



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 23rd January

Bikeability

Congratulations to all of the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who took part in Bikeability this week. The instructors were very impressed with their cycling skills and said that they were clearly using this skill to be able to demonstrate such levels of confidence.



Park Away Day – Next Friday

Don't forget next Friday we have our monthly Park Away Day. Please can we ask all parents to make the journey to school on foot or bicycle/scooter on this day to help us work towards our Platinum Travel Plan award? For further information about Park Away Day please head to our website <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/our-school/travel-plan>.

Parents Evening

Bookings for our upcoming Parents Evening will go live at **7pm on Monday 26th January** via SchoolCloud <https://stokemandeville.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. We would advise that you set a reminder for this as appointments will go on a first served basis. Appointments will be held on 10th and 12th February as follows:

Tuesday 10th February

3.40-6pm Face-to-face appointments in school
Book Look available in classrooms

Wednesday 11th February

Book Look available in classrooms

Thursday 12th February

3.40-5.20pm Face-to-face appointments in school
(Please note: No Book Look available on this date)
6-8pm Virtual appointments online

Stir Food

We have had another reminder from Stir Food/Swift Kitchen to please check your child's food orders for the remainder of term. We have had a number of children this week without meals ordered and unfortunately they do not have enough spare meals daily to be able to accommodate the amount of meals that haven't been ordered. Thank you for your support with this.

Football

Due to Mr Lack being unable to run Football Club for the next few weeks, Mrs Stewart has offered to continue running coaching sessions for the Football Club on Thursdays after school (weather dependent). Mr Lack hopes to be able to continue again around mid-March but we will update parents on this closer to the time. Please note there will be no Football Club on 12th and 26th February.

World Thinking Day

You may know that a number of our pupils are members of uniformed organisation including Rainbows, Brownies, Girlguiding, Cubs, Beavers and Scouts. February 22nd is 'World Thinking Day', where children are encouraged to think about children in other uniformed organisations around the world. Chosen because it is the birthday of the founder of The Boy Scouts Association, Robert Baden-Powell (and his wife Olave!), World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship, speaking out on issues that affect young people today and fundraising to support the millions of members around the world.



This year World Thinking Day is during half term, therefore on **Monday 23rd February** when children return to school we are inviting children who are members of uniformed organisations to wear their uniforms to school to celebrate this important day. If your child would rather just wear their sash with their school uniform then they are welcome to do so.



Headlice – Year 1

We have had a new report of headlice in Year 1 this week. To try and curb the spread of nits and headlice please can we remind parents that all boys and girls with below-shoulder length hair keep it tied back when at school. For further information about the identification and treatment of headlice and nits please click on the following links:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>
<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/head-lice.html>

River Dart – Payment 2 Reminder

This is a polite reminder that the deadline for Payment 2 towards the River Dart Residential is 31st January. Please ensure that the £100 instalment is paid by this date if it is still showing as outstanding on your School Gateway account.

Housepoint Totals This Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
3078	3002	3021	3075

The Values Award was given to Willow in Year 1 and the Tidy Award went to Year 5.

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's a cat's favourite song?

Don't Stop Me Meow

Noah in Year 4

What's a cat's favourite colour?

Purrrrple

Noah in Year 4

What do you get if you cross a centipede and a parrot?

A walkie talkie

Rupert in Year 3

What does a shepherd use to carry his wool in?

A baaaaaaasket

Ollie in Year 3

What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A gummy bear

Oscar in Year 3

Why did the cow not cross the road?

Because he couldn't mooooooove

Miley in Year 1

Communications Home

Whole school: Headlice – Year 1

Whole school: School Office - Today

Dance Club: ZKT Dance – Show Details

Football Club: Football Club - Update

Football Club: URGENT Football Cancelled

Netball Club Individuals: SMCS Netball vs Bedgrove Junior School (Away)

Netball Club: Netball Club Cancelled – Mon 26 Jan

Year 4 Individuals: Swimming Tomorrow

Year 5: Year 5 – Geography Fieldwork

Year 5 Individuals: Year 5 Futsal Tournament

Year 5 & 6: Year 5 & 6 Swimming Trials

Year 6 Individuals: Year 6 – Basketball at AHS

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2025/26

ASC Users: ASC 2025/26

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 26 Jan	3.30pm	SMCS Netball Match v Bedgrove Junior School (Away) Netball Club cancelled for those not playing in squad
Mon 26 Jan	7pm	Parents Evening appointments to go live on SchoolCloud https://stokemandeville.schoolcloud.co.uk/
Wed 28 Jan	AM	School Nursing Team: Rec & Y6 Childhood Measurement Programme (<i>rescheduled from 8/1/26</i>).
Fri 30 Jan		Park Away Day
Thu 5 Feb		Roving Bookshop
Fri 6 Feb		NSPCC Number Day – <i>Information to follow</i> Dress Up For Digits – <i>full mufti and wearing a number</i>
Tue 10 Feb	3.40-6pm	Parents Evening (face to face) Book Look in classrooms
Wed 11 Feb	8-8.30am	Book Look in classrooms
Thu 12 Feb	3.40-5.20pm 6-8pm	Parents Evening (face to face) Parents Evening (video call)
Thu 12 Feb		No Football Club
Fri 13 Feb	3.20pm	Spring 1 term ends
Mon 23 Feb		Spring 2 term starts
Mon 23 Feb		Stir Food Theme Day: Lunar New Year

Mon 23 Feb		Children from uniformed organisations (<i>Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Guides</i>) are welcome to come to school wearing their sash or full uniform in recognition of World Thinking Day (22/2/26)
Thu 26 Feb		No Football Club

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

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