



Stoke Mandeville Combined School


Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 19th September

Harvest Festival

On **Monday 6th October** we will be having our school Harvest Assembly. As part of this, we will be collecting donations for the Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse. This is a local charity that supports people by supplying essentials, such as food, in times of need.

If you are able to contribute, please send your donations in with your child on or before Monday 6th October. We are happy to keep donations in our kitchen prior to the Harvest Festival so they are ready to be displayed in the School Hall for the Harvest Festival. Thank you for your support.

Currently the Storehouse is in particular need of the items in the poster to the right 

Parent Forum Invite

As the new academic year has commenced we are asking for volunteers to join our Parent Forum to represent their children's classes.

It is so important that we build up a complete picture from parents across all year groups so if you would like to volunteer a small amount of time to attend once termly meetings then please complete the following form to let us know which date (9am or 1.45pm Thursday 2nd October, 2pm Wednesday 8th October or 9am Friday 10th October) would be your preference for attending our first meeting of the term <https://forms.gle/xV3MtNzVXF5X23yB8>

PE Kits

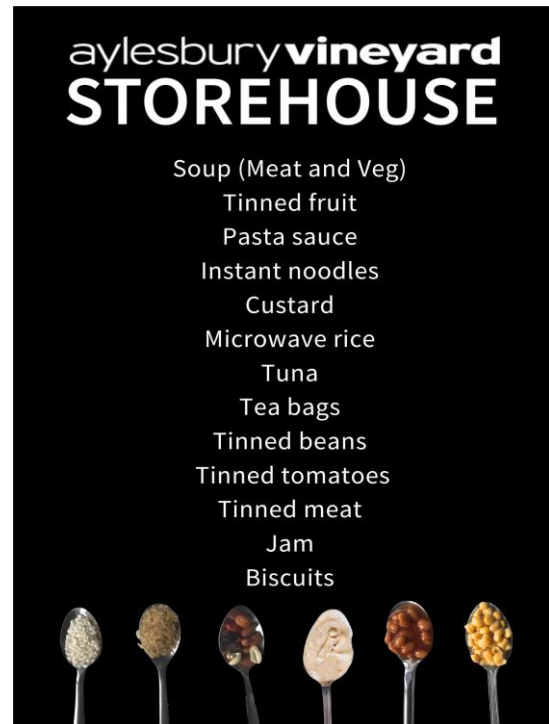
Please don't forget to send your child in with their PE kit again on Monday as PE lessons will be continuing as normal after today's visit from The Skipping Ninja.

Parent Governor Elections

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and sent a separate email about this earlier in the week. If you are interested in putting yourself forward for this role then please return the nomination form to the School Office by **Friday 3rd October** at the latest.

Dogs Not Allowed On Site

Please can we remind parents that dogs are not permitted on site at the start and end of the school day.



Uniform Reminders

Please can we remind parents that in line with our uniform policy all hair below chin length must be tied back.

Reception staff have also asked for us to remind parents for children to please not bring toys in with them to school. Thank you.

GDPR Forms – Urgently needed

Please can we ask that all remaining GDPR/Photo Consent forms are return to the School Office by the start of the next week. Classes need to be made aware of children who cannot be photographed so that website updates can start to include photos of the class.

REMINDER Tempest Photographs

Don't forget that on **Wednesday 24th September** we have Tempest Photography coming in to take individual and sibling photographs.

Flu Immunisations – Monday 22nd September

On Monday we have the School Nursing Team coming in to administer flu immunisations. Please don't forget to complete the form sent out earlier this week to either consent or decline this immunisation.

Tuesday 2nd October – Swift Kitchen Menu

We have been asked to make parents aware that a special menu is now available to order for **Thursday 2nd October** on the SwiftKitchen app. Please don't forget to log in and place your orders ahead of time.

Message for Parents

We have been made aware of a number of parents who are inappropriately leaving their children on site before 8.40am. Car park gates will not be open until 8.40am and parents should not be leaving children unsupervised on the playground or at the gates before this time.

Clubs

For those children signed up to participate in clubs run by external providers (e.g. Premier Gymnastics, ZKT Dance, Mini Handball) please can we request that these payments are made as soon as possible in order for us to pay their invoices. If you do not make payment by the deadline then your child may lose their place. A reminder of these deadlines can be found below under 'Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway'.

