



Stokenchurch Primary School & Nursery

Newsletter Issue 3

24th September 2026

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

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

As you will see, we have had a busy week at STOKENCHURCH Primary School and Nursery, featuring [Year 5's planetarium visit](#) and the [library reading challenge results](#).

Tomorrow (Friday 25th September 2026) is 5 Larch Class Assembly at 9:00am in the hall – parents/carers of Larch class, please join us.

Please support our [Open Mornings](#) (Wednesday 30th September 2026 and Monday 5th October 2026, 9:15am–10:45am) for prospective families applying for the September 2027 Reception intake.

Please share these details with friends and neighbours – you can find the [poster](#) further down in this newsletter.

Best wishes,

Mr Sloan



Working Together for Your Child

A strong relationship between parents/carers and their child's class teacher is one of the most valuable foundations we can build for a happy and successful year at school. When we know one another, communicate openly and work together, we help children feel safe, understood and ready to learn.

Across STOKENCHURCH, many members of staff contribute to your child's education, care and wellbeing. Within that team, your child's class teacher holds a particularly important place in their everyday school life. Over the coming months, they will be there to encourage your child, celebrate their achievements, guide them through challenges and get to know the individual: their interests, friendships, strengths and worries.

As parents and carers, you bring an understanding of your child that is invaluable. Teachers bring their professional knowledge and what they learn about your child through spending each school day together. Bringing those perspectives together helps us understand what your child needs and how we can support them.

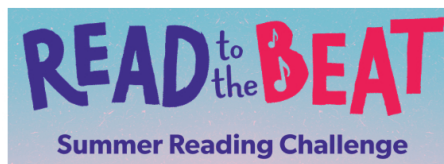
This is why I have deliberately arranged our pastoral parent/carer consultations early in the academic year. These conversations deserve time and attention from the beginning. They are an opportunity to talk about how your child is settling in, their happiness and friendships, and anything you would like their teacher to understand. They also give you and the teacher the chance to get to know one another and begin building the trust that will support your child throughout the year.

Those relationships grow through everyday contact, too. A friendly hello at pick-up, sharing something your child has enjoyed, mentioning a change at home or asking about something they have found difficult can all help. Sharing the positives matters as much as raising worries. If something needs more time or privacy, please arrange a separate conversation so it can receive the attention it deserves.

Please do make the most of these opportunities to connect. You do not need to wait for a formal consultation to share something that matters, and we want you to feel comfortable speaking with your child's teacher.

When children see the adults who care for them listening to one another and working together, it helps them feel secure and supported. Your child is at the heart of this partnership, and the relationship we build together can make a real difference to their year.

Mr Sloan



Stokenchurch Summer Reading Challenge

A massive congratulations to all of our pupils who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge at Stokenchurch Community Library!

We were thrilled to see 38 children complete the challenge and receive their official certificates and medals, presented by Lisa Sadie from the library. A special well done goes to our 3 winners who earned special awards for their extra-special effort and commitment to reading over the summer break.

More photos of the challenge can be found on the school website and on the school Facebook page. For more information, please contact the school office or the library.

keeping up the reading habit over the holidays makes a huge difference to children's learning, confidence, and love of books. I thank you to Stokenchurch Community Library and to all the parents and carers who supported our young readers throughout the challenge!



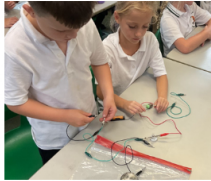
Eco Ticker

Dates for your diary

Solar Panels

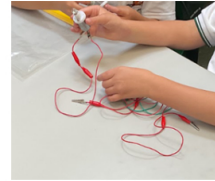
MWh produced = 95.91

CO₂ saved = 54.48t



Year 4 Light Up Science

This week, Year 4 rolled up their sleeves for a hands-on exploration of electricity and simple circuits. Working collaboratively in small groups, the students connected cells, wires, crocodile clips, and components like bulbs and motors to build complete paths. Through practical trial and testing, they learned firsthand how electricity flows to make their components work.



Year 5 Blast Off into Space with Science Oxford

Astronomers from Science Oxford visited today to bring the wonders of the universe directly to Year 5 pupils inside an incredible mobile planetarium. Their immersive show literally "took us into space" as children explored the solar system, with pupils Robin and Scarlett-Mai recalling how "we landed on the moon" using a lunar buggy on an Apollo mission. The pair explained that the hands-on experience made learning far more exciting than being in a normal classroom setting. They felt as though they had physically experienced space in full 3D, making it a truly memorable morning of science.



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

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

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 next Wednesday 30th September 2026 and Monday 5th October 2026, 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

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in on two dates this term to take individual and sibling photographs.

