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STOKENCHURCH STAR



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

SUCCESSFUL



😊 COVER FROM ISSUE 1, 26TH April 2019 😊

THIS WEEK:

F2 MOWCHAK

ROCK STEADY CONCERT

Y6 PRODUCTION

Y6 DISCO

KARATE WORKSHOPS

NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

AND SO MUCH MORE...

ECO TICKER

Solar Panels

produced = 94.25 MWh

CO₂ saved = 53.53t

GOLDEN RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE	Holly 98.6%		Cherry 97.7%		Hazel 96.5%	
GOLDEN FOLDER	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	166	223	201	217	222	193
KITE'S KITCHEN AWARD			ASH & ALDER CLASSES 😊			
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 make a change, what would it be and why?			



FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR

You can donate to our swimming pool project here:
<https://justgiving.com/campaign/stokiesbigsplash>



KARATE WORKSHOPS

Huge thanks to Sam Bridgeman and his colleagues from Matt Fiddes Martial Arts School in West Wycombe who came to school on Monday this week to give our KS2 children a real taster. They had the chance to try some of the martial arts moves and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the techniques in a skilled and controlled way. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and I would like to thank Sam for coming in to share what he has learned with our children 😊



PIANO RECITALS

On Friday morning our children were treated to a special piano recital from some of the children who have been learning the piano at school during the year. Introduced by Csenge the children performed for children and parents with confidence – especially Izzy in Y6 who interrupted her Y6 water fight to perform (I was pleased that she sat on a towel!). Well done to the children for their performance and thank you to Csenge for teaching them, putting them through their exams when they are ready and celebrating their success with the school. If you would like your child to have piano lessons next year, please do contact the school office 😊



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

As she does each summer, Lisa from the local library in Stokenchurch came to set our children their Summer Reading Challenge for 2026. This year's theme is 'music' and there are certificates and medals available to any child who completes the challenge by reading 6 books in 6 weeks. The details are in the community pages of this week's newsletter so take a look and get your children registered. We'll let you know how our school got on in the Autumn.



PLASTIC BOTTLES

Lisa was also shocked and overwhelmed to

receive 7 bulging bin-bags full of pop bottles donated by you to support her partner's Asian Hornet project. Thank you to everyone who donated and you can find out more about the project in previous editions of the newsletter.

NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA RECITAL

Huge thanks to Hugh and Lara who joined us on Monday from the National Youth Orchestra to share their experiences with our children, explain the opportunities that music can give you and demonstrate their skills on the French Horn and the Flute. It was a highly interactive, informative and entertaining assembly that the children enjoyed very much. I hope it inspired one or two to try an instrument next year.... Thank you to Hugh and Lara - you were brilliant 😊





TREACHERY AT TRAITOR'S QUAY

Huge congratulations to Y6 who pulled off an amazing production in front of a packed audience of friends and family last Wednesday evening. They performed confidently and with great humour and the soundtrack to accompany the performance was pretty amazing too. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make the production work so well – Mr Showan, Miss Churn, Mrs Townshend, Mrs Foster, Miss Hubbard and director Mrs Brand. Most of all I would like to congratulate the children who were brilliant and made us very proud! 😊



Y6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday morning this week we were treated to y6's final Hoorah as they performed the special leavers assembly to the rest of the school and an audience of family members. They did really well and (mostly) held back the tears as they recited poetry, shared their memories, sang songs, said their thank-yous and gave advice to Y5 for next year. You did an amazing job guys and we will miss you in September!



