



Stokenchurch Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter Issue 2

17th September 2026

This term's school values are to spot our children who are:

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE



Welcome Meetings

Thank you for coming to the welcome meetings at school this week for each year group. The slides from each presentation can be found on the [Class Pages of the website](#).

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our meetings. Thank you for taking the time to come along, meet our staff and hear about the year ahead.

I was particularly pleased to see the importance of staff and parents/carers working together being championed across all eight meetings. Building strong relationships and real human connections is so important. Getting to know one another, listening, sharing successes and talking openly about concerns all help to build the trust that our children benefit from every day.

We all want our children to feel happy, safe and supported, and to achieve their very best. Working together is the only way forward, and these meetings were a lovely way to keep strengthening that partnership.



Golden Work, Golden Attitude and 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'

There is so much to celebrate in children's everyday achievements: a piece of work they have taken real pride in, perseverance when learning feels challenging, kindness towards someone else or a thoughtful, responsible choice.

I have asked staff to let me know when children demonstrate **Golden Work, Golden Attitude** or our school values, so I can visit their classrooms, hear about their achievements and celebrate with them. I want our children to know that their effort, progress and positive contributions are noticed and valued.

Our focus continues to be **Ready, Respectful, Safe**: being ready to learn, treating people and our school with care, and making choices that keep everyone safe. Children have made a positive start with our calmer routines, and I am keen for us to keep building on this together.

Please talk to your child about these values and ask what they have felt proud of this week. Sometimes the smallest achievements mean a great deal.



