



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 5th December

Christmas Fayre

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed towards putting on this event today, from The Friends of SMCS and classes who have put together incredible hampers, to the teaching staff and of course all children helpers who are running the stalls. We're looking forward to another wonderful event!



Signing Choir Events

WheelPower Event

On Thursday 27th November, our Signing Choir attended a charity event at the Guttman Stadium to support WheelPower. The children sang and signed beautifully and were received very well by the crowd. We've even been invited back for Christmas 2026 already! Thank you to all of the children and their families who attended and supported us.



Friars Square Christmas Event

On Friday 28th November our Signing Choir ventured out to the centre of Aylesbury Town. 32 choir members sang their hearts out and signed brilliantly to many Christmas songs in the middle of Friars Square shopping centre. We had a fantastic time and we are very grateful for all of the support we received from our school community and members of the public passing by.

The Woolpack Christmas Market

On the evening of Thursday 4th December, some members of our school Signing Choir attended a community event at a local pub, The Woolpack. The children helped to design the playlist and did their absolute best to remember all of the words and signs to nine Christmas songs. The rehearsals since October have certainly been paying off! Thank you to all of the families that come to support us, and a huge thank you to our choir members for being so enthusiastic in the cold!





Christmas Post Box

Our Christmas Post Box has started taking deliveries! Please make sure that you write the name and class of the child that the card is for (a surname initial is always helpful as well if there is more than one child in the class with the same first name!)

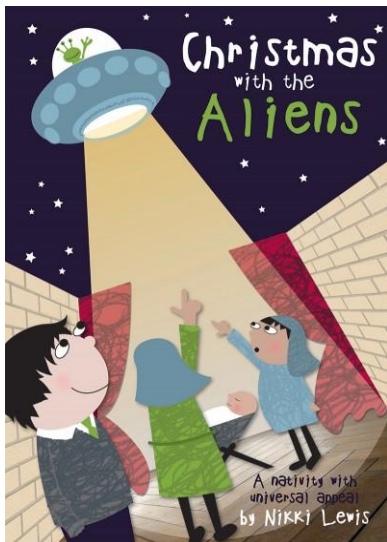
Sports Clubs

This is a reminder that the last week for school-led Sports Clubs will be **w/c 8th December**. External providers (Handball, Premier Gymnastics and ZKT Dance) will continue for our last week in school (please see the 'Dates for the Diary' section below for further information). MAC and ASC will continue as usual until the end of term with the last ASC being Thursday 18th December and the last MAC being Friday 19th December.

Both Netball and Football Club will recommence **w/c Monday 12th January**.

As a reminder the booking form for **Premier Gymnastics** (Tuesday after school) will go live at **7pm on Monday 8th December** for children in Years 2 to 4. These are available on a first come first served basis. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding then this club will be provided by the school free of charge.

Our **ZKT Dance Club** payment option is now open on School Gateway which is available to children who currently attend the classes. If your child has attended previously but no longer wishes to continue with the club then please let us know as soon as possible so that another child on our waiting list can be offered the place. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium and you would like for them to continue receiving this class free of charge then please email the School Office.



Nativity Tickets

We are now at capacity for the Tuesday (2pm) performance of 'Christmas with the Aliens' so there will be no additional tickets sold for this date. We do however still have a limited number of spare tickets available for the Wednesday (9.30am) performance and these will go live on **Monday 8th December** on a first come first served basis. As a reminder, every adult and child in attendance must have a ticket in order to adhere to fire regulations.

If anyone has purchased tickets in excess of the limit of 2 per family and can return these for a refund then please contact the School Office as soon as possible for this to be organised.

Pantomime Trip

Please be reminded that today is the deadline for paying for your child to attend 'Jack and the Beanstalk' with the school on **Thursday 18th December**. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and you are experiencing any financial difficulty with paying for your child's place then please email the School Office in confidence for the attention of Mrs Barnett.

Bikeability

We still have a few spaces remaining on our Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability courses for the week beginning 19th January. All bookings are being taken directly by Bikeability so please follow the links that were given in the letter sent out last week (we have also included them below for ease of reference). Once we have names confirmed by Bikeability we will be adding payment options for parents on School Gateway hopefully by next week.

Level 1 (Years 3 & 4)	£5	Thu 22 Jan	https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/booth-era-film
Level 2 (Years 5 & 6)	£10	Mon 19 to Wed 21 Jan	https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/push-sal-black

MAC and ASC Booking Links

As a reminder please ensure that all requests are received by **Monday 8th December** so that bookings can be opened up to people on our waiting list on Tuesday 9th December. Please note that in order for booking forms to be processed this term's fees need to have been paid in full.

