



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

## *Weekly Update Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April*

### **Netball Report**

On Monday the 20th April, a group of children from Year 5 and 6 played an away match against Halton.

In the first quarter, we started with the ball and moved it down the court with a fast pace. However going in to the second quarter we were 3-1 down.



Although we put in some great teamwork, Halton managed to gain the upper hand significantly with the score 6-1. Amelia and Katie were put in attacking positions but unfortunately didn't manage to score any goals.

In the third quarter, Jamie and Mia were put in the attacking position and Mia scored 3 goals with Jamie setting them up making the score 4-8 to them. Phoebe and Emily were put in defending positions and only let in 3 goals.

In the final quarter, Emily and Phoebe were attacking brilliantly and nearly made a complete comeback but just missed out scoring 4 amazing goals with Halton scoring 3 more.

All in all, the final score was 11-8 to Halton and Phoebe got opposition's player of the match. We would like to thank Miss Telfer and Mrs Cruickshank for transporting us to the game.

*By Phoebe and Jamie*

### **Netball Match – this Monday**

Miss Telfer would like to let parents know that although there is a match taking place on Monday, Netball Club will still be open for all members to attend to practice their skills as well as supporting their teammates. As with all clubs, if for any reason your child won't attend on Monday then please contact the School Office as soon as possible so we're not looking for your child at the end of the school day.

## Club Finish Times

Please note the finish times for after school clubs. Please note that if you are late to collect your child from a sports club then your child may be taken to ASC and you will be charged for the session (£8 per child).

Club	Day	Finish Time
ASC	Every day	5.20pm
Handball	Monday	4.30pm
Netball	Monday	4.30pm
Premier Gymnastics	Tuesday	4.30pm
ZKT Dance	Wednesday	4.30pm
Football	Thursday	4.15pm

## Park Away Day

Thank you to all of our parents who supported our Park Away Day initiative today.

It was a lovely morning for families to walk to school together and we appreciate you making your journeys a few minutes early on these days to allow time to walk from home or 'park and stride'.



## One Way System

Please can we remind parents not to open the wooden gate next to the staff car park. This must be opened by a member of staff as there can be children on the playground up until the end of the school day. If you have any family members who are not in receipt of these weekly updates then please can you pass this information on to them. As mentioned in our previous Weekly Updates, all parents should be accessing the playground through the pedestrian entrance to the left of the school.

## Chess sets please

We are in need of chess sets for our new Friday Lunchtime Chess Club! If you have a complete chess set that you would be willing to donate to the school then please bring this to the School Office where it will be gratefully received.

## Dental Appointments

We have had a huge number of children leaving school for dental appointments this week. On Wednesday alone we had 9 children leaving school either early or in the middle of the day! As a reminder appointments should be made for outside of school hours or during holidays unless an emergency appointment is required.

## Stir Food

All menus to the end of July are now live on the Swift Kitchen app. Please login to check that you have placed your orders for the summer term.

## Online Safety Guide: YouTube

YouTube continues to be a go-to platform for entertainment, learning and creativity, but its vast and largely unregulated content library presents ongoing challenges. This guide outlines how features like recommendations, Shorts and social interaction can shape young people's viewing habits, sometimes exposing them to inappropriate or extreme material.

It also explores key safeguarding concerns, including stranger interaction, risky trends and the limits of automated moderation. With practical advice on tools such as YouTube Kids, supervised accounts and parental controls, the guide supports parents in encouraging safer, more balanced and informed use of the platform.



## Child Car Seat Checks

A poster for a "Child Car Seat Check Event". The top section is pink with the text "Child Car Seat Check Event" in white. Below this, it says "Tuesday 2 June 2026 10am - 3pm". The location is "Smyths, Broadfields Retail Park, Bicester Road, Aylesbury HP19 8BU". The poster features a circular image of a smiling child in a car seat and a smaller image of a car seat. Logos for "Travel SAFE Bucks" and "Child Seat Safety Ltd" are present. At the bottom, it says "Pop along for FREE advice and an independent check!" and includes the Buckinghamshire Council logo.

Child Seat Safety Ltd will be holding FREE car seat checks at Broadfields Retail Park (near Smyths Toys, Aylesbury) on Tuesday 2nd June and at Asda Superstore (Cressex High Wycombe) on Wednesday 3rd June, between 10am and 3pm.

