



# Stoke Mandeville Combined School

*Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together*

*Weekly Update Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June*

## SMCS Staffing Update

This year we have some changes to staffing which we wanted to share with you ahead of the children's transition day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Mrs King will be leaving us at the end of this term having worked at the school for the last 6 years. She has worked across the school in Year 3, Reception and the ARP. We wish her well in her future adventures. We will be welcoming Mrs Atkinson to the ARP team in September.



Mrs Baldwin, who has been with us for 5 years, will be moving from Reception to join another nursery school. She has been an amazing member of the Early Years team and she will be missed as she moves to her new position at another nursery. We will be welcoming Mrs Alexander who will join the Reception team.

Mrs Khan as you know is expecting her first baby in August and we have been able to recruit two amazing teachers, Mrs Henry and Mrs Atkinson, to cover her period of leave.

We will also welcome Miss Cruickshank as she joins our Year 1 team and Miss Cummins who starts this coming week as a Midday Supervisor.

Year Group	Staff team
Year 6	<b>Mrs Bentley (Tue-Fri), Mrs Tong (Mon)</b> , Mrs Danel, Mrs Lund, Mrs Swain
Year 5	<b>Mrs Reed</b> , Mrs Barlow, Miss Sims
Year 4	<b>Miss Banks (Mon-Wed), Mrs Tong (Wed-Fri)</b> , Miss Sims, Miss Telfer
Year 3	<b>Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Henry (Days TBC)</b> , Ms Osborne, Mrs Wells
Year 2	<b>Mrs Giles* (Mon-Tue), Mrs Ryan (Tue-Fri)</b> , Mrs Cruickshank, Mrs Hutson <i>*Formerly Mrs Andre</i>
Year 1	<b>Miss Poole</b> , Miss Cooke, Miss Jenkins, Miss Cruickshank
Reception	<b>Mrs Barnett</b> , Mrs Alexander, Miss Fake, Miss Quintana
PPA Cover	<b>Mrs Griffiths</b>
ARP Support	<b>Mrs Atkinson</b> , Mrs Walker, Miss Bracken

Parents will be given the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** between **3.30-5pm** during our Art & DT Showcase.

## Thank you for this week....

It has been a challenging week for everyone with the incredible temperatures seen across the country. While the decision to remain open was difficult with so many other schools not being in this position, we have been very heartened by the messages and comments of support.

A special thank you to those who popped in with cooling treats! They were very much appreciated by all on such hot days and such an act of kindness. Thank you.

*Mrs Stewart, Headteacher*

## Sports Day Information

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding our annual Sports Day. 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. For parents with children in KS1, if your child is currently booked in for ASC on this day but you will be taking them straight from school at collection time then please ensure you inform the office of this by Monday at the latest.



### Meet the Teacher

On **Wednesday 1st July** between **3.30-5pm** we will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' event in your child's new classroom while the Art and DT Showcase is taking place in the Hall. This will give parents and carers the opportunity to introduce themselves to their child's new class teacher ahead of the new academic year.

### iRock Concert Reminder

If you have not yet had a chance to reserve tickets to watch your child play in the iRock Concert on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, please email the School Office as soon as possible with the title 'IROCK CONCERT'. Families may request up to 3 tickets for the performance.

