

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support this week in what has felt in school—and I am sure at home—like a long five days! The heat has brought added hurdles to overcome this week but despite this we had a super morning on Wednesday for KS2 Sports Morning. Also, our Y2 into Y3 Parents Meeting and New to Reception Sept 2026 meeting which took place later the same afternoon. We recognise that we will not have agreement from all parents in decisions that we make as a school but appreciate your understanding this week especially and will always reflect on feedback from parents. Well done to Year 3 and 4 who had a great trip out to Magna on Thursday (despite some transport issues...). A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who came with us. Year 5 Class Willow also enjoyed their trip to Gedling Library on Thursday and we will look forward to welcoming Sam in from the library to talk to children about the Summer Library Reading Challenge before we break up.

There has been lots of comment in the media about schools and how our buildings are often not set up to cope with heatwave temperatures. Every school is different and at Stanhope we have an air conditioned Y6 block which we have tried to share out across the week so other year groups have accessed some time in here. Certain classrooms in our school are obviously hotter than others and we are looking into gaining quotes for some additional air conditioning for future hot weather.



Next week, there are lots of **transition activities** throughout the school with our Nursery to Year 5 Stanhope transition morning taking place on Thursday (2nd July) and also Year 6 transition days to various secondary schools throughout the week. Teachers are looking forward to meeting their new classes and we were pleased to have Miss Gallagher in this week who will join us teaching in Year 5 next year.

Fingers crossed the heat abates this weekend and no doubt we will be navigating the challenges of thunderstorms and rain next week!

Best Wishes, Mrs Bridges.



Miss Gallagher

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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)	83%	94%
★ Year 1 (Elm) 	96%	96%
Year 2 (Chestnut)	91%	96%
★ Year 3 and 4 (Pine)	97%	97%
Year 3 and 4 (Maple)	93%	96%
Year 3 and 4 (Cedar)	91%	96%
Year 5 (Willow)	94%	96%
Year 5 (Sycamore)	84%	94%
Year 6 (Hazel)	93%	95%
Year 6 (Oak)	86%	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	91%



What a hot week of weather: we recognise the heat will have impacted attendance across our school and will do our best to always risk assess any weather conditions but stay open where we can.



As you know, we went ahead with our KS2 Sports morning on Wednesday with additional precautions in place. Thank you to staff for getting gazebos set up on Tuesday night!

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KEY DATES:

Monday 29th June	Y6 London Residential Parent Meeting @ 3:30pm	Year 6 parents
Wednesday 1st July	KS1 and F2 Sports PM 1:45—3:00 (re-arranged date)	F2 / Y1 / Y2
Thursday 2nd July	Transition Morning (Nursery to Year 5)	Nursery to Y5
Tuesday 7th July	Gedling Library into talk to Reception children	Reception
Wednesday 8th July	Year 6 Performance (5:00pm)	Year 6
Thursday 9th July	Y5 Quad Kids Athletics Event (letter to follow)	(x12 chn from Y5)
Friday 10th July	Rocksteady Concert (Lower School 9am)	
Friday 10th July	FOSS Summer Picnic & Festival (optional collection of children 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

Safety around Open Water—increased awareness with hot weather:

With the hot weather, there are always increased concerns around keeping children safe near open water. We talked about this in our assembly last week on Safeguarding inside and outside of school. We would encourage parents to talk to their children (especially in KS2) about the dangers of open water / cold water shock. Click on the links for additional resources which may support this: [Strategy](#) | [National Water Safety Forum](#) and [RNLI](#)

Holiday Clubs at Stanhope: (Summer 2026)

You will know that Jesters provide paid for wraparound childcare open to pupils at Stanhope. This year, we will also be hosting a "Stanhope Holiday Club" run by Rattle and Roll. This provision will be open to children who are eligible for pupil premium. Stanhope children (eligible for PP) are welcome to attend and the offer will be shared with other local school children too.



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A few reminders at the end of this week:

Supervision on Play Equipment:

Just a reminder to parents that at the end of the school day, if children are using play equipment e.g. tyre park / trim trail etc—parents are responsible for the supervision of children on this equipment.

Car Parks at Stanhope:

A reminder that parents should not be using the school car parks unless they have a disabled badge themselves and have sought permission from the school office or unless their child has additional needs and so an agreement has been made between the school and parent to best support individual provision needs of a child.

The Upper School car park (as you will know) has pedestrians and children walking through it at the start and end of the day and so we want to minimise the number of cars which may be moving during the start and end of the day. Currently we have both car parks open throughout the day and in order to be an accessible site, there is no current alternative arrangement which can be in place. We will continue to review the car parks to ensure our site safety for our whole school community.



Medication and Care Plans

- We can only administer prescribed medication
- Medication required 3 times per day can be done at home - before school, after school and before bed
- See School Office for the forms to complete
- Care plans are written for children with ongoing medical needs
- Teachers and parents work together to complete the care plan
- Let us know if you feel your child requires a care plan





Hello from FOSS!

We have recently experienced some issues with the FOSS email address. If you have been in contact with us recently we will get back to you once the issue has resolved. If you have anything urgent for FOSS, please contact the school office, who will pass your message on to us.

As the end term of term is fast approaching, everyone at FOSS would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. We hope we have been able to support all Stanhope children and families and provide opportunities for everyone to get involved where possible.

Whether you have donated, suggested ideas, volunteered your time, or supported us in other ways, your contribution is appreciated.

For those children/families continuing into the next school year we look forward to seeing you at all our future events.

Upcoming Events

- * Summer Festival – Friday 10th July
- * Year 6 Leavers' Disco

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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