



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 12th December

Christingle Making

Year 6 had an amazing time making the Christingles for our Tuesday church service. Everyone helped out, changing jobs and making sure everything ran smoothly (so much so that we ran out of jelly babies!). In seemingly no time at all, we had over 220 Christingles made and ready to go!



Year 6

Christingle Service

On Tuesday, the school visited St Mary's Church to take part in our annual Christingle Service. The children were so well behaved and a special thank you must go to our Signing Choir and staff for helping the children learn their songs so well to perform in the Church.

Thank you also to all of our parents who donated to The Children's Society. The Church have asked us to pass on their heartfelt thanks for these generous donations.

House Mufti Day

Scroll down to the housepoint totals for this term to see which house has been awarded a FREE mufti day on **Monday 15th December!** Parents of children in this house will also receive an email to confirm this later this evening.



Park Away Day

Please don't forget that on Thursday we have our last Park Away Day of the term. This will also assist us in keeping the layby clear for the coaches arriving to take children to the Pantomime. Please help to support us with this initiative by walking, scooting or cycling to school. Parking just a few minutes further away and walking the remainder of the journey all helps to reduce congestion around the school vicinity and we're grateful for your support with this.

Homework and Spellings

Please note there is no homework for this week or over the Christmas holidays. As always we encourage children to continue reading and to enjoy their break.

Year 6 Recommended Reads

After lots of parental requests at Parents Evening, Mrs Bentley has created a list of 'Recommended Reads' that have now been added to the [Year 6 Class Page](#).



iRock Concert

At our iRock Concert this morning, a range of songs were played at both the presentation to parents and to the rest of the school. Well done to all the children involved. We look forward to the next concert at the end of the spring term.

As a reminder to parents there is no iRock next week for children. Please look out for an email from iRock with the details of when lessons will commence next term.

Pantomime – Advisory Note

We have been made aware by people who have already seen ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ this year that in the second half of the Pantomime there is a 3D element where children will be required to wear 3D glasses. During this section of the performance ghosts and spiders can be seen through the 3D glasses they provide. If you feel your child will be sensitive to this then please alert your child’s class teacher and talk to your child prior to attending, if you feel this is appropriate.

One Way System

In order to try and reduce congestion around the front gate and near the bike racks, we have a suggested one way system for parents and children to follow. At Parent Forum today we were asked to share this again in order to help the movement of the whole school at these busy times. This means wherever possible please enter the school playground via the front gates, and leave via the rear car park gates. Thank you.



Uniform

Please can we again ask parents to name all items of school uniform and PE kit. We have a huge amount of lost property, the majority of which is unfortunately unnamed. If you have purchased preloved uniform and it still has the former child’s name in it then it would also be helpful if this can be crossed out and the new name put in instead. On dry days next week we will endeavour to put Lost Property outside the front of the school for parents go through and hopefully reduce the amount that we have.

If you would like to purchase ‘preloved’ uniform which has been donated to The Friends of SMCS, then they can be emailed directly at friends@smcs.org.uk.

Parking and Car Obstructions

We have had reports of parents abandoning their vehicles in the middle of the layby at afternoon collection to run in and collect children causing an obstruction to other vehicles. While we recognise it can be difficult to park around the school, we would encourage everyone to park responsibly and with consideration.

We have also had a complaint this week from the farm at the end of Marsh Lane about parents parking on both sides of Marsh Lane for morning drop off and afternoon collection, as well as parking on blind corners. Please can all parents be reminded that Marsh Lane is a working road and needs access to be kept clear for tractors, HGVs and neighbours/farm workers. If you believe this is an ongoing issue we would recommend reporting the issue to ‘[Fix My Street](#)’.

Premier Gymnastics

There are still some places remaining for our after-school Gymnastics Club which is run on a Tuesday afternoon by Premier Education. This is open to children in Years 2, 3 and 4. Please click here to sign your child up: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/869-944630/?back=1&location=hp22%205xa>

Pantomime Trip

Please be reminded that last Friday was the deadline for paying for your child to attend 'Jack and the Beanstalk' with the school next **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.

Appointments

We have seen an increase in non-urgent appointments taking place during school day e.g. dental check ups and eye tests. Please can we request that wherever possible, check ups are booked for weekends or during school holidays. If appointments need to be in term time then if they can be scheduled for either the start or end of the school day then this will minimise disruption to your child's day.

Housepoint Totals This Week

Well done to Hughenden House for earning the most housepoints this term and who will therefore be able to have a mufti day on **Monday 15th December**.

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
14168	14155	14176	14147

Communications Home

Whole school: TONIGHT – Christmas Disco

Hughenden House: House Mufti Day Winners

iRock Parents: iRock Concert Arrangements

Premier Gymnastics: PAYMENT SET UP Premier Gymnastics – Spring Term 2026

Years 2 to 4: FEW PLACES LEFT – Premier Gymnastics – Spring 2026

Years 2 to 4: Bookings Now Live – Premier Gymnastics – Spring 2026

Pupil Premium: Christmas Disco – PP Families

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

MAC/ASC Users: REMINDER – MAC/ASC Spring Term 1

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 3 & 4 Individuals: Premier Gymnastics – Spring Term 2026

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

Year 5 & 6 Individuals: ZKT Street Dance – Spring 2026 (*deadline 05/01/2026*)

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 (*extended to 15/12/2025*)

An Update from The Friends of SMCS

Thank you to everyone who joined us last Friday for the Christmas Fayre. There were games, stalls, drinks and even a visit from Father Christmas! The signing choir sang beautifully, adding to the festive feel of the evening.



We are pleased to announce that we have raised a massive **£1,476.30**, with two payments still pending - maybe we will break the £1,500 mark! We cannot wait to meet with the school in the new year to see how we can use the funds to enhance the children's learning.

We have also been busy counting all the pennies from the Advent Calendar Raffle and we have managed to raise nearly **£290**. A fantastic amount and we are hugely grateful to the companies who have sponsored calendars this year. All of the calendars were either sponsored or donated by local companies, meaning all the money we raised can go straight into supporting the children. Please have a look to see which wonderful companies offered their support this year.

As we come to the end of the year we get to our final event, the Christmas Disco. We hope that lots of children will come back this evening, dressed in their best, to party with us. Tickets are £5 and include entry, unlimited drinks, a bag of sweets and face paints. Thank you to all the parents who are coming along to support this event.

A final thank you must go to the staff and Year 5 and 6 children - we invaded their classrooms, messed around their timetables and they still turned up with a smile on their faces to help run the Christmas Fayre. Our stalls were almost entirely run by staff and children, we could not have put on the event without them - **THANK YOU!**

Looking forward to the new year - we will be holding a second hand uniform sale in January and having a clothing collection. Please keep hold of clothes your child has grown out of to help with these fundraising efforts. We can accept donations of school uniform with the school logo in the green bin on the playground at



anytime. We are currently unable to accept other items as we currently have no storage space for them. We are always after the larger sizes (age 9+) so please consider donating them if you have them.

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 15 Dec		Last Handball Club
Mon 15 Dec		Housepoint Winners Mufti (<i>winning house: Hughenden</i>)
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>)
Mon 5 Jan		Spring 1 Term starts
Mon 5 Jan		No Netball
Tue 6 Jan		Premier Gymnastics Club to start
Wed 7 Jan		Year 4 Swimming to start
Wed 7 Jan		ZKT Dance Club to start
Thu 8 Jan	AM	School Nursing Team: Reception & Year 6 Childhood Measurement Programme
Thu 8 Jan	9.30am	Reception Open Event

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.