

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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WE 23.01.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at Stanhope and great to meet lots of parents at our **Year 6 Partnership Afternoon** which took place yesterday: thank you for your time and we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside your child in a creative activity and learn a bit more about the next two terms coming up. We have made some changes to the **KS2 lunchtime** starting from this week to ensure that lunchtimes are positive for all and our Sports Leaders alongside Mrs Measures are ensuring that we look after our play equipment outside during break and lunchtimes.

We also discussed in more detail during assembly this week our Stanhope values: **“Be Kind: Be Safe and Be your Best Self!”** and talked with the children about the value of **“Be Safe”** - and what this means.

Be Safe	
	We look after ourselves, others, and our environment.
	We make thoughtful choices that help everyone feel secure, heard and cared for.
	We create a calm, consistent space where children are free to take risks in their learning and grow in confidence.

I have enjoyed being in Year 6 this week and working with them on their biography of Anne Frank. Year 5 have been keen to tell me about their persuasive writing around deforestation and Year 3 / 4 similarly have enjoyed their writing about the journey of a pebble. I was also really pleased to join Year 1 for some of their maths learning earlier in the week and was treated to a fantastic dance from Year 2. I will be joining Nursery each week to share a story and Reception have been very busy outdoors and exploring shapes with dough. All Stanhope staff this week took part in professional learning around **‘emotion coaching:’** how we best support children in our school be ready to learn by understanding and regulating their emotions and fostering emotional intelligence and resilience.

Have a super weekend and we will look forward to more learning next week, Best Wishes, Mrs Bridges.



Rocksteady



Year 2 Dance!



Staff Professional Learning



Year 6 Partnership Afternoon

Creating a “love of learning for LIFE!”

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**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

ATTENDANCE UPDATE:

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%**. Each week, we will share class attendance during our Stanhope Stars assembly and when a class reaches 9 weeks of achieving 97% attendance, they will be rewarded.

Class	This Week	This Year
Reception (Acorns)	88%	93%
Year 1 (Elm)	99%	97%
Year 2 (Chestnut)	100%	95%
Year 3 and 4 (Pine)	96%	97%
Year 3 and 4 (Maple)	98%	97%
Year 3 and 4 (Cedar)	96%	96%
Year 5 (Willow)	99%	97%
Year 5 (Sycamore)	96%	94%
Year 6 (Hazel)	96%	94%
Year 6 (Oak)	93%	92%

At and Above School Attendance Target	97% +
Below Target and Attendance causing concern	95% -
Serious Attendance Concern: Persistent Absence	90%-
Whole School Target	97%
Actual Whole School Weekly Attendance	96%

School payment System:

Thank you to parents with their support as the school has moved communication from Parentmail to Arbor. The office team are busy ensuring that all parents have downloaded and have access to Arbor and will contact parents directly if they are not yet logged on.

After half term (from WB 23.2.2026), Arbor will also be used for all school payments e.g. school dinners and trips. More information will come to you about this from the office and please do ask at the office if you have any issues or questions.




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KEY DATES:

Friday 13 th February 2026	Valentines Disco – FOSS	Whole School
Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term	Whole School including Nursery
Monday 23 rd February 2026	INSET DAY	Whole School including Nursery
Tuesday 24th February 2026	Return to School	Whole School including Nursery
Thursday 5 th March 2026	World Book Day 	Whole School including Nursery
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Stanhope Partnership Afternoon – 1.30pm (Arts and Crafts)	Year 3 & 4
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Parent and Carer Consultations	Whole School including Nursery
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Parents and Carer Consultations	Whole School including Nursery
Monday 30 th March 2026 – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays	Whole School including Nursery

[2025-26 Term Dates](#)

Safeguarding Updates at Stanhope Primary School:

Ensuring children are safe and feel well supported is vital at our school and each week we will share with parents resources which may be useful to you as you too support your children. Many children spend time online and will often play games online. Some of these games as you will be aware have the function to interact with others.

[Our school website](#) has some great links and resources to support parents safeguard their children and uploaded this week is a specific poster with advice and guidance for parents about monitoring their child gaming online with two popular sites: [Fortnite](#) and [Roblox](#). Click the links for full access to the posters.