19th October — Nursery, Reception, Year 1 to Year 5

9th November — Year 6

Please note: As Year 6 will be away on their residential trip on 19th October, any sibling photos involving a Year 6 child will take place on 9th November.

End-of-Day

For parents/carers who collect a younger sibling (EYFS, KS1) and then wait to collect an older sibling in KS2 at 3.30pm, we politely ask that you closely supervise your child(ren) during the intervening time.

Children should not be using school equipment during this time, or riding their scooter or bicycle on the playground or at the front of the school.

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.

Things to Celebrate



Attendance this week:

1. Alder - 98.3%
2. Hazel - 98.0%
3. Birch - 97.4%

Golden Headteacher's Awards
94 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
Mrs 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.

Snapchat

Our school's stance remains clear: Snapchat is not suitable for primary-aged children. The app's official age requirement is 13+, and for good reason. It carries several significant risks that many parents and carers may not fully realise, including disappearing messages, live location sharing via Snap Map, access to unknown accounts, and exposure to inappropriate content or scams. Newer features, such as the built-in "My AI" chatbot and gamified features like "Snapstreaks," can also lead to oversharing, pressure to stay constantly connected, and overuse.

As a school, we strongly discourage children from using Snapchat. However, we know some families may already be navigating this at home. To support you in keeping your child safe, [this practical guide](#) explains the latest features, safety settings (such as Ghost Mode and Family Safety Hub), and advice from online safety experts.

Health & Wellbeing

The Importance of SLEEP

The NHS states that Pre-school children aged 3 - 5 years need 11 - 13 hours of sleep, children aged 5 - 9 years need 10 - 11 hours of sleep, and children aged 10 - 14 years need 9 - 9.75 hours of sleep

Bedtime May Take Longer For Some Children. But You Can Help Your Child By Supporting Their:

- **Diet** A balanced diet, limit sugar/caffeine and avoid big meals before bed
- **Activity** Exercise during the day, and slow activity down before bed
- **Environment** Their bedroom should be calm dark, quiet and cool. No screens or blue light at least an hour before bed.

- **Routine** Decide on a routine/ bed time and stick to it. It could include a bath, reading a book or calm music.
- **Reward** Praise good sleep habits.

Getting sufficient sleep has been shown to benefit memory, learning, attention, mood, behaviour and physical health.

Find out more on the NHS Children's Sleep website:
<https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Childreinsleep/Pages/childrensleephome.aspx> and
 National Sleep Foundation: <https://sleepfoundation.org/sleep-topics/childrenand-sleep>



**Stokenchurch Primary School
and Nursery Wellbeing Team**

PTA

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**

FLASHY WANDS,
GLOW STICKS & MORE
FOR SALE!

LICENCED BAR

HOT FOOD

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

Autumn Disco - 4th November 2026

Buy your tickets on ParentPay - available now!



**FRIENDS
PTA**

**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

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 ▾
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)
		All day	Individual & sibling photographs - Nursery to Y5
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 ● All day	Year 6 PGL Little Canada, Isle of Wight residential (Day 5/5) 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)

[Add to Google Calendar](#) Google Calendar

Community Area

Click to view each poster in more detail.

HAPPY'S CIRCUS
IS COMING TO
WATLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
SATURDAY
3RD OCTOBER 2026
9 LOVE LANE, WATLINGTON

GATES OPEN **12PM**
FOOD, DRINKS & GAMES!

£12
TICKETS

SHOW STARTS **2PM**

★ PTA FUNDRAISER! ★
Fun for all and supporting our school!

★ LAUGHTER, THRILLS & MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME! ★

AMAZING ACTS! LOTS OF FUN!

★ FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! ★

SCAN QR CODE
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TICKETS
www.buylotickets.at/watlingtonprimaryschoolpta

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TRAINING SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 & 5
LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC COACHES TO RUN YOUNGER SESSIONS:
ALL TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED
WE RUN MIXED TEAMS OF BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS, OF ALL ABILITIES, IN A NO PRESSURE ENVIRONMENT.
VARIOUS FUN SOCIAL EVENTS RUN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
COACHED BY QUALIFIED, DBS CHECKED COACHES TO A HIGH STANDARD

ACCREDITED
AT EJCFC WE WANT YOU TO HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS & PLAY FOOTBALL.

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The Pop-up Pumpkin Patch
PYO PUMPKINS

23RD - 31ST OCTOBER
11AM - 3PM
STOKENCHURCH HP14 3YF

FREE ENTRY - NO BOOKING REQUIRED
TRACTOR & TRAILER RIDES - CAFE - KIDS PLAY AREA
FREE PARKING

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