

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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WE 19.6.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic week at Stanhope with lots of **wider enrichment** events going on and also lots of children engaged in their **creative enquiry** in the classroom. We welcomed **James Dasalou** in on Tuesday for our Sports for Champions fundraising day and the children were inspired by his achievements, athleticism and determination to be his best self. Year 5 enjoyed their trip to Cadburys World bring back plenty of chocolate. Also during the week, it has been super to see the creations children in Year 5 have produced inspired by Louise Bourgeois' Maman sculpture. Ruby even produced her own creation at home and brought it to school. I think she has done an amazing job! Apologies we were forced to cancel Sports Day on Wednesday but this had to be postponed to next week (Wed 24th June). Thank you for your understanding.



We also had x10 children going out to a **Y3 / 4 Handball** tournament with myself and Mr Hall. The team's **resilience** was great to see and we hope they enjoyed it. We want to ensure children get the chance to attend competitive sports events and are happy to hear from parents who may want to support after school sports clubs from September to support children prepare, train and then be increasingly ready for events like these. If you are willing to offer some time on a regular basis to support the running of an after school club—do get in touch (nbridges@stanhope.notts.sch.uk). Thank you Mr Ghafoor and Mrs Miles taking our children to the Royal Concert Hall on Thursday to rehearse for the Flying High Pupil Awards. It was a real privilege to see Stanhope children sing, showcase Art work and receive their awards on the night and a big thank you to parents for attending. Today, children in Nursery and Reception are out to visit Lakeside and we are sure they will have a wonderful time.



We hope you have a great weekend and look forward to another busy week coming up with no wet weather cancellations for Sports day as I hear parents have been limbering up for the parents race! Best Wishes, Mrs Bridges.



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**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

ATTENDANCE UPDATE:

As a school we will continue to focus on exceptional attendance as this is essential for children to make the best progress. As a whole school, we have a target for the year of **97%**.

Class	This Week	This Year
Reception (Acorns)	90%	94%
Year 1 (Elm)	96%	96%
Year 2 (Chestnut) ★	98%	96%
Year 3 and 4 (Pine)	93%	97%
Year 3 and 4 (Maple)	97%	96%
Year 3 and 4 (Cedar)	97%	96%
Year 5 (Willow)	97%	96%
Year 5 (Sycamore)	95%	94%
Year 6 (Hazel)	90%	95%
Year 6 (Oak)	85%	92%

At and Above School Attendance Target	97% +
Below Target and Attendance causing	95% -
Serious Attendance Concern: Persistent Absence	90%-
Whole School Target	97%
Actual Whole School Weekly Attendance	94.02%

Be IN to WIN!

To celebrate the kick off of the **World Cup 2026** and to keep our focus on attendance in this Summer term —we will be running an initiative in these next two weeks **“Be IN to WIN!”** The class with the top attendance WB 15.6.2026 is **CHESTNUT Y2** and they will **WIN** a new football to share at playtime.

Also—children who have been IN every day (Monday to Friday) WB 15.6.2026 and then WB 22.6.2026 will be entered into a raffle (drawn at Stanhope Star Assembly) to win a small football to take home! One child will win each of the next two weeks coming up! We will share the individual “In to Win” winner today in assembly!



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KEY DATES:

NEW DATE Wednesday 24th June	SPORTS DAY KS2 = 9:15—12:00 Reception & KS1 = 1:45—3:00 FOSS will be running a stall to purchase snacks and drinks from during the Sports Day events.	Reception to Year 6
Wednesday 24th June	Y2 into Y3 Parent Transition Meeting @ 3:15pm Meet in Y2 classroom at end of school day with your child*	Current Y2 chn and parents
Wednesday 24th June	New to Reception Sept 2026 Parents Meeting at 5:30pm (Lower School Hall)	Letters have been sent out re this induction meeting
Thursday 25th June	Year 3 / 4 Trip to MAGNA Science Park	Year 3 and 4
Thursday 25th June	Year 5 Willow Trip to Gedling Library	Y5 Willow
Friday 26th June	Y1 Trip to Sherwood Forest	Year 1
Monday 29th June	Y6 London Residential Parent Meeting @ 3:30pm	Year 6 parents
Thursday 2nd July	Transition Morning (Nursery to Year 5)	Nursery to Y5
Wednesday 8th July	Year 6 Performance (5:00pm)	Year 6
Friday 10th July	Rocksteady Concert (Lower School 9am)	
Friday 10th July	FOSS Summer Picnic & Festival (from 12 noon)	Whole School
Wednesday 15th July	Stanhope Curriculum Open Afternoon (2:30—4:00pm)	Nursery to Year 5
15th—17th July	Year 6 London Residential	Year 6
Thursday 16th July	Y3 / 4 One Life Parent Workshop (optional)	Year 3 and 4 parents
Tuesday 21st July	Nursery Sports Event	Nursery
Wednesday 22nd July	Current Reception children "Graduation" @ 2pm	Reception
Wednesday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 5:00—6:30pm	Year 6
Friday 24th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9:30am (Upper Hall)	Year 6

