



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

*Weekly Update Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January*

## **Year 5 Visit from Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service**

Thank you to the fire crew from Aylesbury Fire Station who came to visit Year 5 today with their fire engine. The children enjoyed learning about what the Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service do and getting to see all of the amazing equipment that is kept on the vehicle! For more photos from the day please head to our [School Photo Gallery](#).



## **FREE Home Fire Safety Visit**

Find out more by emailing [referrals@bucksfire.gov.uk](mailto:referrals@bucksfire.gov.uk) or call 01296 744477. You can also request this via their website [www.bucksfire.gov.uk/home-fire-safety-visits](http://www.bucksfire.gov.uk/home-fire-safety-visits). If you or someone you know is concerned about fire safety then please **get in touch!**

## **School Socks Plea!**

We are still short of spare grey school socks! If you have any of our school socks then please can we ask that you wash and return them to the School Office? If you also have any spare that you would be able to donate (particularly KS1 size) then please bring these to the School Office at the start of term.

## **PE Kit**

During the colder winter months please can parents ensure that children bring joggers and a jumper/zip up top/hoodie for PE lessons. A spare pair of socks is also advisable in case children get wet feet during lessons.

## **Spring Census Menu**

On Thursday there is a special menu in place for our Spring Census Day. Please log in to your SwiftKitchen app to check that you have placed your orders.

Other theme days we have coming up include:

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Lunar New Year**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day**

**Stir Stars!**  
Serving your favourite dishes!

**15th January 2026**

BBQ Chicken Pizza  
or  
Margherita Pizza

served with  
Chips and Peas

and  
Chocolate Cornflake Cake

Stir.  
Let us feed you.

## Young Carers

Thank you to the parents and carers who have already asked for us to register their child as a Young Carer. If you would like assistance with registering your child as a Young Carer then please contact Ms Hayden via the School Office. Alternatively if you register your child via the Carers Bucks website then please email the School Office to make us aware so that we can update our records.

**Carers**Bucks

As this information will be registered on our Spring Census next **Thursday 15th January** please can you ensure you make us aware of any new registrations before this time.

## Spare Paper

Around 18 months ago we received a generous donation from a parent of a huge roll of paper which has been well used by our Reception class! As we are nearing the end of this roll we are now on the lookout for any more donations of paper – whether this is in A4 or roll format. We are even happy to receive donations of wallpaper or lining paper! If you have any of these resources either at home or via your workplace then please let us know as we are always happy to receive donations for our younger year groups.



## Housepoint Totals This Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
493	488	476	513

The Values Award was given to Adam in Year 5 and the Tidy Award went to Year 3.

## 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...



### What does Shaun the Sheep need?

A baaaaaath!  
*Aaliyah in Year 2*

### What is a snake's favourite lesson?

Hisssssstory  
*Chloe in Year 2*

### I made a song about a tortilla. Well, it's a wrap really!

*Fleur in Year 6*

**How do you make a tissue dance?**

Put a boogie in it!

*Henry in Year 3*

**What do you get if you cross a Smurf and a cow?**

Blue cheese

*Max in Year 5*

**Which dog likes to take baths?**

A shampoodle

*Sofia in Year 5*

**What's a crocodile's favourite game?**

Snap!

*Hugo in Year 1*

**What did the skeleton say to the dog?**

Bone appetit

*Isabella in Year 5*

**Why don't eggs tell jokes?**

Because they'll crack up!

*Lillie-Grace in Year 3*

**Communications Home**

Whole school: PE Kit for Spring Term

Whole school: Letter from Mrs Stewart

Whole school: No School Crossing Patroller

Whole school: Young Carers

Whole school: Adverse Weather Conditions

Reception and Year 6: Rec & Y6 – Childhood Measurement Programme

Year 1: Year 1 Winter Walk

Years 3 to 6: REMINDER – Year 3 to 6 – Handball Club – Spring Term

Year 4: Year 4 Swimming – Spring Term 2026

Year 6: Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

**Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway**

**MAC Users:** MAC 2025/26

**ASC Users:** ASC 2025/26

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

**Year 3 to 6:** Years 3 to 6 – Handball Club – Spring Term (*deadline 09/01/2026*)

**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*)

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 12 Jan		Netball Club to start
Thu 15 Jan		Football Club to start
Thu 15 Jan		Spring Census Day
Thu 15 Jan		Stir Food Theme Day: Stir Stars
Mon 19 Jan		Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5 & 6)
Mon 19 Jan		Handball Club to start
Tue 20 Jan		Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5 & 6)
Wed 21 Jan		Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5 & 6)
Thu 22 Jan		Bikeability Level 1 (Year 3 & 4)
Wed 28 Jan	AM	School Nursing Team: Rec & Y6 Childhood Measurement Programme (rescheduled from 8/1/26).

## **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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