



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

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Weekly Update Friday 15th May

Well done to Year 6

Mrs Stewart and the Year 6 staff would like to say a huge 'well done' to our Year 6 children who have successfully completed their SATS this week. We know it can be a time of increased anxiety for some children but they have all taken it in their stride and completed their tests with great maturity.



We hope that those children embarking on their residential trip to the River Dart next week have a wonderful time, and those remaining behind to take part in the Activity Week have a fun-filled time with Year 5.



Stir Food Theme Day – The Great Menu Debate

Next Thursday we will be having a special menu from Stir Food, chosen by our School Council! After being presented with three different menu options, the overwhelming consensus was for pizza and chewy cookies for dessert.

If you haven't yet ordered for your child then there is still time to do this via your Swift Kitchen app. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to order hot school meals for your child and would like to start then please contact the School Office to be issued with a code for signing up to the app.

Signing Choir: Please note that if your child attends Signing Choir on a Thursday then they are still able to have a hot meal in the Hall before going through to Signing Choir which takes place during the latter half of lunch time.

Park Away Day - 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>.

iRock - Next Friday

Please note that iRock will still be running next Friday 22nd May despite a typo on their timetable saying that next Friday is a school holiday.



Parking Next Friday

Next Friday afternoon (**Friday 22nd May**) we will be expecting our River Dart coach back to school at around 3pm. We will therefore be asking all parents to please walk to school pick up where possible, or consider parking further away and walking the rest of the way as we anticipate the area being very busy around this time.



Class Teacher Vacancy

Please note that we currently have a Class Teacher vacancy available for a fixed-term contract from September 2026 to August 2027. For further information about the role and to download an application form please head to the Vacancies page on our school website <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies>.

Clubs Next Week

Please note that there will be no Netball, Handball or Dance next week as Miss Telfer is away with the River Dart Residential. These clubs will continue as usual after the half term break. As a reminder, Football Club on Thursdays after school has now finished for the rest of the summer term.

Premier Gymnastics will still be running on **Tuesday 19th May** for Years 2 to 4.

Class Photographs

Don't forget that **Sunday 17th May** is your final chance to place an order for class photographs for free delivery back to the school.



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.

Housepoint Totals This Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
4361	4352	4367	4383

The Values Award was given to Abi in Year 4 and the Tidy Award went to Year 6.

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...



How did the bee get to school?

On the buzzzzzz
Samuel in Reception

Why can't you play football in the jungle?

Too many cheetahs!
Evangeline in Year 1

What do pandas sell on Halloween?

Bam-BOO!
Azzurra in Year 5

What did 0 say to 8?

Nice belt
Hugo in Year 1

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between us, something smells
Amelia in Year 2

An Update from The Friends of SMCS



Well done to everyone who completed the Easter Activity Bingo Challenge - we had around 70 returned entries! We are pleased to announce the winners, with the most returns, was Waddesdon. Well done - you have earned 100 house points. Hughenden earned 80 house points, Claydon 50 and Chequers 25. The winners of a FREE ticket to the summer disco were Iona in Reception and Edie in Year 3.

Summer Fayre News – Saturday 13th June. 12-3:30pm. Free Entry

Plans are well underway for our Summer Fayre. This year we will be assigning a stall to each year group. We hope that this will make it easier for people to offer to help. Look out for details from your Class representative in your Class WhatsApp groups. Here are some of the things that you can be doing over the next couple of weeks:

Plant Sale – Are you able to grow some plants for us to sell at the plant sale? They could be fruits, vegetables or flowers. Please label donations so we know what type of plant they are and drop them off to school at any time during the school day on Friday 12th or Saturday 13th June in the morning.

Children's Tombola – Your child(ren) will come home with a plain bag next week (today if in Year 6). Please get your child to decorate this and then fill it with small treats and toys. Please try and make these bags suitable for a range of ages and remember there must be NO nut products included.

Teddy Tombola – We will be asking for donations of teddies and other soft toys from Tuesday 2nd of June. Please drop off CLEAN donations to the office from this date.

Bottle and Treat Tombola – One of the most popular stalls is the bottle and treat tombola. We will be asking for donations for this, in exchange for a mufti day, on Friday 12th June. Please bring your donations to drop off and leave them on the table out the front of the office. Please make sure all donations are in-date, sealed and are not cleaning products.

Raffle and Stalls – If you are able to provide a raffle prize or wish to have a stall at the fayre please send us an email (friends@smcs.org.uk)

Car Show – Do you own an interesting car/vehicle? An old classic? A modern little nipper? Then why not display it in our Car show? Entries for vehicles are £6 and includes a food token. Please send us an email for a booking form (friends@smcs.org.uk)

Communications Home

Reception to Year 2: Census Day – The Great Menu Debate

Year 3 and 4: Year 3 & 4 Verulamium Trip – Final Information

Year 4: Year 4 – Fun Swimming Session

Year 6: End of SATs Treat

Whole school: Skills for Life – Curriculum Information

River Dart Trip: River Dart 2026 – Final Information

River Dart Trip: River Dart - Medication

Gymnastics Club: URGENT – Gymnastics Cancelled

MAC Users: MAC Booking Form Summer Term 2

MAC/ASC Users: MAC/ASC Booking Links 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*)

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 18 May to 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
Mon 1 Jun		Staff Inset Day
Tue 2 Jun	8.40am	Summer 2 Term starts

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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