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Dear Parents and Carers,

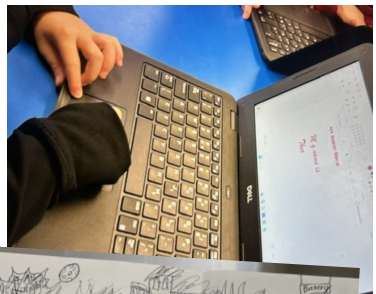
A busy week in school to end the half term! We began the week with Miss Robyn sharing our One Life Half termly assembly on **"Self-Awareness."** We then enjoyed welcoming in parents to our Nursery setting to play and learn alongside their child and it has been lovely to have so many parents into school on Wednesday evening to conclude our Parent Evenings this term. Thank you for your time and for working with us to best support your child. We finished the week today with our **"Just One Tree"** day which recognises the importance trees play in life on Earth as they produce oxygen, combat climate change and **enhance human health and wellbeing**. We are exceptionally lucky at Stanhope to have a fantastic **outdoors** and this is something we are busy embedding as part of our **unique offer**. Today, children have been out on a "tree hunt" - identifying a variety of species on our site. We often take for granted our environment and we hope children have enjoyed taking a minute to look around—enjoyed the walk around site and I know many have been busy collecting leaves and thinking about the species of trees they already know and some which may be new to them! **Thank you** for any contributions which have been made to the Just One Tree cause.

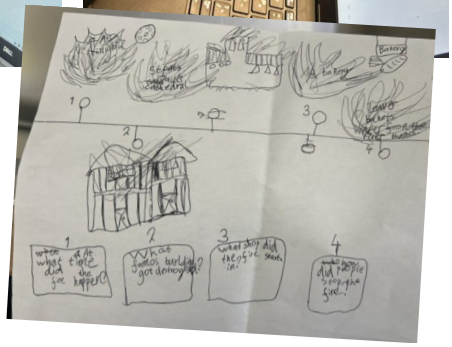












It was lovely to teach Computing in Year 1 this week—children did very well using the program 'Paint' and typing a sentence above a portrait! Well done Year 1! I have also been really pleased to talk to children across school about their Enquiry learning and it is great to see the additional work children are doing outside of school such as Avaya in Year 2 who had practised her knowledge of the Great Fire of London Timeline! I hope you all have a super 2 week half term break and we will look forward to seeing children back in school on **Monday 2nd November,**

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)	98%	99%
Year 1 (Elm)	95%	95%
Year 2 (Chestnut)	89%	93%
Year 3 (Maple)	99.5%	94%
Year 4 (Cedar)	99%	95%
Year 5 (Willow)	98%	98%
Year 5 (Sycamore)	97%	97%
Year 6 (Hazel)	97%	95%
Year 6 (Oak)	93%	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	95.71%

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.**









Thank you to our Nursery parents who came on Wednesday to engage in our setting on an activity with their child!

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

Half Term WB 19.10.2026—WE 30.10.2026		
Monday 2.11.2026	Return to school	
Poppies will be available in school during the week sold by our Community Leaders to recognise and respect Remembrance Day (08.11.2026)		
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! F2 & KS1 = 3:15—4:30 KS2 = 4:45—6:00	Reception to Y6
Tuesday 10.11.2026	SEND and Gedling Family Hub Coffee Parent Coffee Morning 9—10	Open Invite
Thurs 12.11.2026	Nursery (PM) and Reception to Gedling Library	1:30—3:00pm
WB 16.11.2026	Ant-Bullying Week "Break the Silence"	
Tuesday 17th November	Y5 Viking Workshop (children)	Year 5
Thurs 19th November	Y1 Trip to Gedling Library	Year 1
Friday 20th November	Children in Need & Visit from MP Michael Payne	Whole School
Monday 23rd November	INSET (School closed to all children)	
Wednesday 25th November	Year 4 Roman Workshop Day	Year 4
Thursday 26th November	Individual and Sibling Photographs (Wrates)	Whole School
Thursday 26th November	Y2 Trip to Gedling Library	Year 2
Saturday 28th November	NYO Concert (opportunity for 18 children to attend)	Allocated Y5/6 chn
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
Wednesday 9th December	Reception & Nursery Nativity @ 2:30pm	F1 and F2
Wednesday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	Whole School
Wednesday 16th December	KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Christmas Concert @ 9:00 and 2:30	Year 1 & 2
Thursday 17th December	Y5 Ukelele Concert (2:15pm) & KS2 Flashmob (3:00pm)	Year 5 and KS2 chn

Site Works Update:

You will know that a significant amount of work went on at Stanhope during the Summer holidays. We were hoping that our Nursery would move to our Lower School during the October half term but this has now been postponed to the Summer holidays during 2027. **Our Nursery setting will therefore remain at Upper School.** We will be having further re-decoration happening over the October half term and again are grateful to the support of the Flying High Partnership in securing funds to complete this work.

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Hello from FOSS!

As we head into the last couple of days of term, everyone at FOSS would like to say a **big thank you** for all your support from buying drinks and donating uniform it makes all the difference.

Across our two stalls at parents' evening, we raised an amazing £34! This is a fantastic milestone for FOSS, as it's the first time we've raised money this way, and it's been lovely to see so much support from you all.

If you are still in need of uniform please email us on the email address below to let us know what you need.

It's also been wonderful to see so many tickets being sold for the Autumn Disco! We can't wait to see you all there and enjoy getting the dancing shoes cleaned and ready for the 6th November!

Thank you again for your continued support. It really does make a difference!

Happy half term!

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