



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 30th January

Netball Match vs Bedgrove

On Monday 26th January, Isabella, Emily, Mia, Abi and Jamie from Year 6, and Phoebe and Talia from Year 5 played Bedgrove Junior for the first match of the year.

In the first quarter, we showed great determination, by helping Emily score two fantastic goals.

In the second quarter, we all displayed teamwork, by helping Talia score our 3rd goal.

In the third quarter, Isabella scored an excellent goal, making our lead 4-0.

The final quarter soon came, Phoebe scored 3 more outstanding goals. Showing great resilience, Bedgrove scored an amazing goal, before Emily scored her 3rd goal of the match.

The ending result was 8-1 to us, everyone had a brilliant game and showed the '3 Rs' throughout the whole game. Bedgrove decided the player of the match was Phoebe.

We also want to thank Miss Telfer and Mrs Barlow for transporting us to the game.

By Isabella, Mia and Phoebe



Futsal at AGS

After school on Wednesday, eight Year 5's were invited to attend a futsal tournament at Aylesbury Grammar School with lots of other primary schools. Most of our players had never experienced futsal before so it was a great chance to trial a new sport and learn new skills. The SMCS team played really well as a team and gained confidence in their ability as the tournament progressed. A teacher from another school even came over to comment on our teamwork and attitude to the game

despite the score not always reflecting our effort. The team all had a great time and would welcome the opportunity to play futsal again.

Clubs – Attendance Reminder

Please can we remind parents that they must notify the School Office directly if their child won't be attending an after school club i.e. ASC, Netball, Handball, Gymnastics, Dance or Football. If children are marked absent on the club register then staff are spending time calling parents to ascertain their child's whereabouts to ensure they are safe. If this is a last minute change then please either call 01296 612371 or pop into the School Office at the end of the day to make us aware so we are not looking for your child.

NSPCC Number Day

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in 'Number Day' on **Friday 6th February**. As well as having a fun day of maths activities, we will be taking part in 'Dress up for Digits'. If they wish, pupils can come into school in full mufti wearing an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for cash donations on the day, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum will be held on **Friday 6th February** at 9am. An agenda has been sent out to class representatives today but if you have not received this for any reason or would like to join the Forum then please contact Mrs Jacob via the School Office.

Year 4 – No Swimming

A quick reminder that there will be no swimming for Year 4 next week due to the Year 5 & 6 Inter-School Swimming Gala taking place at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Swimming sessions will continue as normal on **Wednesday 11th February**.

MHST Coffee Morning

On **Tuesday 10th February** there will be a coffee morning held by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) from 9-10am. Please contact Ms Hayden via the School Office if you would like to attend and we will add you to our guest list.



Parking

We have received several complaints from families about cars parking on Marsh Lane in such a way that is making it difficult for lorries/farm traffic to pass, as well as it being dangerous for families crossing the road safely. Please can we remind parents to park responsibly around the school site to keep all members of our school community safe and avoid causing disruption to our neighbours.



Parents Evening

Bookings for our upcoming Parents Evening are now **live** via SchoolCloud

<https://stokemandeville.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. As a reminder 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 3.40-6pm

Wednesday 11th February

Book Look available in classrooms 8-8.30am

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

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.

iRock Concert

We wanted to give our iRock parents advance notice that the next iRock Concert will be held on **Friday 20th March**. Further information about this will be sent out closer to the time.

Online Safety: Roblox

Roblox is hugely popular with children, offering millions of user-created games and social experiences. This guide explains how the platform differs from traditional video games, and why its scale, self-rating system and automated moderation can expose young users to inappropriate content or unsafe interactions.

This guide explores concerns including online communication, in-game spending and compulsive play. It also shares practical advice on parental controls, limiting chat and encouraging open conversations, helping adults support children to enjoy Roblox more safely and responsibly.



Housepoint Totals This Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
4025	3930	3914	4022

The Values Award was given to Owen in Year 5 and the Tidy Award went to Reception.

Football Training Player of the Session: Owen in 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...



Why did the banana go to the hospital?

He wasn't peeling very well

Charlie in Year 1

Why was the computer cold?

Because he had the Windows open

Jack in Year 5

Why did 6 run away?

Because 7 ate 9

Tilly in Year 2

Why is a cheetah bad at hide and seek?

He keeps getting spotted

Georgia in Year 4

What did the fly say to the bee at the restaurant?

Wasabi

Madiha in Year 4

What do you have to give a sick bird?

Tweetment

George in Year 4

What do you call a horse who lives next door?

A neeeeeiiiggghhhbour

Eliza in Year 4

Communications Home

Whole school: Roving Bookshop

Whole school: Parents Evening – Bookings live 7pm TONIGHT

Whole school: School Office – Today

Whole school: REMINDER – Park Away Day

Whole school: NSPCC Number Day

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

Year 4 Individuals: Year 4 Individuals – Cancelled Swimming

Year 5 & 6 Individuals: Y5 & Y6 Swimming Gala – Final details

MAC Users: MAC Booking Form Spring Term 2

ASC Users: ASC Booking Form Spring Term 2

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
Tue 3 Feb	1.15-2.15pm	Year 6 Mixed Basketball at AHS (<i>selected individuals</i>)
Wed 4 Feb	9am-1pm	No Swimming for Year 4 (<i>Y5 & Y6 Swimming Gala for selected individuals</i>)
Thu 5 Feb		Roving Bookshop
Fri 6 Feb	9am	Parent Forum
Fri 6 Feb		NSPCC Number Day Dress Up For Digits – <i>full mufti and wearing a number</i>
Tue 10 Feb	9-10am	Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Coffee Morning
Tue 10 Feb	3.40-6pm	Parents Evening (face to face) Book Look in classrooms
Tue 10 Feb		No Premier Gymnastics
Wed 11 Feb	8-8.30am	Book Look in classrooms
Thu 12 Feb	3.40-5.20pm 6-8pm	Parents Evening (face to face) – <i>No Book Look available</i> 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>) to come to school wearing their sash or full uniform in recognition of World Thinking Day (22 Feb)
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](#)

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