STOKIE SWIMATHON 2026

Also on Tuesday, we held a special assembly to celebrate the results of our **SWIMATHON**. Children had collected their sponsorship money and swam numerous widths or lengths of the pool to raise money towards our new roof. I can reveal that we raised a whopping

£2710

towards the **STOKIE'S BIG SPLASH** campaign. This is an incredible result and I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped do their bit to support our campaign. Well-done and thank you to the pool committee for making the event such a success and well done to the children. The swimmers who were judged to be the top swimmers in each year group, based on a combination of the amount they raised and the distance they swam. Each received an Amazon voucher and these were presented in the assembly. Well-done to our **TOP SWIMMERS**:

RECEPTION	ARIANA (5 widths)
YEAR 1	ARTHUR (28 widths)
YEAR 2	ESMEE (80 widths)
YEAR 3	MACY (126 widths)
YEAR 4	HARRISON (86 widths)
YEAR 5	FREYA (126 widths)
YEAR 6	RIDHEE (32 lengths)



The winning year group was going to earn an ice-pop party, so congratulations this year to Y4... enjoy your lollies! Many thanks to Mrs Mayo and Tahli for awarding the medals to our swimming champions 2026.

TEACHERS FOR 2026-27

All of your children enjoyed their transition session last week where they got to meet their new teacher and spend some time in their new classroom. Here is the list of 'who goes where' so you know for September.

Nursery	Mrs Warner (Acorns)	Miss Masterton (Acorns)
Reception	Ms Scales (Ash)	Mrs Campbell (Alder)
Year 1	Miss Liu (Birch)	Mrs Smye (Beech)
Year 2	Miss Browne (Cherry)	Miss Foster (Chestnut)
Year 3	Mr Showan (Elder)	Mrs Barker (Elm)
Year 4	Mrs Brind & Miss Nixey (Hazel)	Miss Lovell (Holly)
Year 5	Mrs Brand & Miss Churn (Larch)	Miss Shah (Lime)
Year 6	Ms Jones (Pear)	Mr Pounder (Prunus)

PLASTIC BOTTLES DONATION!

Lisa Sadie, who comes to **STOKENCHURCH** every year to launch the Summer Reading Challenge.

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

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. Sadie was over the moon! 😊



WANT TO BE OUR SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

STOKENCHURCH Primary School is actively seeking addition people to join the Governing Body from September 2026. If you would like to be considered, or know someone locally, who has in interest in becoming a school Governor please contact the office with the details and we will arrange a discussion with them to see if they would like to formally be considered.

The role of a school Governor is loosely defined as:

- **Setting Strategy:** Defining the school's aims, policies, and overarching ethos.
- **Financial Oversight:** Ensuring the school's budget is well-spent and delivers value for money.
- **Providing Challenge:** Acting as a "critical friend" to the leadership team by asking probing questions and reviewing performance data.
- **Conducting Meetings:** Attending regular board and committee meetings (usually 4 to 6 times a year) to discuss school development plans.
- **Monitoring Progress:** Visiting the school to understand the reality of school life and ensure strategic goals are being implemented in the classroom.

This is not an operational role, that remains the responsibility of the Senior Leadership Team and appropriate staff, but it does allow for some insight into how the school operates and have the opportunity to set strategic direction and ensure priorities are addressed appropriately.



F2 FROM PENGUINS TO POPPADOMS! OUR GREAT CURRY ADVENTURE

Earlier last week and as part of Reception's 'Food, Glorious Food!' week, the children made their way out into the community for a very special visit to the Mowchak restaurant. They had a fantastic time and tasted and enjoyed the delicacies they were presented with – as well as a generous number of dishes that came back to the staffroom at school! Thank you to the Mowchak as well as the teachers, staff and parents who accompanied the trip to make it such a success. See the message from one of our parent governors



below...it says it all really 😊

Dear Miss Foster,
I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity to join the Early Years school trip to Mowchak today in my role as the Early Years Link Governor. It was a truly wonderful experience, and it was fantastic to see how much the children enjoyed themselves. The trip was exceptionally well organised, and it was clear how much thought and effort had gone into making it such a positive experience for everyone. One of the highlights was seeing

the children explore and enjoy a variety of Indian cuisine, with many of them, I'm sure, trying some of the dishes for the very first time. It was a wonderful opportunity to broaden their experiences in such an engaging and enjoyable way. Please pass on my sincere thanks and congratulations to all the staff involved. Their hard work, enthusiasm and careful planning made the trip a great success, and they should be very proud of what they achieved. Thank you once again for inviting me to be part of such a memorable day. Yours sincerely, Sam Massie, Early Years Link Governor.

