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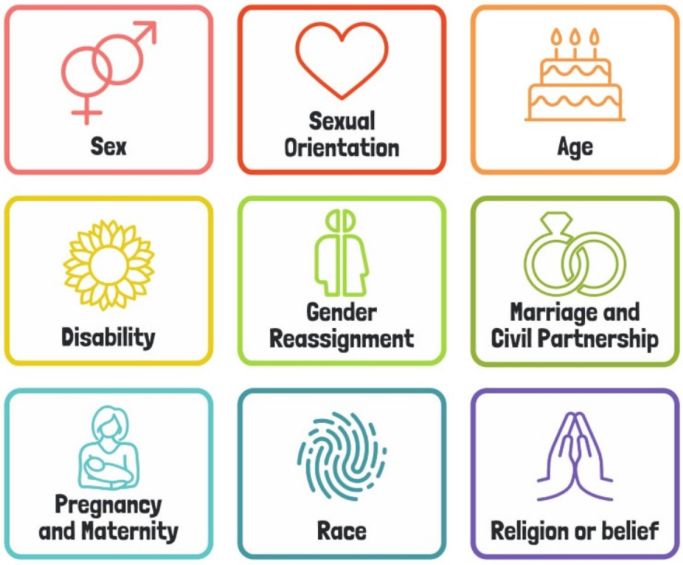
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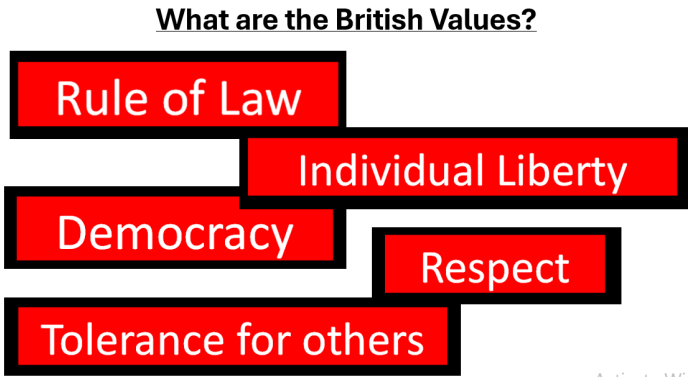
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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very busy week in school this week and we have had **visitors in from Flying High** who were **incredibly impressed** with how children came across in classrooms when engaged in learning and outside when playing. I am really **proud** of all the children across school this week who have spoken with confidence with visitors about how our **learning environments** help them learn; what we have been learning in Maths, Reading, Writing and Enquiry and much more! Children spoke well about the **protected characteristics** and the **British Values** and we will continue to build on our reference to **The Stanhope Way** and what this means to us at Stanhope. It was fantastic to see children referring to our **Reading Diaries** to support them in conversations and also using these in lessons to refer back to if they need a prompt of a multiplication table / fraction wall / phonics sound mat!

I also want to say a **big thank you to staff** who are working exceptionally hard to reference **consistent expectations** and **teaching strategies** across the school. The staff at Stanhope **care** very much about children who attend and this aspect was recognised strongly by visitors this week. We will continue working with parents and pupils as we strengthen further our **high expectations** of learning and behaviour across the academic year.





Year 1 had a super day when out visiting the Museum of Childhood at Sudbury Hall yesterday. Thank you to volunteers who went with us. We also had the first of two parent open evenings this week with another evening next week on Wednesday 14th October 3:30—6:00pm. A big well done to our Handball team who were and took part in a local Handball competition on Wednesday: it was great to hear about the effort they put in and how well they represented the school with their fantastic behaviour! Thank you to Mrs Gallagher and Miss Parker for taking them.

We will be saying goodbye and good luck to **Miss Evans** who will be leaving us on Friday next week as she has secured a school office position closer to home. We know the children will miss Miss Evans who is well loved but we wish her all the best in her new post!

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)	93%	99%
Year 1 (Elm)	98%	95%
Year 2 (Chestnut)	89%	93%
Year 3 (Maple)	99%	94%
Year 4 (Cedar)	92%	95%
Year 5 (Willow)	100%	98%
Year 5 (Sycamore)	94%	97%
Year 6 (Hazel)	87%	95%
Year 6 (Oak)	98%	94%

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

Whole School Target	97%
Actual Whole School Weekly Attendance	95.73%

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.**







Our Handball teams and Y1 at Sudbury Hall!

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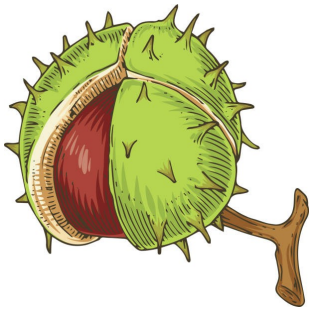
Key Dates: Whole School Annual Dates for 2026—27 can be found here. Dates "coming up" are listed below.

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 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
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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Hello from FOSS!

It was so lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening! A huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who gave up their time to support FOSS we really appreciate it!

We're also very excited to announce that details of our first FOSS event will be coming your way on Monday! We ca wait to share more information with you.

It's hard to believe how quickly this first half term has flown by!

Don't forget, we'll also be at Parents' Evening on Wednesday in the upper school hall, so if you have any questions, advice or suggestions, please feel free to pop over for a chat. We'd love to hear from you!

We'll also have refreshments available to purchase while you spend time in the hall looking through your child's books. We will also have uniform available on the day, there is no charge on the items, but we do ask if you are able a donation towards the items will go towards future FOSS events and equipment for the

As always, thank you so much for your continued support of FOSS. It really does make a difference!

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