

Creating a love of learning for LIFE!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at Stanhope with lots going on. There is a strong focus this year on children being their “best selves” and starting this academic year with PROUD presentation and handwriting. Thank you to those parents who came in on Wednesday to our **Parent Open Afternoon**—if you missed this opportunity, you can access the generic slides [here](#). We were lucky to have Mr and Mrs Bower in school this Monday to lead an assembly on the orchestra and we had great fun hearing some instruments being played! New to Stanhope this year is Inspire Music who come in on a Thursday to support the teaching of music in KS2.



It has also been great to have **after school clubs** start up this week. We would encourage children to attend clubs every week unless they are unwell as we have a waiting list for all clubs. If your child does not attend on a regular basis, their place will be allocated to another child. I had lots of fun with Handball Club yesterday and I have heard some delicious flapjacks were made on Tuesday in Cooking Club! It has also been fantastic to see our **Nurture provision** start up this year. Many children across the school access Nurture whether this be through cooking or forest school with Mrs Measures or Lego Therapy and ESLA with Mrs Vernon. I was certainly impressed to see children go home on Tuesday with some tasty looking pizza wraps!



Also this week, we had a treat of the Trunk Theatre company coming in to deliver a workshop for children on **The Great Fire of London** which the children very much enjoyed. We also had our first School Council meeting with Mrs Mason and Junior Leader positions were announced. These children will have more information on their leadership position next week. You will now have received your child's Knowledge Organiser which will give you more information about their Enquiry question this term and the key language which they will acquire. Thank you for your support reading with / encouraging your child to read **at least x4 a week**: the reading diaries I have looked at are being filled in to a high standard! Hoping you have a super weekend, Best Wishes, Mrs Bridges.

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Attendance Update:

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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) 	99%	99%
Year 1 (Elm)	93%	95%
Year 2 (Chestnut)	93%	93%
Year 3 (Maple)	89%	94%
Year 4 (Cedar)	91%	95%
Year 5 (Willow)	97%	98%
Year 5 (Sycamore)	96%	97%
Year 6 (Hazel)	90%	95%
Year 6 (Oak)	91%	94%

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

2026—2027 Holiday and term dates [can be found here](#). Please do note that we **have no choice but to carry out fines for unauthorised holidays taken during term time**.

Autumn Term Enquiry Questions: Driver = History

Nursery	What makes me special?
Reception	What makes us who we are?
Year 1	How much have our lives changed?
Year 2	What has changed and what has stayed the same?
Year 3	How do we know if we weren't there?
Year 4	Why do people follow and resist?
Year 5	Do invasions always result in change?
Year 6	Can all actions be justified?



