



Stoke Mandeville Combined School

Caring, Inspiring and Achieving Together

Weekly Update Friday 3rd July

Break the Rules

Today the School Council have managed to raise an incredible

£324.36 from holding their annual Break the Rules Day!

This is a fantastic amount and will be put towards an ice cream van visit for the whole school in the last week of term.



No clubs next week

This is a reminder that all clubs have now finished for the summer term. ASC will continue as normal until Monday 20th July. Please note there will be no ASC on the last day of term (Tuesday 21st July) and all children must be collected by 1.30pm.



England v Mexico Match Replay

School will open at 8.30am on Monday for children who would like to watch a replay of the England v Mexico match together. Children watching should arrive by 8.30am (having had breakfast) and will go straight to the Hall. Those not watching will have a soft start in their classrooms until the match ends.

Action required: To help us to plan staffing safely, please complete the Google form (<https://forms.gle/uDcndLvsEp5WQXbg7>) by 11pm on Sunday to let us know if your child will be attending.

Sports Day

A huge congratulations to **Chequers** for their Sports Day win this week. This was such a wonderful event on Tuesday and we were very lucky to have such great weather. The children were so good throughout and their sportsmanship was fantastic. All staff and parents were truly blown away by how supportive the Year 6 children were for all the events. A special thank you to Mrs Griffiths for organising this event.

Art & DT Showcase

Thank you also to Mrs King and Mrs Khan for coordinating such a fabulous Art and DT exhibition event on Wednesday. It was magical to see so many children share this work with their parents. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to support this exhibition.

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 10th 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.

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?

KS1 Trip – Postponed

Parents in Key Stage 1 have been sent a letter this afternoon to inform them that the planned KS1 trip to Woburn Safari Park has unfortunately been postponed until the autumn term due to the predicted weather next week. We are delighted to say that we have secured the same booking for **Friday 4th September** and will write again to parents at the start of September to let them know what will need to be worn and brought with children on this date. This trip will be for all current Reception, Year 1 and 2 children to attend (despite Year 2 moving up a key stage) and all permissions currently in place will be carried over.

KS1 Stir Food Bookings: As a reminder if you have cancelled your child's school meal for Wednesday then please remember to rebook as soon as possible via the SwiftKitchen app.

Summer Swimming Courses at Wendover Pool

Please find attached a flyer from Aqua Dragons Swim Pool about a summer swimming course that they are offering at The Wendover Pool. This is an intensive 5 day swimming course for children which includes water safety.

An Update from the Friends

Summer Disco

It is not long now until the end of the year and our summer disco is fast approaching. Please see the attached poster for further details

Reception and KS1 - 6-7pm
KS2 - 7:15-8:30pm (Year 6 until 9pm)

Pre-loved Uniform

We are currently over-run with donations so for a while will only be accepting uniform with a school logo on it. Please put clean, good condition items in the wheelie bin on the playground. If you would like any items please drop us an email and we will have a look at what we have (friends@smcs.org.uk).



AGM and Film Night

This year has flown by and we have had a great time organising a variety of events, from bingo nights to fayres and uniform sales to treat sales. We would like to invite you to join us for our AGM on **Friday 2nd October 2026** to hear about all the things we have achieved this year, including two exciting recent funding projects. We will be running a film night alongside this so you don't even need to book a babysitter! There will be further details in the new academic year, but please save the date. We are always open to new members joining us so if you are interested please drop us an email, or just come along to the AGM and see what it's all about.

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 get if you cross a centipede with a parrot?

A walkie talkie

Rupert in Year 3



How did the cow get to school?

By moooving

Max in Reception

Knock knock

Who's there?

Doctor

Doctor Who?

Yes you watch that show too

Effie in Year 2

Where does a snow leopard sleep?

Mount Ever-rest

Rupert in Year 3

Why did the cow cross the road?

To get to the moovies

Elowyn in Year 1

Communications Home

Whole school: England v Mexico Match Viewing

Whole school: REMINDER Break the Rules Day

Whole school: TODAY Art & DT Showcase

Whole school: REMINDER Sports Day 2026
 Whole school: Sports Day – Parking This Afternoon
 Whole school: Heatwave Update
 KS1 Individuals: KS1 Prize Giving Ceremony
 Rec to Year 2: Update regarding KS1 School Trip
 Year 1: Year 1 Food Tasting
 KS2 Individuals: KS2 Prize Giving Ceremony
 ARP: ARP – Picnic On The Field
 Current Rec to Year 5 MAC Users: MAC Booking Form Autumn Term 1 2026/27
 Current Rec to Year 5 ASC Users: ASC Booking Form Autumn Term 1 2026/27
 MAC/ASC Users: MAC/ASC Payment Reminder Summer Term 2 2025/26
 iRock Individuals: REMINDER – iRock Concert

Payments/Consent Forms Available on School Gateway

MAC Users: MAC 2025/26

ASC Users: ASC 2025/26

MAC Users: MAC 2026/27

ASC Users: ASC 2026/27

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

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

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

Date	Time	Event
Mon 6 Jul	8.30am	England v Mexico Match Replay (School Hall)
Tue 7 Jul		Transition Morning (Rec to Year 5) Year 6 Transition Day at new schools
Wed 8 Jul		Year 6 Individuals: 2 nd Transition Day at new schools
Wed 8 Jul		EYFS/KS1 School Trip to Woburn Safari Park POSTPONED to Fri 4 Sep
Wed 8 Jul		Last Year 4 Swimming
Fri 10 Jul	9-10am	iRock Concert for Parents
Fri 10 Jul		Reports home to parents
Fri 10 Jul	PM	Year 5 & 6 Production Dress Rehearsal to whole school
Mon 13 Jul	2.30pm	Year 1 – Great Fire of London
Tue 14 Jul	4pm	Year 5 & 6 Production
Wed 15 Jul	6pm	Year 5 & 6 Production
Thu 16 Jul	2.15-4pm	Mrs Stewart's Retirement Tea Party – <i>parents invited to drop in</i>
Fri 17 Jul	PM	Stoke's Got Talent
Fri 17 Jul	6-9pm	Friends of SMCS Summer Disco Reception and KS1 - 6-7pm KS2 - 7:15-8:30pm (Year 6 until 9pm)
Mon 20 Jul	9am 10.30am	KS1 Prize Giving Ceremony (<i>invited children only</i>) KS2 Prize Giving Ceremony (<i>invited children only</i>)
Tue 21 Jul	9am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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

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