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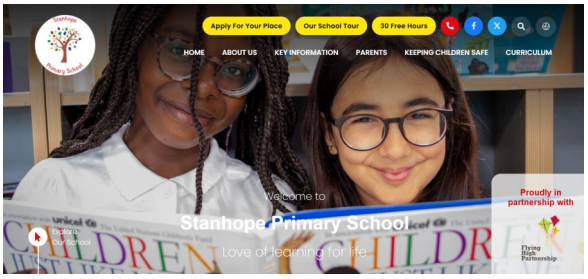
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WE 25.9.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A busy third week back of the Autumn term and it has been great to see so many parents support the **Book Fair** at the end of the day at Upper School. Thank you! We also had a photographer in on Wednesday to take some updated images to support our updates to the school website so that it reflects our current provision at Stanhope: do take a look!





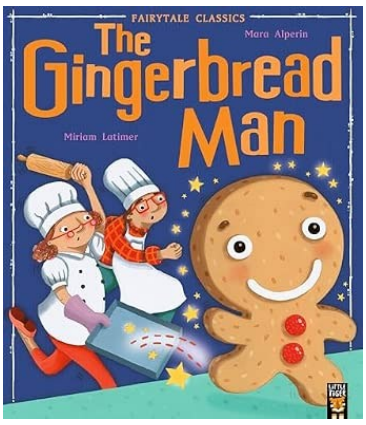
Well done to our **Junior Leaders** across Year 5 and 6 who applied for a position. They will have met this week with their staff leader who will have talked through how their leadership position will run across the year. I was very impressed with Lucy, Andrea and Callie who supported our weekly tea party yesterday!

Clubs are continuing across the school and it was great to see **Cooking Club** making sandwiches this week where the children could choose their own fillings and prepare everything independently. Everyone had the chance to peel a hard-boiled egg to make egg mayonnaise which they all enjoyed doing. Our **Curriculum Kitchen** is being well used with Nursery making gingerbread men in there on Wednesday to link to their text of The Gingerbread Man! They were having a great time!









It has also been lovely to see children enjoying break and lunchtimes so much. Miss Vernon was having a great time on Thursday dancing in KS1 and Mrs Measures was supervising the rope swing with KS2. We are looking forward to developing play provision when we start our journey with Opal later this academic year.

Hope you have a super weekend: **school is open this weekend on Saturday 10—2** if anyone has a spare couple of hours to help with some digging / painting! 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)	97%	99%
Year 1 (Elm)	94%	95%
Year 2 (Chestnut)	96%	93%
Year 3 (Maple)	95%	94%
Year 4 (Cedar)	95%	95%
Year 5 (Willow)	95%	98%
Year 5 (Sycamore)	93%	97%
Year 6 (Hazel)	95%	95%
Year 6 (Oak)	98%	94%

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

Whole School Target	97%
Actual Whole School Weekly Attendance	95.17%

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.**

DINNERS CHANGES



Our catering is provided by Tracy and her team through Nottingham City Catering.

Children are asked each morning if they would like one of three choices**: Meat / Vegetarian / Something Different**. They are able to make this choice during registration and the teacher shares the menu options for the day.

As a reminder, you have the flexibility to choose your child's dinner each day on Arbor before the cut-off time of 9am. This helps us avoid any duplications when the class teacher takes the register. Moreover, you can also select your child's meal options for the entire week, as long as this is done before the cut-off time.

Have a look at the menu options and allergy information here.
We appreciate your patience as we navigate this new system. If you have any further queries or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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Read at least x4 a week!

Thank you to children and parents supporting us make a great start with our Reading Diaries across school. We are asking children to read at least x4 a week and sign / have their Reading Diary signed to support our Reading ambitions!

Online Safety Parent Workshop—KS2 next week / KS1 & EYFS the week after!



We know that children's experience of growing up is now heavily affected and influenced by the online world.

We cover online safety regularly in the curriculum but would like to offer parents the chance to come in for an Online Safety Workshop with our computing lead. There will be a session for KS2 parents coming up on the 2nd October and a session for KS1 / EYFS parents coming up on 9th October.

In response to the impact on the online world, schools need to do more to support children play in the real world! Some great play happening this week and Stanhope and more to develop as we start our partnership with Opal Play which begins in January 2027.





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Key Dates: Whole School Annual Dates for 2026—27 can be found here. Dates "coming up" are listed below.

Saturday 26.9.2026	Stanhope Community "Site Maintenance" Day! (weeding / painting) 10 am—2pm	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 Launch	
Thursday 1.10.2026	Special themed Goose Fair Dinner Day Menu	see below
Friday 2.10.2026	Parent Online Safety Workshop (KS2) 9—10	Flyer on Dojo
Tuesday 6th / Wednesday 7th October (all day)	**Flying High Partnership colleagues** in school to review our school improvement journey.	Whole school
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 (KS1 & EYFS) 9—10	Flyer on Dojo.
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
Friday 6th November	FOSS: DISCO! (Info coming up…!)	Reception to Y6
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"	
Tuesday 17th November	Y5 Viking Workshop (children)	Year 5



Thursday 1st October

GOOSE FAIR DAY

Pork hot dog
Veggie hot dog
served with diced potatoes
fried onions and mushy peas
or
Jacket potato with cheese & beans

Toffee apple cookie

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