Eco Ticker

Solar Panels

MWh produced = 95.77

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Dates for your diary



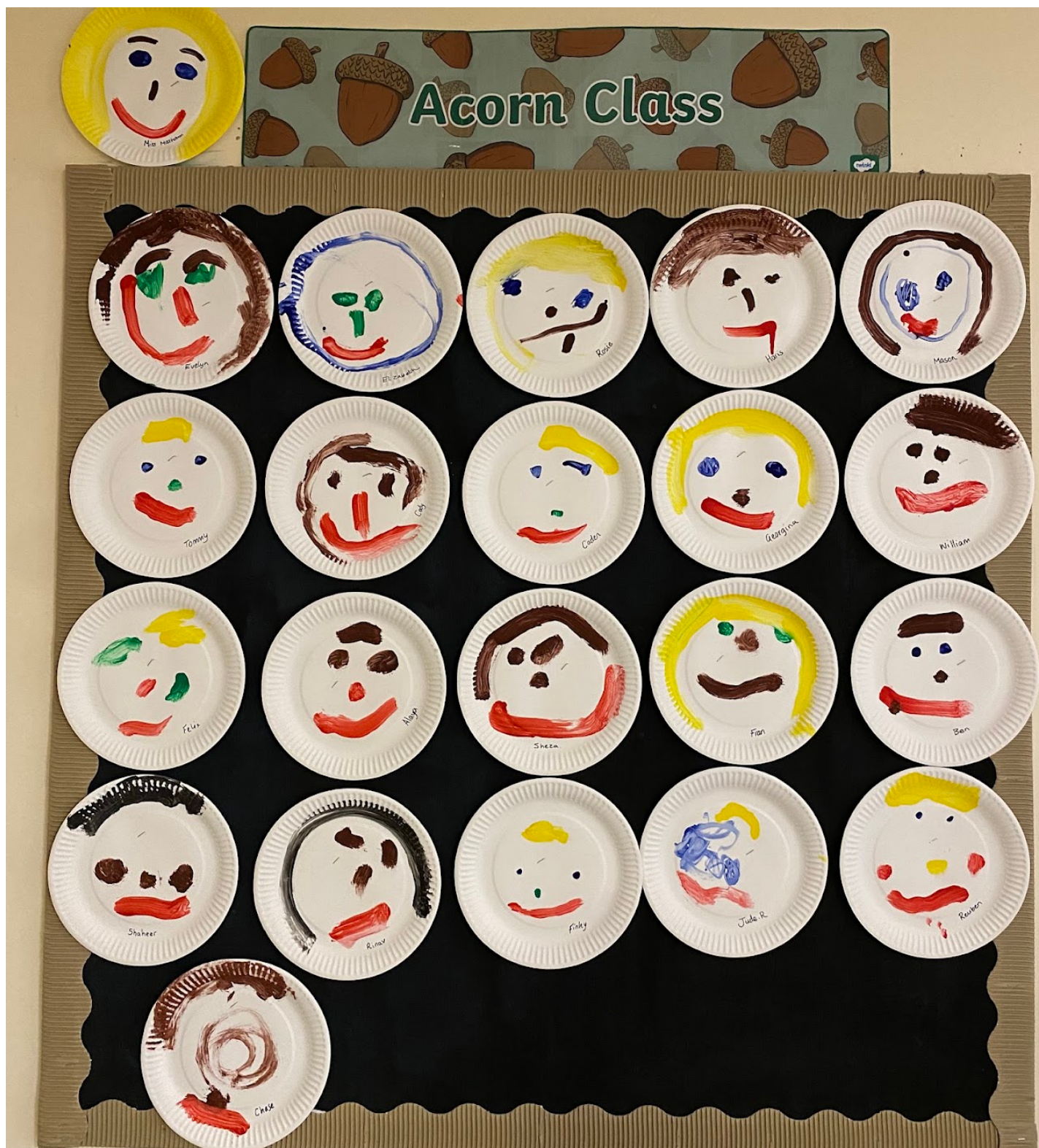


Exploring History: Year 6 Studies Shackleton's Expedition

Year 6 have been learning about the expedition of Ernest Shackleton to Antarctica, 1914–1916. The children put together a timeline of the events which occurred on the expedition, which culminated with every man returning alive, against great odds. It is an inspirational tale of perseverance, resilience and even optimism, as Shackleton made another attempt at a later date to accomplish the challenge he had set himself. The children of Year 6 are finding this topic extremely interesting.

Budding Artists in Acorns

The Acorns have settled in amazingly and are quickly becoming curious, confident learners! To kick off our 'Marvellous Me' topic, the children explored their facial features in mirrors, observing the shapes and colors in their reflections. They then painted paper-plate self-portraits, with a few extra-creative children even making collages. We definitely have some budding artists in the group this year!





STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

AIMING HIGH ... FLYING HIGHER

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



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RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

For children starting Reception in September 2027

Wednesday 30th September: 9:15am – 10:45am

Monday 5th October: 9:15am – 10:45am

Discover Our Early Years' Experience



Sensory & fine-motor play



Hands-on science discovery



Structured & inviting classrooms



Outdoor adventure play



Expansive green playgrounds



Vibrant play spaces

What to Expect During Your Visit:

- Enjoy a brief presentation about our school, followed by a guided tour
- Meet our caring, experienced teachers and dedicated leadership team
- Discover our rich Early Years curriculum and exciting learning opportunities across our school
- Explore our bright, purpose-built Early Years classrooms and outdoor learning areas

No need to book, just turn up!

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school.

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE RESILIENT CURIOUS CONFIDENT INDEPENDENT SUCCESSFUL

Reception Open Days

Please help us spread the word about **STOKENCHURCH**! We have so much to be proud of, and we want more families to hear about our school and come and see it for themselves. Your recommendations and conversations with friends, neighbours and colleagues can make a real difference.

Our Reception Open Mornings for the September 2027 intake are on 30th September and 5th October, from 9:15am–10:45am. New, current and prospective families are warmly welcome!

Please share the poster as widely as you possibly can: on social media, in WhatsApp and community groups, with friends and family, and through your workplaces. You never know who might be looking for a school or know someone who is.

Every share, conversation and recommendation helps. Thank you for your support.

Important Messages



Lost Property

Please ensure you name all your children's belongings so we can return them as needed (and check that the biro hasn't washed off!).

Pick-up arrangements

Please ensure that school is informed if someone different / new is picking up your child at the end of the day. To keep them safe, we insist that children are only released to familiar / expected adults so please don't be offended if we just take a moment to check before letting children go occasionally. Thank you!



Leave of Absence Forms

Please complete a [Leave of Absence form](#) to request time off for your child during term time so we know where your children are.

Clubs

After school clubs have started (and teacher-led clubs start from Monday). We still have a few spaces on some of the clubs. Please see [clubs page of the website](#) for all the details and get signed up if your child is interested!

Things to Celebrate



Attendance this week:

1. Holly - 99.2%
2. Alder - 99.1%
3. Acorns - 98.8%

Golden Headteacher's Awards

46 awards given this week!

Safeguarding Slot



Are you concerned about a child?