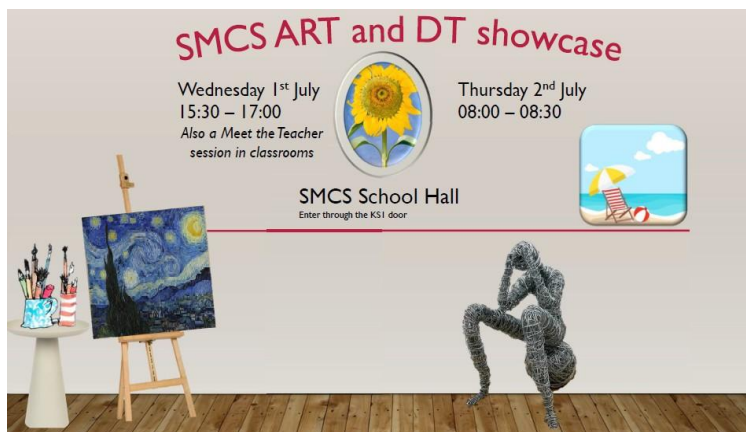
## **Park Away Day – Postponed until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Please don't forget that today's planned Park Away Day has been postponed to **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. Please can we encourage as many families as possible to support this initiative on Monday to give us a final boost towards getting an 'Outstanding' Travel Plan Accreditation on our last Park Away Day of the year.

## **Art and DT Showcase**

Next **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** we will be holding an Art and DT Showcase in the School Hall. The showcase will be held at the following times:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - 3.30-5pm** (this will also be an opportunity for parents to meet their child's new class teacher)



**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 8-8.30am** (exhibition only)

Please note that entry and exit will be through the Key Stage 1 Door. We look forward to welcoming you into school to see what your child has been working on this term!

## **Library Books**

As we are approaching the end of this academic year, we are now asking children to return all of their library books so that we can restock the library and ensure it is ready for September. Please can you ask your children to bring their library books into school next week?

## **Hate Crime**

Following the deeply distressing incidents which have recently happened in some parts of the country we have been asked to share the following attachment. As outlined in this letter from the police, you are able to inform the school of any incident. This can help us to provide support to young people who may have been affected. Serious incidents will also be escalated to the relevant external professionals.

## **KS1 Trip – Stir Food Cancellation**

For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 going on the school trip to Woburn Safari Park on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July please can we remind parents to cancel any food that may have been ordered in advance for this date.

## **Communications Home**

Whole school: Mrs Stewart's Retirement – Extended Deadlines and Tea Party Details

Whole school: UPDATE School Remaining Open Friday

Whole school: Update from Mrs Stewart

Whole school: School Remaining Open (22/6/2026)

Whole school: School Remaining Open (23/6/2026)

Whole school: POSTPONED – Park Away Day

Whole school: No School Crossing Patroller

Whole school: Art and DT Showcase – Next Week

Reception: School Nurse: Post-Vision Screening Letter

Year 1: Year 1 – Great Fire of London

Year 4/5/6 Swimming: Swimming Cancelled

Year 5 Individuals: Cancellation of AHS Event

Year 5 & 6 Individuals: Dance Event – Cancelled

Year 5 & 6: Year 5 & 6 Production – Tickets and Costumes

Year 6 Individuals: REMINDER Year 6 Transition Days

Year 6 Dance Club: Year 6 – ZKT Dance Classes

Netball Club: URGENT Netball Cancelled

## **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 5 & 6:** Year 5 & 6 Performance 2026 – 4pm Tue 14 Jul

**Year 5 & 6:** Year 5 & 6 Performance 2026 – 6pm Wed 15 Jul

**Whole school:** Mrs Stewart – Retirement Gift Contributions (*extended deadline 29/06/2026*)

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 29 Jun		Park Away Day
Mon 29 Jun		Last Handball Club Last Netball Club
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	3.30-5pm	Art & DT Showcase in School Hall 'Meet the Teacher' in classrooms
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
Fri 3 Jul		Stir Food Theme Day: Break the Rules
Tue 7 Jul		Transition Morning (Rec to Year 5) Year 6 Transition Day at new schools

Wed 8 Jul		Year 6 Individuals: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Transition Day at new schools
Wed 8 Jul		EYFS/KS1 School Trip to Woburn Safari Park
Wed 8 Jul		Last Year 4 Swimming
Fri 10 Jul	9-10am	iRock Concert for Parents
Fri 10 Jul		Reports home to parents
Mon 13 Jul	2.30pm	Year 1 – Great Fire of London

### **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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