



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

## *Weekly Update Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May*

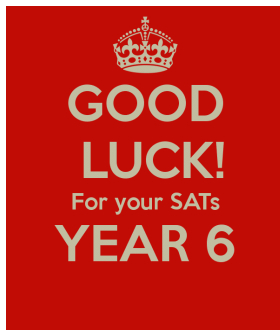
Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been the first week I have been able to work in school following my Husband's accident. It has been lovely to see everyone and I must thank you all for the kind messages and conversations I have had. It is my intention to continue to increase the time I am able to be in school rather than working from home while also supporting my Husband's recovery.

I must also thank the Governors and the whole staff team who have been truly amazing with their support.

Thank you all again

Mrs Eileen Stewart



### **Year 6 – SATs Next Week**

Next week is SATs week for our Year 6 children. This tests the children on everything that they have learnt throughout primary school. Our Year 6 children and staff have worked hard and we are confident that they are ready to take their tests. The SATs are marked externally and the children will be told their results before the end of the summer term.

We wish our Year 6 children every success next week.

Here is the SATs timetable:

Day of the Week	Subject
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic Maths Paper 2 - Reasoning
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning

## Staffing

We're thrilled to share with you the exciting news that Mrs Khan and her husband are expecting their first baby during the summer holidays. She has shared that she intends to take a period of maternity leave before returning to Stoke Mandeville and we're sure you will join us in wishing her and her husband huge congratulations.



## Year 5 Tennis at John Colet

Yesterday a small group of Year 5 children went to the John Colet School to participate in a tennis event. The children did a round robin of different tennis-based activities which were aimed at adapting and improving techniques that could help when playing a tennis game or match. Some of the activities included hitting a bean bag and keeping it in the air, whilst flipping the side of the racket each time. They then challenged themselves by using a tennis ball in place of the bean bag. Another skill they practiced was balancing a ball on a tennis racket and doing a small obstacle course, focusing on the balancing of the ball. All children had fun and enjoyed their morning.



## Car and Road Safety

Please can we remind parents that children should be let out of the car at suitable drop-off points and not in the middle of the road or layby. We have had reports of a couple of near-misses this week and would like to encourage everyone to park safely before letting children out.

## Head Lice – Year 4

This week we have had a case of head lice reported in Year 4. Please [click here](#) for NHS guidance on finding and treating headlice and nits. Don't forget that after the initial treatment this must then be followed up with **wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice**. You will then need to check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17. As a reminder some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice.

## No Mow May

No Mow May is a campaign encouraging individuals and groups, including schools, to refrain from mowing their lawns for the month of May to support biodiversity and pollinators.

Schools participating in No Mow May leave parts of their grounds unmown, allowing wildflowers and longer grasses to grow, providing food and habitat for bees, butterflies, and other insects.



Mr Lack will be sharing photos of our No Mow May contribution along the right side of our school field and also in the back corner leading down to the woodland school area. We will be updating you on our progress every week!

## Football Update

Please note that next **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** will now be the last Football Club session of the season as Mr Lack will be marking the field up ready for Athletics. As an end of season celebration, Mr Lack will be hosting a match between Year 5 and 6. School team shirts will be provided for this. Football Club parents are welcome to attend to watch the match from 3.45pm until the usual finishing time of 4.15pm.

## Class Photographs

Last week we sent out proofs of class photographs taken in school on 15<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to place an order for free delivery back to the school then please ensure you place your order by **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**.

We also wanted to acknowledge that we are aware Tempest have made a spelling error on the school name and have received assurance that this will be corrected at the time of printing.

TEMPEST  
PHOTOGRAPHY

### **Housepoint Totals This Week**

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

<b>Chequers</b>	<b>Claydon</b>	<b>Hughenden</b>	<b>Waddesdon</b>
<b>3198</b>	<b>3147</b>	<b>3165</b>	<b>3189</b>

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

### **Ice Pop'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 jokes shared by children during Ice Pop Friday so please do help your child by coming up with a (child-friendly!) funny joke for Fridays! The entries for this week are...



#### **What did demons serve at a party?**

Demonade

*Zack in Year 4*

#### **What do you call a sheep with no legs?**

A cloud

*Oliver in Year 3*

#### **Why does a duck have tail feathers?**

To hide his butt quack!

*Charlie in Year 5*

### **Communications Home**

**Whole school:** REMINDER Class/Club Photographs

**Year 2:** Year 2 Multi-Skills Festival

**Year 3 & 4:** PAYMENT OUTSTANDING Y3 & Y4 Verulamium Trip

**Year 4:** Year 4 – Head Lice

**Year 4:** Year 4 Multi-Skills Festival

**Year 4 & 5:** Secondary Transfer Test – Information Session

**Year 5:** Year 5 – Tennis Event – Thu 7 May 26

**Year 5 & 6 Individuals:** PAYMENT OUTSTANDING Year 5 & 6 Activity Week 2026

**Year 6:** IMPORTANT REMINDER: Year 6 SATS and Attendance

**Year 6:** Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

**River Dart Attendees:** River Dart 2026 – Final Meeting 5pm Today

**River Dart Attendees:** River Dart – Presentation Slides

**Individuals:** Neuro Research Group

**Parent Forum:** Parent Forum – Date Confirmation

**Football Club:** Football Update

**MAC Users:** MAC Booking Form Summer Term 2

**ASC Users:** ASC Booking Form Summer Term 2

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

**MAC Users:** MAC 2025/26

**ASC Users:** ASC 2025/26

**Reception to Year 2:** EYFS & KS1 Trip to Woburn Safari Park (*deadline 15/06/2026*)

**Year 4 Individuals:** AHS Visit – PP Workshop – 9 July 2026 (*deadline 15/05/2026*)

**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 11 May to Thu 14 May		Year 6 SATS Week
Mon 11 May		Year 2 Multi-Skills Event at Aylesbury Grammar School ( <i>parents to drop off at AGS between 9.10-9.25am</i> )
Sun 17 May		Order deadline for Tempest Class Photographs
Thu 14 May		Last football club for the year ( <i>please note this is a change to previous communications</i> )
Fri 15 May		Y3 & Y4 Trip to Verulamium
Mon 18 May – Fri 22 May		Year 6 Residential to River Dart
Mon 18 May to Fri 22 May		Year 5 & 6 Activity Week
Mon 18 May		Year 4 Multi-Skills Event at Aylesbury Grammar School
Mon 18 May		No Handball Club No Netball Club
Wed 20 May		No ZKT Dance
Wed 20 May	5.15pm	Year 4 & 5: Secondary Transfer Test Info Session (Y6 Classroom)
Thu 21 May		Summer Census Day Stir Food Theme Day: The Great Menu Debate
Thu 21 May		No Football Club
Fri 22 May		Park Away Day
Fri 22 May	3.20pm	Summer 1 Term ends

**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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