A FEW THINGS TO CELEBRATE

We always end the year with a very special assembly, during which we present a range of awards and prizes for achievements in school throughout the year individually and collectively. Here are some of this year's notable recipients...

125 HOUSEPOINT WINNERS!

Children receive a certificate in assembly, their name in the newsletter and a Merit badge.

YEAR 1					
Ella	Henry	Sophie	Sienna E	Verity	Otilia
Afaan	Alfie	Arthur	Edward	Harley	Jess

Mala	Thea	Thomas			
YEAR 2					
Alice	Amelia	Archie	Buddie	Ellie	Willoughby
Willow W	Blossom	Darcey	Eesa	Gracie	Lennon
Marley	Reyaansh	Shreyank			
YEAR 3					
Aidan	Ayla	Beaux	Bluebelle	Christopher	Daisy
Erin	Ezekial	Freya	George	Macey	
Phoebe	Rahim	Sienna	Aayah	Bonnie	Caitlin
Charlotte	Darcie	Elizabeth	Elyra	Jessica	Kaden
Laurence	Louie	Macy	Olivia	Oscar H	Oscar W
Thea					
YEAR 4					
Chloe	Freya	James	Jessica	Ricky	Scarlett-Mai
Thomas	Elaia	Evie	Holly	Oliver	Robin
Summer	Theo				
YEAR 5					
Daisy	Leila	Louie-Jay	Mayana	Noah	
YEAR 6					
Emilia	Gabriella	Molly	Noah	Poppy	River
Oliver	Ridhee	Skyla			

150 HOUSEPOINT WINNERS!

Children receive a certificate in assembly, their name in the newsletter and a **GOLDEN STOKENCHURCH** school tie.

YEAR 1		
Ella	Jess	
YEAR 2		
Amelia	Archie	Willoughby
Darcey	Marley	Reyaansh
YEAR 3		
Daisy	Ezekial	Macey
Caitlin	Elizabeth	Jessica
	Oscar W	
YEAR 4		
Freya	Holly	
YEAR 5		
Louie-Jay		Millie
YEAR 6		
	Gabriella	



STAR OF THE TERM

Awarded to one child who stands out for their attitude to learning in each year group

F1	Nancy & Caleb	Y3	Elizabeth
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F2	Clara	Y4	Theo
Y1	Verity	Y5	Lochy
Y2	Ted	Y6	Molly

100% ATTENDANCE AWARDS!

100% attendance for the entire academic year – receiving a certificate and badge 😊

Charlie Hazel	Reggie Acorns	Rosie Acorns	Arthur Beech	Mason Acorns	Harrison Lime
Imogen Hazel	Reyaansh Chestnut	Lexi Larch	Georgina Acorns	Thea Elm	Mason Cherry

HOUSE CHAMPIONS!

The winning house received a trophy in assembly, collected by the house captains.

1 ST	WATER
2 ND	EARTH
3 RD	FIRE
4 TH	AIR

BOOK TOKEN WINNERS

Nursery	Orla-Faye	Y3	Silas
	Milee		Jessica
Reception	Sadie	Y4	Summer
	Elodie		Caleb
Y1	Otilia	Y5	Noah
	Edward		Alayna
Y2	Esmée	Y6	Noah
	Henry		Ridhee

MODERN LANGUAGES RISING STAR AWARD:

Izzy

NEWTON SHIELD FOR EXCELLENT BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING:

Ariana

GRANT SHIELD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:

River

LEAVERS DISCO

As has become a tradition, we enjoyed our Y6 leaver's disco last night when all of the children arrived dressed up and ready to enjoy their last hoorah together. They walked the red carpet and entered under a balloon arch to music on the playground and home-cooked burgers by Mr Showan. They had an amazing time and they really enjoyed one of their last moments together. Well done children, good