With more grandparents and carers helping with the school run, it's vital that **everyone understands current child seat laws**. Using the correct seat for a child's **age, height and weight** can be the difference between a life-changing injury and walking away unharmed — even on short journeys.

Using the correct child car seat is one of the most effective ways to keep children safe when

travelling by car. Research shows that **when used correctly, child car seats can reduce the risk of serious injury or death by around 70%** in the event of a collision.

In the UK, **over 500 children aged seven and under are killed or seriously injured on roads each year**, and road traffic collisions remain one of the leading causes of serious injury for children.

## The Law – What Drivers Must Do Highway Code Rule 100

- The driver **MUST ensure** that all children **under 14 years old** use a seat belt or an **approved child restraint**, where required.
- Children **under 1.35 metres (approx. 4ft 5in)** must use a **baby seat, child seat, booster seat or booster cushion** suitable for their **height and weight**, and fitted according to the manufacturer's instructions.

### Rule 101

- A rear-facing baby seat **MUST NOT** be used in a seat protected by an active front airbag, as this can cause serious injury or death in a crash.  
(Laws: Road Traffic Act 1988, sections 14 & 15 and associated vehicle safety regulations)

### Good Practice When Carrying Children (Rule 102)

Drivers should also make sure that:

- Children enter and exit the vehicle from the **door nearest the kerb**
- **Child restraints are correctly fitted** and adjusted
- Children **do not sit in the luggage area** of estate cars or hatchbacks unless a specially designed child seat is fitted
- **Child safety locks** are used, where available
- Children are **kept under control** throughout the journey



## An Update from The Friends of SMCS

### Clothing Collection & Treat Thursday Success!

A big thank you to everyone who donated clothes for the collection last week. The bumper haul increased our donation price and meant that we raised a fantastic **£117.45!**

Thanks for your support with Cookie Treat Thursday yesterday. It was a resounding success with every last crumb being sold!

### Big Family Challenge Re-scheduled

The Big Family Challenge that we'd originally hoped to run this weekend will be rescheduled, as we were struggling for volunteers due to a range of clashes. We're aiming to confirm a new date as soon as possible.

### Summer Fayre Stallholders

It's that time of year again when we're making preparations for the Summer Fayre, which will be held on Saturday 13th June from 12:00 - 15:30. If you know of anyone who'd be interested in being a stallholder, then please let us know by emailing [friends@smcs.org.uk](mailto:friends@smcs.org.uk).

### Housepoint Totals This Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
1189	1021	1169	1268

The Values Award was given to Ollie in Year 4 and the Tidy Award went to Year 1.

## **Communications Home**

Whole school: REMINDER Park Away Day

Whole school: Friends Treat Sale – Tomorrow

Whole school: Mrs Stewart – Update from Chair of Governors

ASC Users: ASC Users – Message from Miss Cooke

Year 3 & 4 Individuals: REMINDER Y3 & Y4 Verulamium Trip

Year 4: Year 4 – PE This Week

Year 5 (and Y6 not attending River Dart): Year 5 & 6 Activity Week 2026

Year 6 Individuals: REMINDER Calpol/Piriton Consent Form

Year 6 Residential: River Dart 2026 – Information Meeting

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

**MAC Users:** MAC 2025/26

**ASC Users:** ASC 2025/26

**Year 3 and 4:** Y3 & Y4 Verulamium Trip (*deadline 01/05/2026*)

**Year 5 (and Y6 not attending River Dart):** Year 5 & 6 Activity Week 2026 (*deadline 08/05/2026*)

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	3.30pm	SMCS Netball Match vs Turnfurlong Junior School (Home) <i>Selected children. Please note that Netball Club is still on for children who would like to practice their skills and support their team mates.</i>
Mon 4 May		Bank Holiday Monday
Wed 6 May	5pm	Final River Dart Meeting (Year 6 Classroom)
Fri 8 May		Signing Choir to Fremantle Care Home ( <i>signed up children only</i> )
Mon 11 May to Thu 14 May		Year 6 SATS Week
Fri 15 May		Y3 & Y4 Trip to Verulamium

## **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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