 (*Seniors*) Spend a high-energy week singing, dancing, and performing hits from smash musicals like *Wicked*, *Hamilton*, *SIX*, and *Paddington*. Plus, enjoy exclusive masterclasses from West End performers starring in *Mamma Mia!* and *The Rocky Horror Show*.
- **Summer on Stage (3–7 August)** | Ages 12–18 A specialist, inclusive theatre week designed specifically for young people with additional needs. It's a welcoming space built to boost confidence, communication, and performance skills.
- **Play in a Week (10–14 August)** | Ages 11–16 Got a storyteller in the house? Participants will devise, write, and perform a brand-new play alongside professional practitioners, ending with a special showcase for family and friends.
- **Superheroes on Stage (10–14 August)** | Ages 5–10 Younger creatives can bring their imagination to life by inventing original superhero characters and crafting an epic adventure on the big stage.

- **Drama School Prep (17–19 August) | Ages 15–25** Perfect for aspiring performers gearing up for drama school auditions. Take dedicated, intensive workshops in acting, singing, and dance. Book one, two, or all three days!

