



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

## Weekly Update Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

### Parent Forum

Thank you to all of the class parent representatives who have let us know their preferred date for our Autumn Parent Forum. This has now been set for **9am Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** in the Meeting Room at school.



For information the following reps are due to attend the meeting on this date:

Parent Name	Class
Samantha	Reception
Kimberley	Year 1
Nicola	Year 1 and Year 3
Robyn	Year 2
Renee	Year 3 and Year 6
Vicky	Year 5

You will note that we are in need of a Year 4 representative as our current member is unable to attend on this date. We are happy to welcome more than one member per class if any additional parents would like to attend.

### Parent Governor Elections

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in putting yourself forward for this role then please return the nomination form emailed last week to the School Office by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**. If you would like to discuss the role further prior to considering yourself then please contact Mrs Stewart via the School Office.



### Footsteps Training

We are still looking for volunteers to help us deliver 'Footsteps Training' to the younger children of the school. This would help the children get to grips with road safety with some fun goals, helping them become a good pedestrian and improving children's knowledge and practical experience. The Footsteps Programme is the perfect way to start

teaching the children how to think about crossing the road, a greater awareness of other road users and how to keep safe whilst learning how to be a responsible pedestrian.

We need volunteers to give an hour or two once or twice a week to take the children out. Full training will be given. If you are interested please email the School Office with the subject title 'FAO MISS TELFER – FOOTSTEPS'.

## Parking

We have had a number of complaints from neighbours and parents this week about inconsiderate parking on Marsh Lane, particularly regarding a car who regularly parks on the corner of Marsh Lane and Lower Road. Farm traffic has also experienced difficulties accessing Marsh Lane due to cars parked along the road during afternoon collection. Please can we remind parents to park away from the Marsh Lane and school layby junctions, and where possible please park further away and walk to school to avoid road congestion in the area.



## WE NEED YOU!

The Friends of SMCS AGM has been scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. All are welcome to attend (please email [friends@smcs.org.uk](mailto:friends@smcs.org.uk) to let them know if you be attending).

If you would be interested in taking on the role of Chairperson or would like to find out more about what it entails then please email [friends@smcs.org.uk](mailto:friends@smcs.org.uk) and one of our committee members would be happy to talk you through it.

The Friends also have a Facebook group which is a useful source of information for upcoming school and fundraising events. Please [click here](#) to be taken to their group page which you can request to be a part of.

## Earrings

It is advisable that children do not wear earrings on days that they have PE in school. As a reminder, PE days for all classes are as follows:

**Rec - Mon**  
**Year 1 – Tue & Thu**  
**Year 2 – Tue & Wed**

**Year 3 – Mon & Wed**  
**Year 4 – Wed & Fri**  
**Year 5 – Mon & Wed**  
**Year 6 – Thu & Fri**

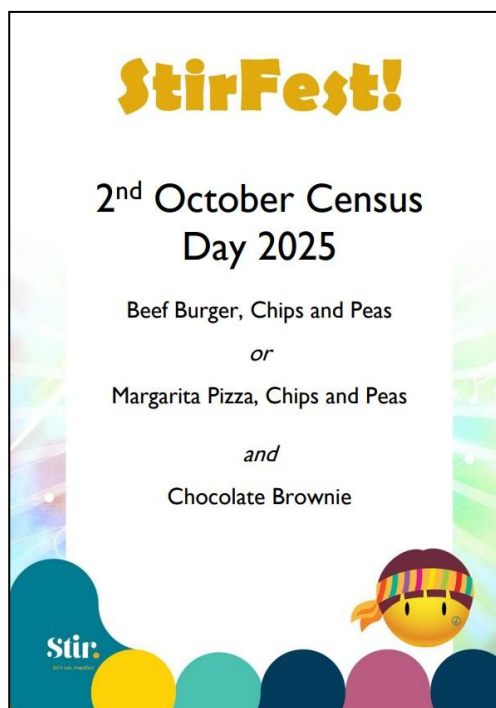
If your child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot take them out then please provide tape for them to be covered during PE lessons.

## MHST Webinars September-December 2025

Following the success of last year's series of parent information webinars, the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are pleased to offer this again. Please find attached the leaflet for the first half of the events and there are further topics scheduled from January 2026. Parents of pupils are encouraged to self-register for their topics of interest.

## Scooters

Please can parents keep an extra close eye on children who are accompanying them on scooters. We have had reports of a number of young children speeding off on scooters across road junctions without parental supervision and would like to try to avoid an accident before it happens.



## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Swift Kitchen Menu

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

If you are experiencing any difficulty with adding your child to the SwiftKitchen ordering app then please contact the School Office.

## Extracurricular Clubs

We still have a few spaces available in our afterschool Handball (Years 3 & 4) and Gymnastics (Years 2 to 4) Clubs. Handball takes place on a Monday and Gymnastics on a Tuesday. These clubs are subsidised by the school and cost £4 per session which is charged on a termly basis. If you would be interested in registering your child for one of these clubs then please contact the School Office.

## Harvest Festival

On **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 📧



## Hot Chocolate's Joke of the Week

Every week we bring you the very finest jokes and riddles straight from the Meeting Room to your inboxes! Mrs Stewart will be choosing her favourite joke shared by children during Hot Chocolate Friday so please do help your child by coming up with a (child-friendly!) funny joke for Fridays! This week's entries are...



### Why did the cow cross the road?

To get to the udder side!

*Erin in Year 2*

### Why did the cow not cross the road?

Because it wouldn't mooooooove

*Ollie in Year 4*

### What is the tastiest mathematical symbol?

Pi!

*Jamie in Year 6*

### Knock knock

Who's there?

**Boo**

Boo who?

**There's no need to cry!**

*Lily in Year 4*

### Housepoint Totals This Week

Well done to Waddesdon for earning the most housepoints this week!

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
3788	3712	3660	3828

The Values Award was given to Niamhy in Year 3 and the Tidy Award went to Year 4.

### Communications Home

Whole school: REMINDER Park Away Day

Individuals: URGENT – GDPR Consent

Football Club: Years 5 & 6 – Football Club 2025-26

Reception: Parent Forum – Reception Invite

Years 3 to 6: KS2 Author Visit – Ross Montgomery

Year 6: River Dart – Behaviour Agreement

Year 6: River Dart 2026 – Deposit

Year 6: Link to Y6 WhatsApp Chat

Year 6: Year 6 - Stationery

## 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*)

**ZKT Dance Club:** ZKT Street Dance – Autumn 2025

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

Date	Time	Event
Tue 30 Sep	7pm	The Friends of SMCS AGM (Meeting Room)
<b>Thu 2 Oct</b>		<b>Autumn Census Day</b>
Thu 2 Oct		No Football Club
Fri 3 Oct		Deadline for Parent Governor Nominations
<b>Fri 3 Oct</b>		<b>Author Visit to KS2 – Ross Montgomery</b>
Mon 6 Oct		Harvest Festival
<b>Mon 6 Oct</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Parents Evening appointments to go live on SchoolCloud</b>
Thu 9 Oct	2-3pm	Reception 2026 Open Event for prospective parents
<b>Fri 10 Oct</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Parent Forum (Meeting Room)</b>

## 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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