



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 5th June

An Update from The Friends of SMCS

Without more help the Summer Fayre will unfortunately have to be CANCELLED

Despite asking each class to provide a few helpers to cover a stall each, the response has been so poor we are currently in a position that the following stalls will not be able to run, and possibly that the Fayre as a whole will have to be cancelled:

- Plant sale (Reception)
- Wristband sales for children's games (Year 1)
- Uniform Sale (Year 2)
- Bubbles (Year 4)
- Children's games area after 1pm (Year 5 and 6 - we need ADULT support here as well as child help)



Sadly the only stalls which we will be able to run are the ones being supported by our ever hard-working staff and governor team. If you are able to help, please let your class rep know, or email us (friends@smcs.org.uk)

Thank you everyone who has already returned a treat bag for our children's tombola. This is a hugely popular stall which often sells out quickly. We are extending the deadline for returning bags to **Wednesday 10th June** to allow some extra time to get this done over the weekend.



If you have not already returned yours, please fill it over the weekend with toys and treats (no nut products) and return it next week. We have spare bags so if you have mislaid yours, or feel you could do another bag, please pop to the office for a new bag.

Raffle tickets - Every family should have received a book of raffle tickets before half term. Please return sold stubs and money to the office as soon as possible. There are plenty of spare tickets so do grab a couple of extra books to sell to family, friends, colleagues. These can also be collected from the office.



Bottle Tombola - **Friday 12th** will be our 'Bring a Bottle' mufti where children can come to school in full mufti, in exchange for a bottle (or two!). Please ensure all bottles are sealed, in date and are not cleaning products. Donations can be dropped off outside of school at drop off.

Teddy Tombola - Don't forget to drop off donations for the Teddy Tombola to the office by **Wednesday 10th**. Please make sure they are CLEAN and in good condition.

Plant Sale - Plant donations can be dropped off at school on **Friday 12th or the morning of Saturday 13th**. Please make sure all plants are labelled with what they are - plant identification is beyond our skill set!

Performances - We love to showcase our children's talent at the Fayre and will be having some special performances:

- 12.30pm Signing Choir
- 1pm Year 2 Maypole Dance
- 1.30pm Year 4 Djembe Drumming
- 2.30pm Piano Recital

Treasure Island Performance

We're delighted to announce that M&M Productions will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 9th June** to perform a special production of 'Treasure Island' for all our children.

This exciting performance is being funded entirely by the school as a special treat for everyone. It promises to be a wonderful theatrical experience that will bring this classic adventure story to life for our pupils.

We're looking forward to what will be a memorable day for all our children!





Netball Team Success

Now that we have played every match for this season, I am very proud to be able to announce that our team for this year came top of our group in the 'Never Ending Netball League'. This league has been put together by another local school and has given the pupils some fantastic opportunities to play other local schools.

The team worked so well together, both on and off court, as well as in training. They gave

it their all every week. I couldn't ask for anything more and I am beyond proud of them all.

Miss Telfer (Netball Coach)

ZKT Dancers

We are incredibly proud of these talented students, who represented Stoke Mandeville School in the ZKT Dance Academy Annual Show. They performed brilliantly on stage and were an absolute credit to their school, demonstrating confidence, commitment, and enthusiasm throughout the event.

A huge well done to every dancer involved – you were amazing!



ZKT Dance Academy runs a Street Dance class every Wednesday during term time. If your child would like to join the fun or you'd like to find out more about our classes, please contact the School Office for further information.

Summer 2 Term Dates

Please find attached an updated list of upcoming dates for the remainder of the summer term.

iRock - SPACES NOW OPEN FOR SEPTEMBER!

At iRock, children experience the excitement of being in a real band, learning instruments, playing songs they love and building confidence through music. Led by passionate and professional Band Coaches, our fun and inclusive in-school sessions help children develop teamwork, resilience and musical skills in a supportive environment. Every term ends with a live concert performance for family and friends, giving children the chance to shine like real rockstars and celebrate everything they've achieved!



Allotment Update

Over the past few weeks, the children have been very busy working hard in our school allotment. We are delighted to share some of the exciting things they have been doing!

Our allotment now has a brand-new scarecrow, proudly standing guard over the growing vegetables. The children have also shown their creativity by planting carrots in an old holey wheelbarrow, giving it a wonderful new purpose.

We have been preparing new planting beds, which the children helped to dig and get ready for growing. These beds are now filled with sweetcorn, celery, tomatoes, and radishes, and everyone is looking forward to watching them grow over the coming weeks.



The children have also enjoyed spotting wildlife in the allotment, including spiders and worms. Some of the children were especially excited to discover a newt, which caused great excitement amongst the group!



A big thank you to our Parent Helpers for all of their work so far, and our After School Club for helping to keep the vegetables watered - this has helped our allotment continue to thrive.

The allotment continues to be a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about gardening, teamwork, and caring for the environment. We are very proud of all their hard work and enthusiasm!

Children's Survey

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel De Souza has contacted our school to enquire if we would be able to help gather the views of children by completing a survey. The survey is to ask children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, they want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

If you could take the time to complete this survey with your child this may influence the way future education looks. The link is here below



<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Housepoint Totals This Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
6893	6843	6817	6801

The Values Award was given to Esmee in Year 2 and the Tidy Award went to Year 3.

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 do you call a sleeping bull?

Bulldozer

David in Year 3

What do you call a sheep on a trampoline?

A woolly jumper

Oliver in Year 3

What help do you get from a lemon?

Lemon Aid

Henry in Year 2

What time do you go to the dentist?

Two thirty

Elowyn in Year 1

What do you call a sheep with no legs

A cloud

Kai in Reception

What do giants say in football?

Fi-fa-fo-fum

Rijul in Year 5

What did the man say when he put his head to the window?

I'm in pane

Jamie in Year 6

Communications Home

Whole school: Signing Choir at the Summer Fayre
Whole school: REMINDER Children's Tombola Bags
Whole school: Coats
Individuals: APDR Meetings – Summer Term 2026
Year 2 Individuals: Maypole Performance - Timings
Year 3 Individuals: Year 3 – Tennis Event
Year 5 & 6: Year 5 & 6 – Summer Fayre Helpers
Year 6: Transition Days – Year 6 to Year 7

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2025/26

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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 05/06/2026*)

Whole school: Mrs Stewart – Retirement Gift Contributions (*deadline 26/06/2026*)

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 8 Jun		RSE Week
Mon 8 Jun		Handball Club to start Netball Club to start
Tue 9 Jun		M&M Productions: Treasure Island
Wed 10 Jun		Extended deadline for returning Children's Tombola Bags to school
Fri 12 Jun		Bottle Mufti Day – Bring a bottle in exchange for
Fri 12 Jun		Deadline for bringing cuddly toys to the School Office
Fri 12 Jun		Deadline for dropping off plants/seedlings for plant stall (these can also be dropped off on Saturday morning if needed)
Sat 13 Jun		Friends of SMCS: Summer Fayre

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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