Djenbe Drumming

During an assembly this week Mrs Tong talked to pupils about a Djenbe Drumming Club which will be held on Tuesday lunchtimes for up to 15 children. If it proves to be popular with more than 15 children interested then Mrs Tong will run the Club for one group this half term then another group next half term.

Appointments

Please can we remind parents that only emergency medical appointments should be taking place during school hours. It is the expectation that all other checkups be arranged for outside of school hours and/or term time.

River Dart Information – Year 6 Parents

Please find a link below to a presentation by CRS Adventures which is similar to what was discussed at the information meeting on Wednesday 17th September. Please note that this showcases a variety of different activities and not all will be part of the itinerary when Year 6 travel there in May (please note that Caving is one of the activities that SMCS do not take part in).

Click here to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luaaWgaMQBA>

Park Away Day - Friday

Don't forget next Friday we have our monthly Park Away Day. Please can we ask all parents to make the journey to school on foot or bicycle/scooter on this day to help us work towards our Platinum Travel Plan award? For further information about Park Away Day please head to our website <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/travel-plan>.



Stoke Mandeville Stadium Swim School offer!

- £20 off joining fee to any of our group swimming lessons.
 - Offer available only to you!
 - Offer available up until the 30th September 2025.
 - Discount code: SMSchools25
 - Free trial lesson also available
 - Aquatic commercial lead contact Laura Sinclair
- laura.sinclair1@serco.com

Online Safety: Snapchat

With Snapchat's ever-evolving features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about new and emerging safeguarding risks. From AI chatbots to paid content options, this week's guide takes a closer look at the platform's most pressing dangers – plus the latest updates to be aware of.

Whether it's sextortion, overspending on Snapchat+ or the effects of screen addiction, our guide provides up-to-date advice to help keep young users safe. It's essential reading for any parent or educator who wants to understand Snapchat's key risks – and support a safer, more positive experience for the children in their care.



Communications Home

Whole school: Parent Forum Invite

Whole school: REMINDER Data Collection and GDPR Consent

Whole school: Parent Governor Elections

Whole school: REMINDER Skipping Ninja Workshop

Whole school: REMINDER School Nursing Team – Flu Immunisations

Whole school: No School Crossing Patroller – Wednesday PM

Year 2: Year 2 Stoke Mandeville Visit

Year 3 & 4: Year 3 and 4 Handball Club

Year 3 & 4 Individuals: Y3 & Y4 Handball – Bookings Live

Year 6: River Dart – Zoom Reminder

Netball Club: Netball Cancelled

Dance Club: PAYMENT REMINDER – ZKT Street Dance – Autumn 2025

Gymnastics Club: PAYMENT REMINDER Premier Gymnastics – Autumn Term 2025

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2025/26

ASC Users: ASC 2025/26

Year 3 and 4: Y3 & Y4 Handball – Autumn Term 2025

Year 4: Year 4 Swimming – Autumn Term 2025 (*due 24/9/2025*)

Premier Gymnastics Club: Premier Gymnastics – Autumn Term 2025

ZKT Dance Club: ZKT Street Dance – Autumn 2025

Dates for the Diary (New dates or times are written in RED)

Date	Time	Event
Mon 22 Sep	AM	School Nursing Team: Flu Vaccinations
Mon 22 Sep		No Netball Club
Mon 22 Sep		Handball Club
Wed 24 Sep	AM	School Photo Day: Individuals and siblings (Tempest)
Fri 26 Sep		Park Away Day
Tue 30 Sep	7pm	The Friends of SMCS AGM (Meeting Room)
Thu 2 Oct		No Football Club
Fri 3 Oct		Deadline for Parent Governor Nominations
Mon 6 Oct		Harvest Festival
Thu 9 Oct	2-3pm	Reception 2026 Open Event for prospective parents

Class Updates

We know how much you enjoy finding out what the children have been learning in our Weekly Updates. You can find this information by selecting the link below to your child's class.

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

School Office

Opening hours: 8am to 3.40pm Monday to Friday

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Please ensure all emails are sent to the School Office and not via School Gateway or classroom apps such as Seesaw or Google Classroom as these are not monitored and will not be responded to. Please note that we have a 48 hour response policy to all emails and this may be extended to 5 days during particularly busy times. For all urgent queries please telephone the School Office.