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WE 2.10.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents who came in on Wednesday for our **Y3 Partnership Afternoon:** it was great to have you in school and get stuck into some art work and handwriting practice! There has been lots going on in Nurture provision this week and children from Y6 were very excited to have made sausage rolls on Monday afternoon! We talked in our Monday assesmbly about **how we stay safe** inside and outside of school and children were incredibly thoughtful with their responses. We also completed a **whole school pupil survey** as we want to ensure we are feeding pupil voice into our school improvement plans. Mrs Mason and the school council will pick up pupil responses and work with our leadership team to decide next steps. We also launched **Black History Month** this week with the optional chance to choose a black British inspirational figure and submit a poster of no more than 500 words by Monday 2nd November to be published in a book for our library spaces. Thank you Poppy for the first entry!

Myself and Mrs Wright have been in classrooms often this week—looking at standards in books and ensuring that our feedback and marking supports children making good progress in their learning consistently. Our **2026– 27 school targets** we are working on across the school are:

Further strengthen the consistency of teaching and learning so that high-quality practice is embedded and experienced by all children.

Strengthen the school's universal inclusive offer to support progress for all learners (SEND and Pupil Premium.)

Further develop curriculum delivery to ensure strong foundations are established for all pupils across the school.

Embed our personal development programme through both the curriculum and wider enrichment opportunities.



Cooking group

A **big thank you** to staff and a couple of parents who came into school over the weekend to support our ***"Community Site Maintenance Day"*** We got lots done including painting, weeding and the creation of some raised beds in upper school. A big thank you to one of our Governors—**A.J HUMPHREY FORESTRY and Land Management** who contributed materials and time!

Also a huge well done to Miss Parker, Miss Binks and Miss Vernon who all made it to school on Monday following the completion of the Nottingham Half Marathon. There were some groans as they walked up the stairs first thing this week but what a fantastic accomplishment!

Have a super weekend and we look forward to welcoming **Flying High colleagues into school next week** to review our achievements in our school improvement journey thus far.

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)	88%	95%
Year 2 (Chestnut)	99%	93%
Year 3 (Maple)	92%	94%
Year 4 (Cedar)	100%	95%
Year 5 (Willow)	97%	98%
Year 5 (Sycamore)	98%	97%
Year 6 (Hazel)	100%	95%
Year 6 (Oak)	96%	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	95.2%

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.**

We are looking forward to our Online Safety Workshop for parents in KS2 today. We will be running another workshop on Friday next week for parents of children in EYFS / KS1.

You will also have received news last week about Stanhope hosting an October Holiday club run through Rattle and Roll on site WB 26.10.2026—30.10.2026.





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

Tuesday 6th / Wednesday 7th October (all day)	**Flying High Partnership colleagues** in school to review our school improvement journey.	Whole school
Wednesday 7th October	Y5/6 Handball Competition @ Arnold View	Letters out to certain chn.
Thursday 8.10.2026	Year 1 Trip to Museum of Childhood	Year 1
Thursday 8.10.2026	Parents Evening 3:30 – 5:00pm	Letter has been sent out
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 has been sent out
Friday 16.10.2026	Just One Tree Day—Dress in green and pledge a £1 to plant a tree for the future!	More information below
Half Term WB 19.10.2026—WE 30.10.2026		
Monday 2.11.2026	Return to school	Whole 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	Anti-Bullying Week "Break the Silence"	
Tuesday 17th November	Y5 Viking Workshop (children)	Year 5
Friday 20th November	Children in Need & Visit from MP Michael Payne	Whole School
Monday 23rd November	INSET (School closed to all children)	
Thursday 26th November	Individual and Sibling Photographs (Wrates)	Whole School
Saturday 28th November	NYO Concert (opportunity for 18 children to attend)	Letter to come out to Y5/6
Monday 30th November	Y6 Trip to Holocaust Centre	Year 6
Wednesday 2nd December	Y3 Trip to Cresswell Craggs	Year 3
Wednesday 2nd December	Y4 Partnership Afternoon (2:15pm)	Year 4

JUST ONE TREE DAY (Friday 16th October)

You will know that we have a **fantastic school site** at Stanhope! We want to ensure that the outdoors is used well to help children **play, grow** and then go on to **learn to cook** in our Curriculum Kitchen. On Friday 16th October, we will join thousands of schools celebrating Just One Tree Day! The idea is simple: wear anything green / from full on green clothes head to toe to green socks and non uniform! We are asking children donate a £1 on the day to support the planting of trees. On the day itself, every child will **"go on a tree hunt!"** around our site spotting the trees we have on site!

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Wow the weeks are already flying by aren't they!

We have just finished finalising our **events calendar for the year**!

We will be getting this out to you in the next couple of weeks to add to your own calendars!

We will be getting information out regarding the current funds that FOSS have and will be updating you along the way with how much we raise and where this money will be being spent.

We would like to help get some more equipment for Stanhope's forest school area - if you have been involved with purchasing equipment or have knowledge of a forest school equipment please email us ideas and links to sites you have used.

Looking forward to the upcoming year

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We use our Forest School each week to support children across the school in Nurture activities. We also are starting our Opal Play journey in January 2027 to ensure playtimes and lunchtimes is varied and enjoyed by all children.



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Join Us for a Reception 2027 School Tour at Stanhope Primary School!

Is Your Child Starting School in September 2027?

We'd love to welcome you to our school!



Come and discover what makes our school a fantastic place to learn, grow and thrive.

- Meet our friendly staff
- Explore our Reception classrooms and new outdoor learning areas!
- Learn about our curriculum and Stanhope Way!
- Find out how we support every child to achieve and be their best!
- Ask any questions about starting school



Click on this link to look at our school website and book onto an open morning 9—12 (21st Nov 2026 / 5th Dec 2026/ 9th Jan 2027)