

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

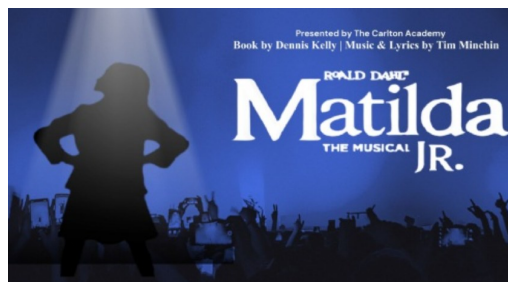
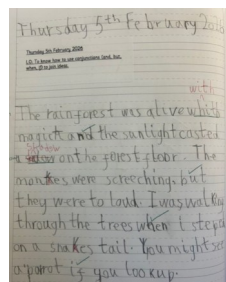
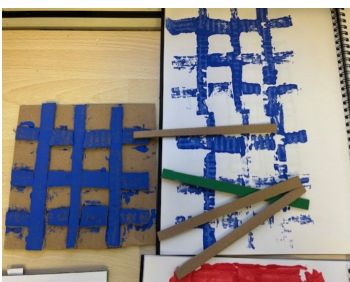
This week has been busy across school: with Y6 completing their mock SATS papers; Year 1 creating tartan prints; some great writing across school and a visit from Flying High colleagues to reflect on our English curriculum. Yesterday Year 5 visited Carlton Academy to see a fantastic performance of Matilda and our thanks goes to staff and parent helpers / volunteers who accompanied children to ensure this trip was a success. Well done to Year 5 children who were fantastically behaved and seemed to have enjoyed being part of the audience.

It has been great this half term getting to know children, staff and parents and this week in assembly, we considered **"Be Your Best Self!"** within our Stanhope values: **"Be Kind: Be Safe and Be your Best Self!"** One of the elements of **"Be Your Best Self!"** is being ready and resilient in taking on a **challenge** and this week, I challenged children to see if they could skip for one minute! Lots of children have had a go at this on the playground and I look forward to seeing some of them beat the clock in our Friday assembly!

| Be Your Best Self! | |
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| | We try our hardest and take pride in everything we do. |
| | We set high expectations for ourselves and support others to do the same. |
| | We embrace challenges , learn from mistakes and strive to be the best version of ourselves: academically, socially and emotionally. |

Next week across school, we will be nominating **School Council** representatives from Reception through to Year 5. Each class will nominate x2 children. Two school councillors from Year 5 will also represent our school at Primary Parliament with other Flying High Schools. Our school council will ensure that pupil voice is **valued** and **included** in our school improvement journey. Have a super weekend and we will look forward to more learning next week,

Best Wishes, Mrs Bridges.



Year 1 Tartan printing

Fantastic writing on the rainforest in Year 2!

Y5 Visit to Matilda at Carlton Academy.

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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) | 97% | 93% |
| Year 1 (Elm) | 94% | 97% |
| Year 2 (Chestnut) | 92% | 95% |
| Year 3 and 4 (Pine) | 97% | 97% |
| Year 3 and 4 (Maple) | 88% | 97% |
| Year 3 and 4 (Cedar) | 92% | 96% |
| Year 5 (Willow) | 94% | 97% |
| Year 5 (Sycamore) | 93% | 94% |
| Year 6 (Hazel) | 93% | 95% |
| Year 6 (Oak) | 96% | 92% |

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| 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 | 93% |

School Payment System:

Just a reminder as per the Office email sent out this week that from today (Friday, 6th February) we will no longer be using Parentmail for any payments. Please now ensure that you use the **Arbor app** for all payments related to meals, trips, clubs, or nursery fees. The office are available to support any parents who are having issues with the Arbor app.

It is important to refrain from making any payments on Parentmail after this date, as unfortunately, we will not be able to recover any money paid through that platform. Thanks to all parents for your patience and support as we move from one system to another.



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Pupil Enterprise and Community Engagement!

I was incredibly impressed yesterday when Bella and Finley from Y5 came to share with Miss Piechota and I that they had been selling bracelets to raise money for school equipment. It was fantastic to hear their passion for enterprise and also wanting to support our school community. We talked about how the school are wanting to replace the projector in the upper hall and how some of these fund-raising efforts could go towards this ambition.

You may be aware that there is an annual **Children's Awards** run for all **Flying High Partnership** Schools. This takes place in June and one of the children's awards is for "**Community Impact / Engagement.**" We would like parents and children to be involved, if they would like, in nominating any pupil for displaying "Community Impact / Engagement." It could be your child supports the running of a weekly club or supports a local charity through being enterprising in some way. It may be another example entirely but we would love to hear from you. School Council will then review nominations for this award and decide who we put forward to be recognised for showing "Community Impact / Engagement" in the Flying High Children's Awards. [Click here to nominate](#) (closing 20.2.2026)



FOSS VALENTINES DISCO

Thank you to FOSS for running this event and those parents who have booked tickets for their children.


Just to remind you, there will not be any food provided at the disco. If your child is attending the KS1 disco directly after school and you feel they will need a snack to keep them going—you are welcome to send them in with a snack which they will eat in the classroom before they go up to the upper hall.

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KEY DATES:

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| 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 (school closed to pupils) | 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:

Staff will be reminding children to stay safe and vigilant on the roads. This week we had a member of the public contact us concerned that a group of children from Stanhope were not paying attention to traffic at the top of Shelford road.

We would encourage parents to also go through key road safety messages with their children—especially if they are walking independently.