Disco Reminder

Next **Friday 12th December** The Friends of SMCS are hosting their annual Christmas Disco. As a reminder the timings are as follows:

6-7pm Reception to Year 2 (*Reception parents may stay in the Waiting Room*)

7.15-8.30pm Years 3 to 6

Tickets are charged on the door at £5 per child (includes bag of sweets, all drinks plus facepaint/tattoo). If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding and you would like to ask for financial assistance with the cost of the ticket then please email the School Office for the attention of Mrs Barnett before next Friday. Please remember that if your child is absent from school on 12th December then they cannot attend the disco. Strictly no phones or cameras to be used by children, parents, carers or helpers when on the school premises.



MDS Vacancy

We are currently recruiting for the position of Midday Meals Supervisor at SMCS. This is a term-time position for 1.5 hours per day Monday to Friday. Please head to the Vacancies page of our website <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies> to download our job advert, job description, person specification and application form. Closing date: Friday 5th December. Interviews will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th December.



Housepoint Totals This Week

Well done to Hughenden for earning the most housepoints this week! Next week we will be announcing the winners of the house points mufti which will be held on **Monday 15th December**.

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
13,024	13,014	13,034	13,015

The Values Award was given to Rachel in Year 2 and the Tidy Award went to Year 6.

Communications Home

Whole school: Friends of SMCS Christmas Disco – Song Requests

Whole school: Christmas Fayre 2025 – Final Details

Whole school: Christingle Service – Tuesday 9th December

Whole school: REMINDER – Bottle Mufti

Years 2 to 4: Premier Gymnastics – Spring 2026

Year 3 & 4 Individuals: Bikeability Level 1 (Y3 & Y4) – Jan 26

Year 5 & 6 Individuals: Bikeability Level 2 (Y5 & Y6) – Jan 26

Year 5 & 6 Individuals: ZKT Street Dance – Spring 2026

Netball Club: Netball Cancelled

Football Club: REMINDER No Football

Signing Choir: Signing Choir – Woolpack Christmas Market – TONIGHT

iRock Individuals: REMINDER – iRock Concert

MAC Users: MAC Booking Form Spring Term 1

ASC Users: ASC Booking Form Spring Term 1

ASC Users (Fri 5 Dec): ASC Arrangements – Fri 5 Dec (Christmas Fayre)

Individuals: Upcoming Deadline Panto 2025 Trip

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2025/26

ASC Users: ASC 2025/26

Year 3 & 4 Individuals: Bikeability Level 1 (Y3 & Y4) - Jan 26 (*deadline 09/01/2026*)

Year 5 & 6 Individuals: Bikeability Level 2 (Y5 & Y6) - Jan 26 (*deadline 09/01/2026*)

Year 6 Residential: River Dart 2026 – Payment 1 (*deadline 30/11/2025*)

Year 6 Residential: River Dart 2026 – Payment 2 (*deadline 31/01/2026*)

Year 6 Residential: River Dart 2026 – Payment 3 (*deadline 27/02/2026*)

Year 6 Residential: River Dart 2026 – Payment 4 (*deadline 27/03/2026*)

Whole School: Panto 2025 Trip (*deadline 05/12/2025*)

Dance Club: ZKT Street Dance – Spring 2026 (*deadline 05/01/2026*)

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 8 Dec		Last Netball Club
Mon 8 Dec	7pm	Premier Gymnastics Club (Years 2-4) open for bookings
Tue 9 Dec	Morning	School Christingle Service
Thu 11 Dec		Last Football Club
Fri 12 Dec	9-10am	iRock Concert
Fri 12 Dec	9-10.30am	Parent Forum
Fri 12 Dec	6-8.30pm	The Friends of SMCS: Christmas Disco <i>6-7pm Reception, Years 1 and 2</i> <i>7.15-8.30pm Years 3 to 6</i>
Fri 12 Dec		Deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch from Swift Kitchen
Mon 15 Dec		Last Handball Club
Mon 15 Dec		Housepoint Winners Mufti (winning house TBC)
Tue 16 Dec	2pm	KS1 Nativity (Reception to Year 2)
Tue 16 Dec		Last Gymnastics Club
Wed 17 Dec	9.30am	KS1 Nativity (Reception to Year 2)
Wed 17 Dec		Last Dance Club (<i>make up session from 12th November</i>)
Wed 17 Dec		School Christmas Lunch
Thu 18 Dec		Park Away Day
Thu 18 Dec		Whole school trip to the Pantomime at Aylesbury Waterside
Fri 19 Dec	1.30pm	End of term (<i>please note there is no ASC on this day</i>)

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

Email: office@smcs.org.uk

Telephone: 01296 612371



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.