**ALWAYS act on any concern.
Make a written record of your concern and share without delay.**

Mr Stephen Sloan
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Acting Headteacher



Mrs Samantha Elliott
Designated Safeguarding Officer
Acting Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Francesca Avery
Designated Safeguarding Officer
SENCo



Mrs Kat Warner
Designated Safeguarding Officer
EYFS Lead



Miss Catherine Howland
Designated Safeguarding Officer
SENCo



Mrs Judy Pope
Designated Safeguarding Officer
Administration Manager



**Please do not leave the site without sharing your concern, even if just a feeling.
Speak to one of the DSLs or email safeguarding@stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk**

Remember, IT COULD HAPPEN HERE.

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.

Parking

As we return to a new academic year and the school run, please can I ask all of you to take extra care and consideration as you drive to school in the mornings or afternoons.

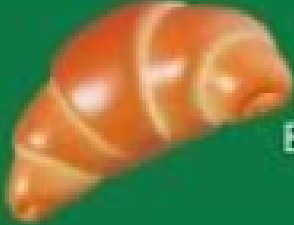
1. Please park safely and considerately of other road users and pedestrians — remembering not to block access and driveways.
2. Please do not park on the double yellow lines or yellow zig-zags — they are there for a reason!
3. Take care of your speed as you use George Road and surrounding roads and please try to respect our unofficial one-way system — it helps everyone if we stick to it.
4. Please use our 'Kiss and Drop' if you have children in Year 1 or beyond. This is a safe, supervised way of dropping off and delivering your children in the morning.
5. Please be aware of the added impact of vehicles related to the building work going on at the edge of Britwell Court.

Thank you in advance for your support in doing all we can to keep our children safe.

Digital Citizenship

Following up on our recent smartphone policy update, we kindly remind parents to remain vigilant about general online safety and the specific apps children are accessing at home. To support our pupils in navigating the online world safely, we are now delivering our curriculum using Common Sense Media, and we have officially renamed these lessons from 'online safety' to Digital Citizenship. This shift reflects a move towards empowering our students to understand the impact of their digital footprint, helping them become active, responsible, and thoughtful contributors online rather than passive technology users.

Health & Wellbeing



BREAKFAST

Breakfast Helps Children get the nutrients they need to learn, helps them focus, and helps prevent them craving sugar later in the day

- Fortified cereals
- Toast
- Eggs
- Fortified cereal bars
- Yoghurt and/or Fruit, e.g. a banana or fruit salad




Help Your Child Start Their Day Right




Stokenchurch Primary School and Nursery Wellbeing Team

Health & Safety Reminders

- **Nut-Free School:** We have students with severe nut allergies. Please ensure packed lunches contain no nuts, including items like pesto, Nutella, and certain cereal bars.
- **Return Student Medication:** Bring any required inhalers, EpiPens, or prescriptions directly to the main office in their original, labelled packaging.
- **Keep us Updated:** Inform us of any new or changing health conditions so we can keep care plans current and support your child effectively.
- **Medical Queries:** Contact the main office for any health-related questions. Staff will route your query to a trained First Aider.
- **Flu Vaccination:** 251 children were immunised this morning! If your child missed the vaccination at school, please contact your GP surgery to arrange an appointment.

PTA

Autumn Disco - 4th November 2026

Buy your tickets on ParentPay - available now!



Autumn Disco

Wednesday 4th November 2026

Years 1, 2 & 3 - 5pm-6.15pm

Years 4, 5 & 6 - 6.30pm-7.45pm

Includes drinks &
snacks with a
treat to take
home!



£5
via parentpay or
on the door

No Mobiles or ipods allowed

PTA Fireworks Event - 30th October 2026

Come and join us for our firework display — tickets available [here!](#)

STOKENCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

FIREWORK DISPLAY EXTRAVAGANZA!

George Road, HP14 3RN

**Friday
30th
October**

**Gates open from 5.30pm
Fireworks at 7.15pm**

**TICKET PRICE RELEASES
(BUY EARLY & SAVE!)**

16 AUGUST onwards:	£6
1st SEPT onwards:	£7.50
15th SEPT onwards:	£8.50
1st OCT onwards:	£9.50

15th OCT onwards: £10.50



BUY TICKETS HERE:
<https://www.ticketsource.com/friends-of-stokenchurch-middle-school/t-oevma00>

DON'T MISS OUT! GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Organised by Stokenchurch Primary School PTA

Stokie's Big Splash



STOKIE'S BIG SPLASH
A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR POOL

SAME POOL
MORE
POSSIBILITIES



Our pool today

MORE THAN JUST A SCHOOL POOL

Stokenchurch Primary School is incredibly lucky to have its own outdoor swimming pool. But because it is uncovered, its use is limited by the weather and the seasons.

