



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

*Weekly Update Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June*



## Thank you from The Friends of SMCS

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Summer Fayre on Saturday. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying themselves. Also, thank you for the kind donations for the bag tombola, bottle tombola and raffle prizes!

We would like to say a massive 'thank you!' to all our lovely pupils, and staff, for the wonderful entertainment, the Year 2 Maypole dancers (and the Bucks Bear who joined in the fun!), the Signing Choir, the Djembe Drumming Club and piano players.

Events like this wouldn't be able to happen without the support of the hardworking committee team and their families, the staff team of teachers and teaching assistants, governors, the office team and pupil helpers. Your time, help and support is very much appreciated! Thank you all!

## Water Safety Assembly

This week we had a visit from our swim teacher, Debbie Mace, to one of our assemblies. She covered the importance of water safety and provided the children with the letters SAFE. This is to raise everyone's awareness of the dangers of water and the need to follow the code and stay safe

In addition to this, please also find attached some water safety information for parents centred around Drowning Prevention Week.

## The SAFE code

Keep your family SAFE near water, learn the code:

<b>SPOT</b>	<b>Spot the dangers</b> Check for hazards such as tides or currents Consider what could be hidden under the water Be careful of unsafe banks, stay well back from the edge
<b>ADVICE</b>	<b>Take advice</b> Always read the signs Only swim where there is a lifeguard Wear buoyancy aids and life jackets
<b>FRIENDS</b>	<b>Go with a friend</b> Swim with your friends and family Friends can get help Never swim alone
<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>Learn what to do in an emergency</b> Find the nearest phone and call 999 or 112 Shout loudly to attract attention Never enter the water to save someone

The Royal Life Saving Society UK is the drowning prevention charity.  
Find out how you could help save lives by taking part in our **Drowning Prevention Week** campaign at [www.rlss.org.uk](http://www.rlss.org.uk)

## Hot Weather

Due to the forecasted hot weather, we are implementing a modified timetable to keep students safe and comfortable. We will be moving strenuous activities indoors and limiting time in direct sunlight during peak hours.

While many schools relax uniform policies, we ask that your child **continues to wear their full school uniform**. Our uniform fabrics are designed to be breathable, whilst providing essential coverage and protection against UV rays and insect bites.

To help them stay cool, we have made the following adjustments:

**Hydration:** Please ensure your child brings a clearly named, refillable water bottle. We will provide ample opportunities to refill them throughout the day.

**Sun safety:** Please apply high-factor sunscreen before school and send your child with a named sun hat or cap.

 Met Office



**Extreme heat**

**Amber warning**

## Summer 2 Term Dates

Please find attached an updated copy of the Summer 2 Term Dates previously sent at the start of the summer term. Please note any changes have been made in **red**.



Please note that all of our term dates and Inset Days for the next academic year are already on our website under <https://www.stokemandeville.bucks.sch.uk/news-and-events/term-dates>. Please make a note of these so that holiday clashes can be avoided, particularly at the start and end of terms.

## After School Club

Please can we remind parents that if you are late for your child and they have been taken to ASC (After School Club) then you will be charged for this via School Gateway. The charge for our ASC is currently £8 per child and will be rising to £8.50 per session in September.

## iRock Open to new members (including current Reception)

If you would be interested in signing your child up to iRock in the autumn term, please contact iRock directly on [info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com). iRock classes are open for children from Year 1 (current Reception) up to Year 6.



## SAVE THE DATE - SEN Coffee Mornings (Autumn Term)

Wednesday 16th September	9-10.30am	Sensory Coffee Morning with Occupational Therapist
Thursday 1st October	9-10.30am	Relationships Coffee Morning with Educational Psychologist

## Sports Day Information

An email was sent to all parents earlier today regarding our format timings for Sports Day on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June. A summary of the timings can be found below:

**9.05am-12.05pm - Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)**

**1.15-3.15pm - EYFS & Key Stage 1 (Reception-Year 2)**

All children will need to come into school dressed in their PE kit and with a named water bottle, hat and sun cream already applied as we are expecting hot and sunny weather. PE kits will be sent home with children on the Monday afternoon if they're still in school.

Please note there is no seating available but parents are welcome to bring their own seats and parasols or gazebos with them. The Friends will be selling refreshments so please bring plenty of change. Lidded reusable flasks are welcomed for topping up your teas and coffees!

This year we are hiring a portable toilet for parents and carers to use which will be situated in the car park. This will reduce the need for visitors having to sign in via the School Office.

**Collection:** At the end of the afternoon please note that children will be dismissed from their usual exit points at 3.20pm after returning to the classroom from the school field.

**PLEASE NOTE:** In the event the weather status is for another heat wave we may need to reschedule the event to be an internal event for the safety of the children.

## Separated Families

If you have had a change in family circumstances this year and the School Office have not been made aware, please can you get in touch to let us know? This is particularly important if there are separated parents needing two copies of the end of term report. If this is the case then please email the School Office by next **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** at the latest. Thank you.

## Housepoint Totals This Week

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

Chequers	Claydon	Hughenden	Waddesdon
8515	8545	8625	8649

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

## Communications Home

Whole school: Sports Day 2026

Whole school: Warm Weather

Whole school: Hot Weather Update: Timetable Changes & Uniform Guidance

Year 5 Individuals: AHS Outreach Maths Event – Mon 6 Jul

Year 5 & 6 Individuals: Year 5 & 6 – Dance Festival

Reception & Year 6 Individuals: School Nurse: Catch Up NCMP

iRock Pupils: iRock Concert – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Rec/Year 1/Year 2 Individuals: FINAL REMINDER – EYFS & KS1 Trip to Woburn Safari Park  
Year 6 Individuals: REMINDER Transition Days – Year 6 to Year 7

### **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)**

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

### **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 the big flower say to the little flower?**

Hey bud

*Charlie in Year 1*

#### **What do cats dip their chips in?**

Catsup

*Amelia in Year 2*

#### **What did the ketchup say to the mayonnaise?**

You go ahead, I’ll ketchup

*Isabelle in Year 4*

#### **What did the tree say to the bully?**

Leaf me alone

*James in Year 5*

#### **Why is 6 afraid of 7?**

Because 7 ate 9

*Jack in Year 1*

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 22 Jun		School Nursing Team: Reception Vision Screening
<b>Wed 24 Jun</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Dance Festival at The Mandeville School (selected pupils only)</b>
Fri 26 Jun		Park Away Day
<b>Mon 29 Jun</b>		<b>Last Handball Club Last Netball Club</b>

Tue 30 Jun		Sports Day KS2 9.05am-12.05pm KS1 1.15-3.15pm
Tue 30 Jun		Last Gymnastics Club
Wed 1 Jul		Last ZKT Dance Club
Wed 1 Jul	3.20-5pm	Art & DT Showcase and 'Meet the Teacher' in School Hall
Thu 2 Jul	8-8.30am	Art & DT Showcase in School Hall
Fri 3 Jul	9am	Parent Forum in the Meeting Room
Fri 3 Jul		Break the Rules Day (information to follow)
Fri 3 Jul		Stir Food Theme Day: Break the Rules

### **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

**Email:** [office@smcs.org.uk](mailto:office@smcs.org.uk)

**Telephone:** 01296 612371



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