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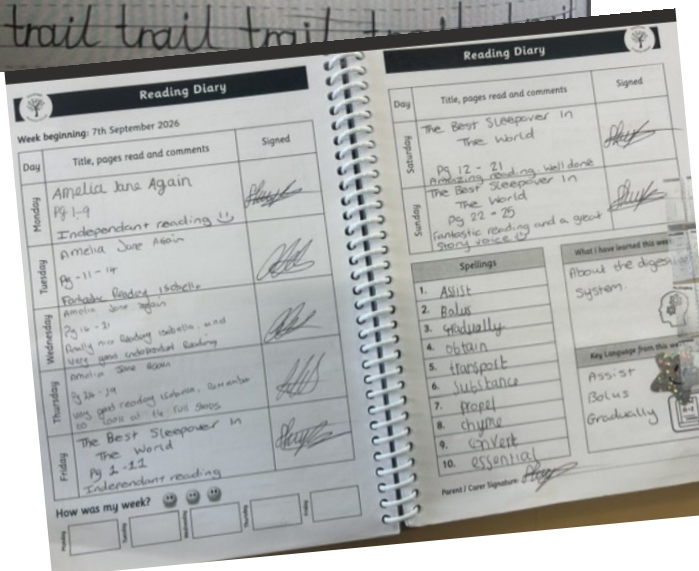
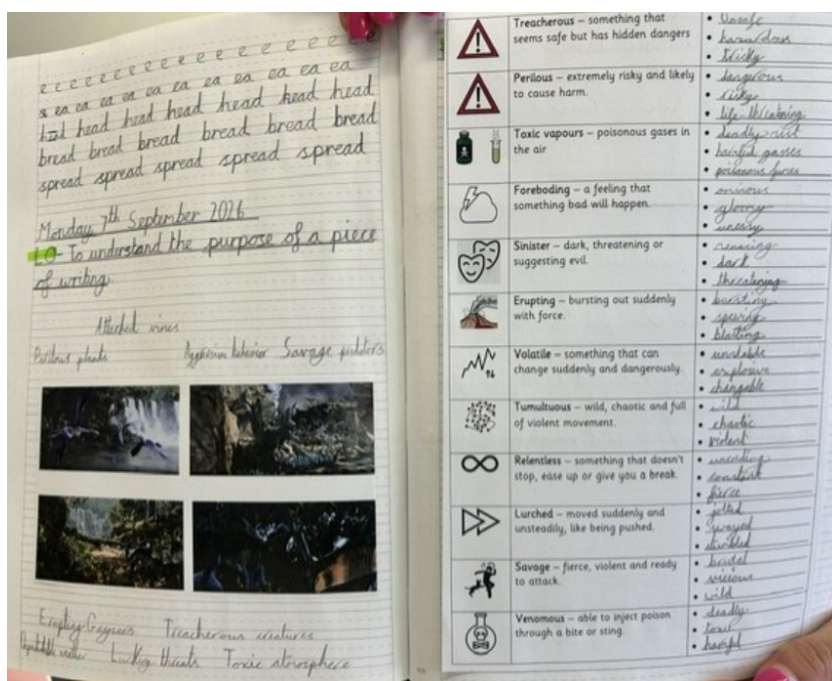
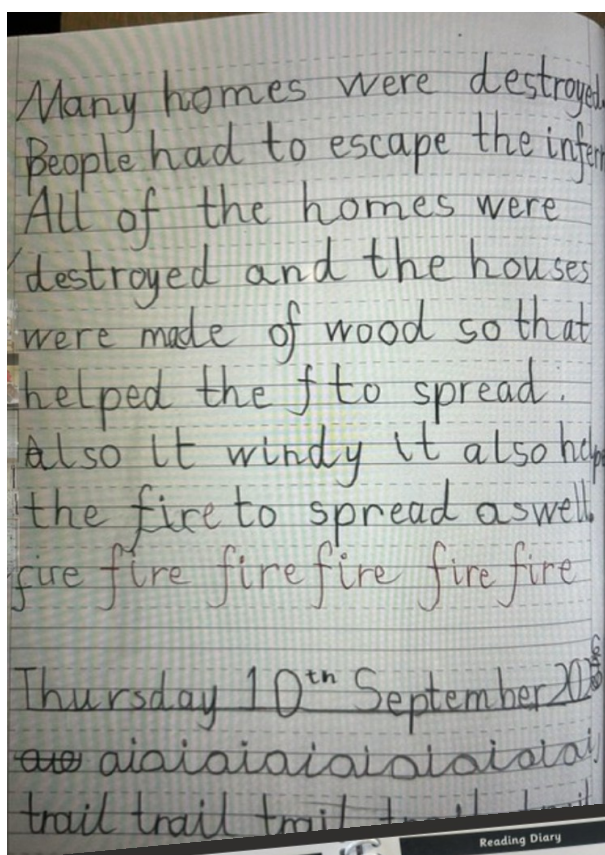
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Coats to be sent in daily please!

We have been caught a couple of times this week with the weather. Please do make sure that you send your child in with a coat every day.

Children thinking about PROUD presentation and being their best selves in learning!



Super writing in Year 2 and Year 6 above.

Great to see children in Year 4 practising their spellings at home and filling in their reading diaries every day! Wow! What a great start to the term!

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Key Dates: Whole School Annual Dates for [2026—27 can be found here](#). Dates “coming up” are listed below.

Wed 23rd / Thurs 24th / Fri 25th September	BOOK FAIR in school (Upper Hall) Open from 3:15—4:00pm on these days: all welcome!	
Saturday 26.9.2026	Stanhope Community “Site Maintenance” Day!	Let Mrs Bridges know if you can offer any time!
Wednesday 30.09.2026	Year 3 Partnership Afternoon: from 2:15pm	Year 3
Thursday 1.10.2026	Black History Month	
Friday 2.10.2026	Parent Online Safety Workshop (Miss Downer) 9—10	Flyer to follow.
Thursday 8.10.2026	Year 1 Trip to Museum of Childhood	Year 1
Thursday 8.10.2026	Parents Evening 3:30 – 5:00pm	Letter etc to follow
Friday 9.10.2026	Parent Online Safety Workshop (Miss Downer) 9—10	Flyer to follow.
Wednesday 14.10.2026	Parents Evening 3:30—6:00pm	Letter etc to follow.
Friday 16.10.2026	Just One Tree Day—Dress in green and pledge a £1 to plant a tree for the future!	More information will follow.
Half Term WB 19.10.2026—WE 30.10.2026		
Monday 2.11.2026	Return to school	
Tuesday 3.11.2026	Flu Vaccinations (am)	
Thursday 5.11.2026	Year 1 Partnership Afternoon @ 2:15pm	Details to follow
Tuesday 10.11.2026	SEND and Gedling Family Hub Coffee Parent Coffee Morning 9—10	
WB 16.11.2026	Ant-Bullying Week “Break the Silence”	

We will have a Scholastic Book fair in next week (Wed, Thurs, Fri from 3:15—4:00 in the Upper Hall / or just outside the upper hall weather dependent.) Come and browse the selection of newly released titles and if you would like to buy a book—you can do so with cashless payment via phone or credit/debit cards



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