



# STOKENCHURCH STAR



4-PAGE ECO  
CHALLENGE



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

## HAPPY & VALUED



**THIS WEEK:**  
WELCOME BACK  
INSET DAYS  
TELEPHONES  
IMPORTANT MESSAGES  
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY  
AND MUCH MORE... 😊

**ECO TICKER**  
Solar Panels  
MWh produced = 76.51  
CO<sub>2</sub> saved = 43.45t

**GOLDEN RULES**

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

😊 STARTING AS WE MEAN TO GO ON  
WHILST EXPLORING IN F1 😊

😊 THINGS TO CELEBRATE 😊

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK	Elder 98.6%	Beech 97.7%	Ash 97.5%
THINKING CHALLENGE	<p>HOW MANY DIFFERENT ROAD NAMES CAN YOU SPOT ON YOUR WAY TO OR FROM SCHOOL?</p> <p>Can you spot a 'Road', 'Street', 'Avenue', 'Way', 'Croft', 'Field' .....</p>		



# FROM THE HEAD'S CHAIR



## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new school year at **STOKENCHURCH**. I hope you have all had a great summer and are pleased to return to the more familiar routine of school. The children have had a fantastic week and whilst we have been enjoying scorching temperatures, they have responded really positively.

This term we are focussing on our first two values of the term – helping our children to feel **HAPPY** and **VALUED**. These themes will underpin assemblies and other aspects of school but having seen their faces as they are running into school in the mornings I know they have settled well to their new classes, year groups and teachers. We've had yoga in Y6, lots of writing, some incredible art and super Geography. Aoife in Y5 has been learning about New York and at home found out about why the Statue of Liberty is the green colour we know her for today. It's down to the oxidation of the copper don't you know! 😊



## JR SPORTS

I would like to say a huge thank you to JR sports who have been supporting children in school and also over the summer with a holiday camp based at **STOKENCHURCH** for the first time. I have had some great feedback from parents and I know the children have enjoyed the opportunities they have offered.

Whilst we are parting company, I look forward to welcoming Davie and the team from Club Sport to school. They will be teaching PE lessons, running clubs for children both at lunchtime and after school and also offering holiday camp provision – starting in October half term. Davie is coming to introduce himself to the children on Monday and further information will be sent home shortly afterwards so please look out for it!



## TELEPHONES

Our new telephone system has experienced some teething problems this week and I know that it has been difficult to get in touch with school. The team in the office are working hard with the engineers to fix the problem and make sure communications are managed through email and emergency contacts. Thank you for your patience – we hope to resolve the problem as soon as possible!



## INSET DAYS

We had a really useful two days of teacher training at the start of this term. INSET days are always a bit of a mystery to parents but this year we not only completed some of our statutory staff training (including Safeguarding, Health & Safety, etc.) but we also launched our school's '**YEAR OF THE CURRICULUM**'. We



will be having a real focus this year on what your children learn, how they learn it and when - with a focus on the skills they need for their futures as they grow up. We will seek the views of the children about how they learn best and share this widely with the **STOKENCHURCH** community when we

are further along the planning and implementation stage. It's an exciting time and I look forward to sharing more news in due course!



### NURSERY BEGINNINGS

What an amazing start to the school year in Nursery! All of our children have immersed themselves into their learning, showing enthusiasm and excitement as they make new friends and explore new experiences. It has been a fantastic week with so many smiles and lots of laughter. We can't wait to do it all again next week!









## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The dates below are for the rest of this term.

For a full list please see the calendar on the school website which will be updated shortly.

SEPTEMBER			
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	11+ Practice Test	Y6	
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent meeting 5pm	F1	
	Parent meeting 5.30pm	Y1	
	Parent meeting 6pm	Y3	
	Parent meeting 6.30pm	Y5	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent meeting 5pm	F2	
	Parent meeting 5.30pm	Y2	
	Parent meeting 6pm	Y4	
	Parent meeting 6.30pm	Y6	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Stokenchurch PTA AGM 7pm	All	
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary School Transfer (11+) Test	Y6	
w/b 18 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Travel-wise Week	All	
OCTOBER			
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Individual school photographs	All	
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccines	F2- Y6	
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Assembly	All	
w/b Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability	F2	
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Disco 5pm-6.15pm	Y1 Y2 Y3	
	PTA Disco 6.30pm- 7.45pm	Y4 Y5 Y6	
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Show Racism the Red Card	All	
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Break for half term (usual time)	All	
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Firework Display 6-8pm	All	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Return to school	All	
NOVEMBER			
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parents Evening 5-8pm	All	
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.40-6.30pm	All	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service / Y2 Visit to the War Memorial	Y2	
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Siblings Photographs		
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Christmas Fair		
DECEMBER			
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Performance to Parents 5.30pm-6.30pm	Y1, Y2	
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	School closes at 1.30pm	All	
Please note 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 are INSET DAYS – CHILDREN DO NOT ATTEND.			
Letter available / to follow	Please join us if you can ☺	Please note change of date / info.	

# IMPORTANT MESSAGES

<b>HOT SCHOOL MEAL ORDERS</b>	Please remember that, once the cut off time passes (midnight on Tuesday for the following week), we are unable to accept any more lunch orders. Our lunch order is sent to our caterer first thing every Wednesday and cannot be amended after this.	
	Message from Stokenchurch Community Library, a reminder to children that the closing date for the Summer Reading Challenge and the Extreme Reading Photo competition is September 16th	<b>SUMMER READING CHALLENGE</b>
<b>POLITE REMINDER</b>	Please note smoking or vaping are not permitted within the school grounds	 <b>NO SMOKING NO VAPING</b>
	We have 2 large Samsung LED display monitors available (model DC55E) which are no longer needed by school if anybody would like them, please contact the office	<b>SCREENS</b>
<b>WE NEED YOUR HELP</b>	We are looking for volunteer adults who are willing and able to commit a little time each week to help us maintain two areas of school both with and for the children. You may be a parent, grandparent or friend of the school. The first is the school library and the second is the school garden. For the library, please contact Ms Linfield to find out more. Want to help in the garden? Please contact Mr Stevens	
	A neighbour has reported an incident of a car (at drop off time) driving at speed along George Road and having a collision with a lamp post. Please observe the speed limit – however late you may be – as your children are significantly softer than lampposts and we want them to be safe. Thank you!	<b>PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY</b>

## COMMUNITY PAGE

We regularly try to support events, opportunities and activities going on in our community. If you are organising something and would like to advertise here, please email the school office.

	 <b>WHO'S AWESOME?</b> <small>The TV Animal</small>		<b>TOLERANCE</b> 	<b>INTOLERANCE</b> 	
	<b>HAPPY</b>		<b>VALUED</b>		
	<b>CURIOUS</b>		<b>AMBITIOUS</b>		
	<b>TOLERANT</b>		<b>RESPECTFUL</b>		 <b>Respect</b> <small>GIVE IT TO GET IT</small>
	<b>CONFIDENT</b>		<b>CONSIDERATE</b>		
	<b>INDEPENDENT</b>		<b>RESILIENT</b>		
	<b>ENTHUSIASTIC</b>		<b>SUCCESSFUL</b>		
					