



PARENT BULLETIN | 17TH OCTOBER 2025

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS UPDATE

World Mental Health Day – Hello Yellow

With Hello Yellow Day last week Friday, to support young people's mental health and wellbeing, students were invited to wear something yellow. There were yellow-themed snacks available at Tuck Shop, and students took part in a range of uplifting activities designed to promote positivity and self-care. It was a great opportunity to celebrate wellbeing together.



Sensory Exploration – Tuff Trays

At Stocklake Park, sensory exploration trays (commonly known as Tuff Trays) are a vital pedagogical tool used to enrich curriculum delivery and support the holistic development of students with complex needs, ASD, and PMLD. These trays provide multi-sensory, immersive experiences that are accessible, engaging, and adaptable to individual learning profiles.



Why We Use Them

- To stimulate curiosity and encourage exploration through touch, smell, sight, and sound.
- To differentiate learning and make abstract concepts concrete and meaningful.
- To support communication, interaction, and emotional regulation.
- To link learning to EHCP outcomes, particularly in cognition, communication, and sensory regulation.
- To develop fine motor skills, early problem-solving, and independence.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

It was great to see many of you at Parents' Evening last week and this week, and to hear some lovely feedback. I hope that you enjoyed sampling the school meals and desserts too. See below for the QR code for the parent survey, if you have not yet had the opportunity to complete this.



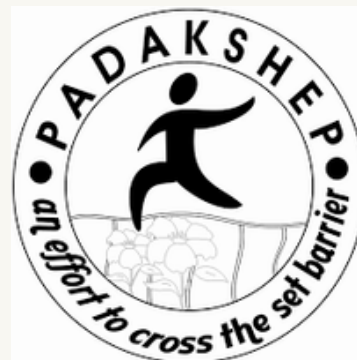
We have seen fantastic examples of sensory based learning which included interesting tuff trays. There could be some ideas here that you might want to try at home.



We had staff engaging in training on the Propel programme this week. The programme has been developed specifically to make a difference to the lives of students living with learning disabilities, difficulties and/or autism. It is designed to increase self-esteem for students and is something that we embed into our practice.

Rhonda

COLLABORATION WITH PRATHAM PADAKSHEP



Stocklake Park is excited to be exploring a collaboration with Pratham Padakshep, a special needs school in Kolkata, India. They deliver centre-based services that support children and young adults in developing essential life and communication skills, as well as income-generating abilities for independent living. As part of our Diwali celebrations, we'll also be sharing pictures of our arts and crafts activities—stay tuned!

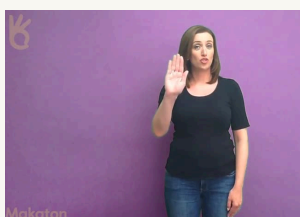


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SIGN OF THE WEEK

Core Word



CALENDAR



Monday 20th October

Diwali

Thursday 23rd October

MASKS Coffee Morning - 10am

Friday 24th October

Big Straw Festival - Stoke Mandeville

Last day of Term

****Half term: 27th to 31st October****

Monday 3rd November

Students return to school

Tuesday 4th November

Talk Money Week

Wednesday 5th November

Bonfire Night

Monday 10th November

World Science Day

Tuesday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Friday 14th November

Children In Need

Wednesday 19th - Tuesday 25th November

Road Safety Week

Monday 24th - Sunday 30th November

UK Parliament Week

Saturday 29th November

MASKS Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 9th December

Carol-fest

Friday 19th December

Last day of Term

****Christmas Break: 22nd December to 2nd January****

Monday 5th January - INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January

Students return to school

MASKS CHRISTMAS FAYRE



USEFUL INFORMATION

Buckinghamshire Supported Internship

Open Day

13.11.2025

10.30am-12.30pm

Buckinghamshire New University

59 Walton St, Aylesbury, HP21 7QG

Nearest Parking at Walton St Car Park

- Tour our outstanding facilities
- Participate in Q&A sessions with our expert team
- Visit our training Owl & Duck Café
- See how our Supported Internship programme changes lives through employment
- Supporting young adults aged 18-24yrs with an EHCP

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Have a great weekend.

Bradley Taylor, Principal

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