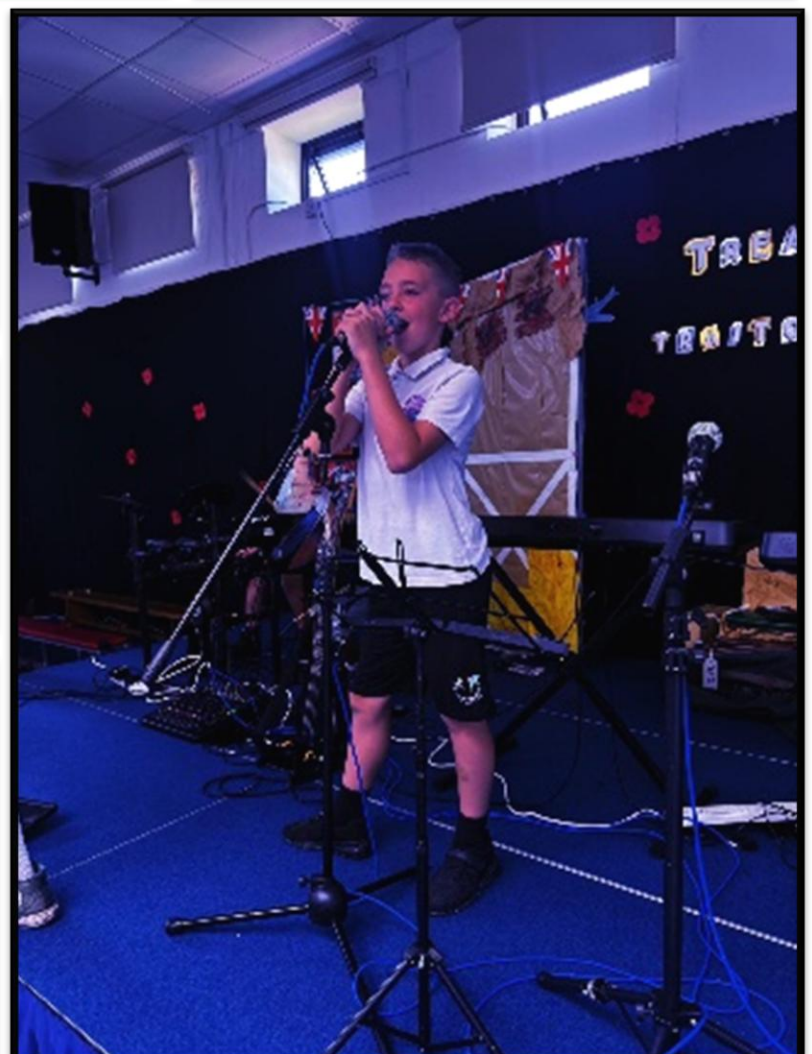
luck in your new schools next year and thank you to the Y6 team for making it happen... they deserved it



SUMMER ROCK CONCERT

Last week we were treated to a real exhibition of musical talent as the children who have been enjoying music lessons with ROCKSTEADY performed for the children and

parents. They sang and played drums, bass, electric guitar and keyboards and the audience clapped and cheered along. We certainly had a couple of potential rockers of the future on show (you know who you are Louis!). Well done to the children, thank you to Rocksteady and especially to Mrs Pope for coordinating the sessions in school 😊





EYFS CELEBRATIONS

Our children in Nursery and Reception have enjoyed their end of year celebrations too, sharing their achievements, progress and special memories throughout the year. We wish them luck as they move on into Y1 and

Reception respectively and hope you all have a super summer. Keep growing, keep being curious and keep reading and you will be just fine! Thanks to the EYFS staff for making it happen and such a lovely occasion for children and parents alike.



SAFEGUARDING: IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

REMEMBER, IT COULD HAPPEN HERE
(AND PROBABLY DOES).

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

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.

SMARTPHONE POLICY UPDATE

A reminder that from September, the new Year 5 cohort will not be allowed to bring smartphones into school. Please see [more information here](#) about non-smart phones which are permitted.



SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD
Schools Network

WHATSAPP GROUP CHATS

We have recently been made aware of some concerning and inappropriate exchanges within pupil-created WhatsApp group chats outside of school. These discussions have allegedly involved unkind language, exclusion, and unsafe online behaviour. While this happens off-site, the fallout inevitably impacts our pupils' wellbeing and friendships during the school day.

We know the immense pressure families face around technology. However, messaging apps carry a 13+ age restriction for a reason; primary-aged children are still developing the emotional maturity to navigate these fast-paced, unmonitored spaces. Our goal is to support you in managing these digital challenges and establishing safe boundaries at home.

How you can help:

- **Monitor Devices:** Please regularly check your child's phone or tablet, particularly any recent group-chat activity.
- **Reinforce Kindness:** Talk to your child about online respect, safe digital behaviour, and the hurtful impact of excluding others.

Please be reassured that we are supporting the pupils in school and actively addressing any impact on their wellbeing or relationships. Thank you for your vital partnership in keeping our children safe and kind, both online and offline.

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.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Tues 1st	Inset Day – Teacher Training Day (No children in school)	Staff only	
Wed 2nd	Inset Day - Teacher Training Day (No children in school)		
Thurs 3rd	All children Return to School	ALL	
Tues 8th	Year 6 Secondary School transfer (11+) Practice Test	Y6	
Thu 10th	Year 6 Secondary School transfer (11+) - Test	Y6	
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!

GRAB YOUR EXCLUSIVE MERCH!

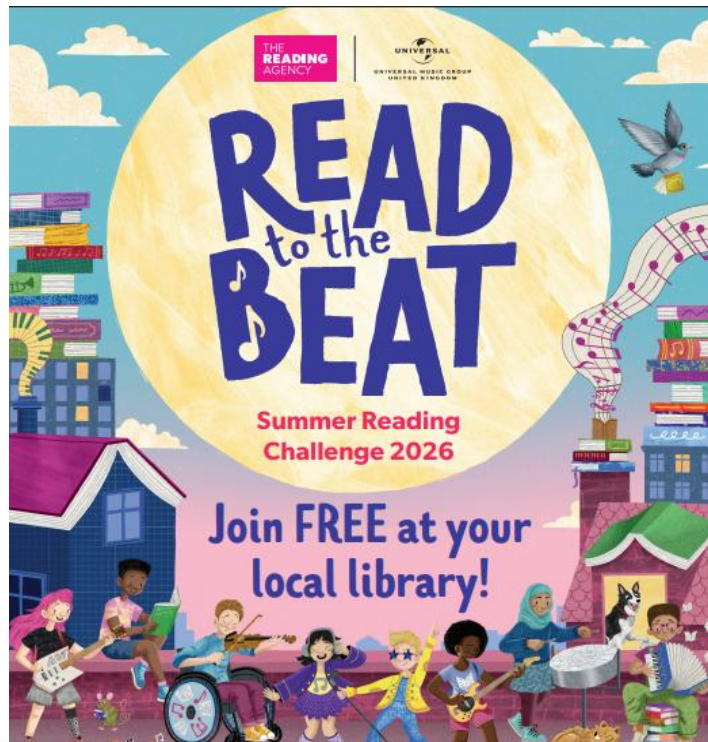
Stokie Splash hats
£5



Available on parent pay

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

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.

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- All voices welcome

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A day of glorious harmony with four choir leaders



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AND FINALLY....



I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved with Stokie, past and present, over the last 7 years. It is a special place and part of a special community, with children at its heart and a passion to make things accessible to all. I have appreciated all of the kind comments, songs, cards, gifts and

hugs over the past couple of weeks and I leave the school firmly in the capable hands of Mr Sloan. It is a sad time of course but also an exciting one as the school looks forward and continues to look out for each other and look after each other as much as we possibly can. I hope you all have an amazing break during the summer holidays and return in September refreshed and ready to start a new chapter at **STOKENCHURCH**. Good luck! *Mr Stevens*