



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 6th February

Basketball at AHS

On Tuesday, a group of eight Year 6 children attended a Basketball event at Aylesbury High School.

Although we came last, the team were fantastic and a credit to the school. They played fairly and worked so well together. Well done to everyone who took part and for representing the school so well!



Roving Bookshop

It was lovely to see the children's excitement about books when visiting the Roving Bookshop on Thursday. Thank you for your support with this and we hope that your child enjoys any books they may have purchased on the day. The commission earned by the school from this has been used to purchase books for each classroom which we hope your child will enjoy reading!

Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala

On Wednesday a group of children who had successfully taken part in swimming trials competed in the Annual Inter-Schools Swimming Gala for Year 5 and 6.

The children worked really hard and managed to secure 4th place out of 11 schools. Well done to everyone for all of your hard work!



Clubs – Attendance Reminder

Please can we again 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

Today we celebrated NSPCC Number Day and invited children to 'Dress Up For Digits' to help raise money for this worthy charity. So far we have managed to raise **£159.05** from a combination of cash and online donations. There is still time to donate if you've not yet had a chance to do so and here is a reminder of the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/stoke-mandeville-combined-school-8?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Thank you for all of your generous donations.

Netball Club – Mon 23 Feb

Please note that there is no Netball Club on **Monday 23rd February** as Miss Telfer will be unavailable. Netball Club will continue as usual on **Monday 2nd March**.

Tuesday 10th February 2026 is Safer Internet Day

This year the theme is *'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.'*

The remarkable growth of generative AI tools like ChatGPT has opened up exciting new opportunities for young learners. Used wisely, AI can be a powerful ally in boosting creativity, learning and problem-solving skills. However, without proper guidance, young people may stumble into challenges including inaccurate information, data security risks, and a growing reliance on AI over their own critical thinking.

From setting clear usage boundaries to teaching digital hygiene and promoting independent thought, this guide offers parents and educators practical advice on the safe, positive use of AI. With the right understanding and guidance, you can ensure that generative AI becomes a positive influence, rather than a potential pitfall in young people's digital lives.



Parents Evening

Bookings for our upcoming Parents Evening will close at 5pm on **Monday 9th February**. If you have not yet booked then please do so as soon as possible 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

February Swimming Promotion



Refer a friend onto swimming lessons and you'll get a month free*

If you're on our swimming lessons programme and know a family or friend who's looking to dip their toes into learning how to swim, why not refer them and get a month of membership - FREE.*

Housepoint Totals This Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
4582	4512	4545	4554

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

Communications Home

Whole school: Children's Mental Health Week

Whole school: REMINDER NSPCC Number Day

Whole school: World Book Day 2026

ARP Pupils: NCDS Family Fund

Pupil Premium Families: World Book Day – Costume Shop (PP Families)

KS2 Gymnastics Competitors: KS2 Gymnastics Competition – Tue 10 Feb

Year 5: Year 5 – Bereavement Lessons

Year 6 River Dart Trip: River Dart – Medical and Consent Forms

Year 6: Year 6 Leavers Hoodies – Order Link

Dance Club Individuals: ZKT Show – Registration Reminder

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 3 (*deadline 27/02/2026*)

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

Date	Time	Event
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)
Mon 23 Feb		No Netball Club
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

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.