Stokie's Big Splash is our campaign to fund a new pool enclosure, allowing us to make much more of this existing facility.

THE PROJECT WILL HELP US:

-  Give more children the opportunity to learn to swim
-  Extend the swimming season
-  Make better use of an asset we already have
-  Create opportunities for other local schools
-  Open the pool up to the wider community

We're working in partnership with local swim school **Ducks to Water**, helping us realise the potential for the pool to become a genuine community asset.

IMAGINE...

- If 100 families gave £5 a month, that would raise **£6,000 every year!**
- If 200 families joined in? **£12,000 every year!**

EVERY FAMILY. EVERY DONATION. EVERY SHARE HELPS.

Whether you can give £5, £10, £20 or another amount each month, it all adds up.

Thank you

COULD YOU GIVE A LITTLE EACH MONTH TO HELP MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE?

£5 a month
That's just over £1 a week!



SCAN TO DONATE
Choose a monthly donation on JustGiving

We're raising funds to install a new enclosure for the swimming pool at Stokenchurch Primary School, helping us to make much more of this fantastic facility for our children, other local schools and our wider community.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE STOKIE'S BIG SPLASH A REALITY.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT:
<https://sites.google.com/stokenchurchprimary.bucks.sch.uk/pool>

JOIN STOKIE'S BIG SPLASH
DONATE • SHARE • HELP US MAKE A SPLASH

Dates for your Diary

For a full list of dates, please see our calendar on the [school website](#). Scroll down to see more dates. To subscribe to the calendar so you can view it on your phone, please click on Subscribe at the top of the [Calendar](#) page on our website.

Sept – Dec 2026

Schedule

17	SEPT, THU	All day	Flu Vaccination (Nursery to Y6)
24	SEPT, THU	All day	Year 5 Planetarium (in school)
25	SEPT, FRI	9 – 9:30am	5 Larch Class Assembly
30	SEPT, WED	9:15 – 10:45am	Reception Open Morning (for 2027 starters)
2	OCT, FRI	9 – 9:30am	4 Hazel Class Assembly
5	OCT, MON	9:15 – 10:45am	Reception Open Morning (for 2027 starters)
9	OCT, FRI	All day	Secondary Transfer Test Results
13	OCT, TUE	5 – 8pm	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
15	OCT, THU	3:45 – 6:45pm	Parent/Carer Consultation Evening
16	OCT, FRI	9 – 9:30am	3 Elm Class Assembly
19	OCT, MON	All day	Year 6 PGL Little Canada, Isle of Wight residential (Day 1/5)
20	OCT, TUE	All day	Year 6 PGL Little Canada, Isle of Wight residential (Day 2/5)
21	OCT, WED	All day	Year 6 PGL Little Canada, Isle of Wight residential (Day 3/5)
22	OCT, THU	All day	Year 6 PGL Little Canada, Isle of Wight residential (Day 4/5)
23	OCT, FRI	All day	Year 6 PGL Little Canada, Isle of Wight residential (Day 5/5)
		All day	End of term 1 (finish normal time)
24	OCT, SAT	All day	October half term holiday (Day 1/9)
25	OCT, SUN	All day	October half term holiday (Day 2/9)
26	OCT, MON	All day	October half term holiday (Day 3/9)

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Google Calendar

Community Area

Click to view each poster in more detail.



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

AMAZING ACTS! LOTS OF FUN!

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

IS COMING TO

WATLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

SATURDAY

3RD OCTOBER 2026

LOVE LANE, WATLINGTON

GATES OPEN 12PM

FOOD, DRINKS & GAMES!

£12

TICKETS

SHOW STARTS 2PM

★ PTA ★ FUNDRAISER!

Fun for all and supporting our school!

SCAN

TAP HERE TICKETS

www.buytickets.at/watlingtonprimaryschoolpta

- ★ AMAZING ACTS
- 🎪 CIRCUS FUN
- 🎰 GAMES
- 🍹 FOOD & DRINKS
- 👥 FUN FOR EVERYONE!

LAUGHTER THRILLS & MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME!



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