



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 16th January

Hot School Meals

We have had a number of meals not ordered for children this week. Please note that while we do have more flexibility to order meals on the day from Stir Food if a meal has been forgotten, there are only a very limited number of additional meals brought so this method should not be relied upon. Please can we encourage all parents to log in and check that their child has meals ordered for the remainder of the spring term in case any orders have been accidentally missed.



Year 3 Plea

We have had a request from Year 3 for newspaper donations for an Art project. Please can any paper be brought to the School Office next week if possible?



No Smart Watches

Please can we remind parents that children should not have smart watches in school. These can be a distraction during class time and those with cameras particularly are a safeguarding risk as we cannot allow photos to be taken in school by anyone other than authorised adults. Similar to mobile phones these will be removed and kept in the School Office.

Contacting the School Office

Please can we remind parents that appointments during school time should be for emergencies or hospital appointments only. Eye tests and dental check ups should be scheduled for out of term time or after school wherever possible. If you do need to request time out of school for your child then please email this to the School Office along with a copy of the appointment letter (a screenshot from your doctor or hospital will be sufficient if you do not have an official letter).

Toilet visits

We have started having more frequent requests to use our toilet at the start and end of the day by younger siblings. While we are happy to assist in emergencies, please can children be encouraged to go to the toilet at home or before leaving nursery as escorting visitors to and from the toilet at our busiest times of the day can leave the office unmanned for children and parents needing assistance.



Lost Property

We have spent a lot of time going through our Lost Property Box this week to try and reunite named items with their owners. There is still a huge amount of unnamed lost property, or items that have previously been named but have faded or the stickers have fallen off. Please can you go through your child's uniform this weekend to ensure that all items have been named so that we can do our best to get any lost articles of clothing or plastic items (bottles, snack pots, lunchboxes) back to their owners. We will need to dispose of clothing and other items shortly in order to make room in our boxes (any unbranded clothing will be donated to our next clothing collection) so please come and have a look if you think you may be missing something.



Please can we again please with parents to name uniform with either a laundry marker or name stickers. These can be purchased from Stikins (<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>) and if you enter the code **22409** at checkout you can even earn commission for The Friends of SMCS!

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.



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Housepoint Totals This Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
2059	2013	2053	2068

The Values Award was given to Isabelle in Year 4 and the Tidy Award went to Year 2.

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...



If a seagull flies over the sea, what flies over the bay?

A bagel

Erin in Year 2

How does the tree turn on his computer?

He logs on

Josh in Year 6

What do you call a pile of kittens?

A meowtain!

Jake in Year 3

Why can't dogs use the remote control?

They always hit the pause button!

Sofia in Year 5

What do you get if you cross a computer with a mosquito?

A computer with mega-bytes!

Seb in Year 5

Communications Home

Football Club: Football Club – Cancelled

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

Years 3 to 6: KS2 Gymnastics Trial – Thu 22 Jan

Year 5 & 6 Individuals: UPDATE Bikeability Level 2 – Mon & Tue Only

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Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2025/26

ASC Users: ASC 2025/26

Years 3 to 6: KS2 Gymnastics Trial – Thu 22 Jan (*deadline 20/01/2026*)

Year 4: Year 4 Swimming – Spring Term 2026 (*deadline 14/02/2026*)

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 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 (<i>rescheduled from 8/1/26</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

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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.