[2026—2027 Holiday and term dates can be found here.](#) Please do note that we are seeing an increase of children being absent during the Summer term with time taken for holidays. We have no choice but to carry out fines for unauthorised holidays taken during term time.

Flying High Pupil Awards

Our 2026 winners are:

UNIQUE = Amelia S Y6: Amelia is a pupil in our school who embodies specifically our Stanhope value of "Be Kind." She is consistently kind, supporting her peers and always respectful to adults throughout the school. She communicates well and with clarity and is a child who has been identified by multiple staff as demonstrating on a daily basis what we would expect from children who are aiming to be their very best self. We have no doubt with her resilience, strong moral compass and ambition, she will go on to really succeed in her secondary school and beyond.

EXCEPTIONAL = Yaseen A Y2: Yaseen is in our Year 2 cohort and exemplifies a thirst for knowledge; displaying curiosity throughout the curriculum and especially in our Enquiry learning. Yaseen demonstrates Stanhope's vision of "a love of learning for LIFE!" and is a credit to the learning we are aiming to role model in our school. Yaseen is incredibly polite and confident, talking articulately about the knowledge he has gained. Yaseen always presents his learning to a high standard and as such is an outstanding pupil who we are very proud of!

SUSTAINABLE = Leighton P Y6: Leighton is a Year 6 pupil and stands out as being responsible, kind and mature. He currently has a "community leader" role in our school and as such organises our weekly tea party to celebrate our Stanhope Stars! Leighton can always be relied upon to make good choices which embody the Stanhope Way. He always acts responsibly and stands out as someone who can be trusted by adults across the school. Leighton will problem solve independently and shows resilience throughout the school day. He is quietly self-assured and a great credit to our school in addition to being a fantastic role model to younger pupils.

COMMUNITY IMPACT = Bella Y5: Bella has been spotted living out the value of our Stanhope Way noticeably by caring for our environment. Bella has taken incredible community responsibility and consistently picks up litter on her way to school each morning. She does this so often that members of our school community have noticed and Bella was recognised by a parent at our school with a box of maltesers for showing such a sense of responsibility to our local area.

SPORTS CHILD OF THE YEAR = Erin H Y4

Erin is an outstanding gymnast. She trains with incredible discipline multiple times throughout the week at Nottingham Gymnastics Academy and is now performing to a high standard. Erin is a Stanhope Star outside of school in this regard and her dedication is an inspiration to her peers and our school community!

Pupil Parliament Representatives: Y5 Abbas H and Zachary T

Art Showcase created by: Harry S and Nife O

MUSIC: Thank you to all Mrs Palmer and Mr Ghafoor leading the singing at school this term and especially the children who participated in the event: Sushansh, Edie, Toby, James, Rico, Isobella, Xanthe and Audrey.



SPORTS FOR CHAMPIONS

THANK YOU!



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Thank you for fantastic support for our **Sports for Champions Day** today! It has been super to welcome James Dasalou into Stanhope. He led an assembly with children first thing where it was great to hear about his love of football to start and then passion for athletics. James talked about being his best self—staying positive and having resilience when rising to the challenges in sport. James has then has run our Fitness Circuits throughout the morning which children have very much enjoyed. A huge thank you to all children who have raised any sponsorship—those children who raise £50 or more individually had their photo taken with James too. An incredible effort across our school and we have raised in excess of £1000!

