

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

BE KIND | BE SAFE | BE YOUR BEST SELF



WE 30.01.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started with several children from Year 5 and 6 completing their **Bikeability Road Safety** badges –which will be given out in our assembly today. On Tuesday, ten children went along with Mrs Palmer to an event at Carlton Academy where they had the chance to get creative! Mrs Palmer was really proud of their **fantastic collaborative skills** and **fantastic manners**. Thank you to parent helper Mrs Olufemi for accompanying the trip. Year 3/4 have been doing some super writing about instructions to make an erupting volcano this week and I look forward to seeing children making their volcanoes for real later in the term!



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 Kind”** - and what this means.

Be Kind	
	We show our kindness through words and actions <b>“Fantastic Manners!”</b>
	We treat others with respect, empathy and compassion.
	We celebrate differences and support one another to feel valued and included.

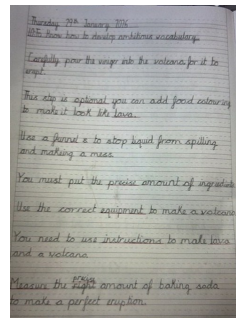
It was great holding tea party yesterday for our **Stanhope Stars** and we were treated to some super reading aloud with engaging expression from Reeva! Miss Messom will look forward to leading our celebration assembly today.

Have a super weekend and we will look forward to more learning next week,

Best Wishes, Mrs Bridges.



Nurture Lunchtime Session



Matilda's writing in Y3/4



Year 5 / 6 Bikeability Training

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)	95%	93%
Year 1 (Elm)	97%	97%
Year 2 (Chestnut)	97%	95%
Year 3 and 4 (Pine)	99%	97%
Year 3 and 4 (Maple)	98%	97%
Year 3 and 4 (Cedar)	96%	96%
Year 5 (Willow)	95%	97%
Year 5 (Sycamore)	94%	94%
Year 6 (Hazel)	98%	94%
Year 6 (Oak)	90%	92%

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

## School Communication:

I am trying to be in contact with as many parents as possible in this first term as I get to know the school and appreciate all your views as parents as we work together to ensure the best learning experiences for your children at Stanhope. I realise school staff use Dojo to send out messages about learning etc and I know parents appreciate these posts greatly. I will reply to parent messages on Dojo but will send emails through Arbor as a way to communicate with parents on the whole. If you do wish to email me directly, my email is: [nbridges@stanhope.notts.sch.uk](mailto:nbridges@stanhope.notts.sch.uk)

There will be a parent survey coming out before the end of the half term so that as leaders, we can reflect on your feedback and in Spring 2, there will be a few opportunities scheduled in so that I am



**ClassDojo**




**Arbor**

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## KEY DATES:

Thursday 5th February 2026	Year 5 Trip to Matilda at Carlton Academy	Year 5
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Valentines Disco – FOSS	Whole School
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half Term	Whole School including Nursery
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	<b>INSET DAY</b>	Whole School including Nursery
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Return to School</b>	<b>Whole School including Nursery</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day 	Whole School including Nursery
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Stanhope Partnership Afternoon – 1.30pm (Arts and Crafts)	Year 3 & 4
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parent and Carer Consultations	Whole School including Nursery
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parents and Carer Consultations	Whole School including Nursery
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> 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.

[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 supervising their children as they start to be more active online e.g. social media (though age restrictions are in place) and also reflecting on our own role modelling of using social media as parents.

Mobile phones for Y6 can be brought to school but we would encourage this is the case only when a child is travelling without an adult to and from school independently.

