

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the end of Spring 1 half term and thank you for the responses which have already been submitted to the parent feedback survey. It has been great this half term getting to know children, staff and parents and this week in assembly, we looked over the Stanhope Way as a whole and how we can grow in showing these behaviours. We also looked at our targets in school for the remainder of the academic year.


Be kind	Be safe	Be your best self
We show kindness through our words and actions.	We look after ourselves, others, and our environment.	We try our hardest and take pride in everything we do.
We treat others with respect, empathy, and compassion.	We make thoughtful choices that help everyone feel secure, heard, and cared for.	We set high expectations for ourselves and support others to do the same.
We celebrate differences and support one another to feel valued and included.	We create a calm, consistent space where children are free to take risks in their learning and grow in confidence.	We embrace challenges, learn from mistakes, and strive to be the best version of ourselves - academically, socially, and emotionally.

It has been lovely this week to see Y3/4 excited by making their volcanoes erupt and talk with Y2 about their enquiry question. Also fantastic to see children in our Woodlands area having such a creative time making masks! Have a super half term and I hope the weather is not as wet as predicted (remember the option of making a loo roll character if you are stuck indoors and need an activity!). We will look forward to seeing children back to school on **Tuesday 23rd February**.

Best Wishes, Mrs Bridges.



Embed our high expectations of pupils following 'The Stanhope Way'



Ensure consistent quality first teaching and engagement in learning throughout our school. (PRIDE)



All children make good progress and are supported well through a universal offer and an adapted offer where needed.

Whole School Targets 25-26

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)	94%	93%
Year 1 (Elm)	96%	97%
Year 2 (Chestnut)	99%	95%
Year 3 and 4 (Pine)	97%	97%
Year 3 and 4 (Maple)	99%	97%
Year 3 and 4 (Cedar)	92%	96%
Year 5 (Willow)	100% WOW!	97%
Year 5 (Sycamore)	93%	94%
Year 6 (Hazel)	93%	94%
Year 6 (Oak)	94%	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	95%

Festival of Science & Curiosity!

The Nottinghamshire Festival of Science and Curiosity has been running since 2015. Produced by Nottingham-based charity Ignite!, for two weeks every February, a wide range of scientists, researchers, engineers, creatives and inventors get out of the lab and go out and about into schools, libraries and community venues across Nottinghamshire where they spark moments of curiosity, wonder and inspiration amongst children, young people and their families.



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FOSS! Dear Parents, Carers and Grown-Ups,

We hope everyone has settled back into the new year and is looking forward to

the exciting events we have coming up. I would like to take a moment to introduce (or re-introduce!) who FOSS are and what we do.

FOSS stands for **Friends of Stanhope School**—in other words, we are your PTA... just with a little extra sparkle!

The PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is a volunteer group made up of parents, carers, and teaching staff. Together, we work to raise funds that support the school with resources, events, and extra opportunities that may fall outside the school's standard budget. Most importantly, we aim to strengthen the connection between families and the school, ensuring everyone feels included and involved.

Over the past few years, thanks to your generosity and involvement, FOSS has raised over £8,000 enabling us to fund/contribute towards – Residentials, Y6 leavers hoodies, Young Voices Transport, Trip transports, Inflatables, New Parent Packs, SAT's packs, extra reading materials, Ice Lollies at sports days and extremely hot days in the classrooms, Production lighting, Gardening club equipment, Extra coats for Staff and pupils and much, much more!

Your contributions—whether through raffles, fairs, discos, movie nights, wreath making, or simply showing up—have genuinely enhanced the school experience for all our children, and we are incredibly grateful.

This year, our aim is to continue to support the school with addition projects by activities that have already been populated in the yearly calendar (please note, some of these dates may move slightly but we will of course keep you updated). We welcome any ideas, suggestions, or offers of help—big or small!

We currently have 11 members in the team however realistically this is usually a team of 3 or 4 at most of the events without taking in to account any preparation or background work that is completed prior to any event. We would love to welcome more. Whether you'd like to join our team or simply lend a hand at an event, every bit of support helps and is truly appreciated. If you are interested, please drop the FOSS team an email at FOSS@stanhope.notts.sch.uk and we will be in touch after half term.

Thank you once again for being part of such a supportive and enthusiastic community.

Kind Regards

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Flying High Partnership

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 (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 (Dress up as your favourite character from a children’s book or Dress in something comfy ... if you can: bring your favourite book to share!)	Whole School including Nursery
Friday 6 th March	Swimming starts for Y3 pupils (Carlton Forum)	Year 3 and new to Y4
Thursday 12 th March 2026	Stanhope Partnership Afternoon – 1.30pm (Arts and Crafts)	Year 3 & 4
Wednesday 18 th March	Nursery and Reception White Post Farm Trip	Nursery & Reception
Friday 20 th March	 Comic Relief (Red Nose Day 2026) Wear anything red (non uniform)! (This can be as simple as a red pair of socks or a red hair band to a red t-shirt etc!)	Bring in a suggested £1 to support! Whole School
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
Friday 27 th March 2026	Break up for Easter Holidays	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:

Safer Internet 2026 took place this week with a focus on focus on “Smart Tech, Safe Choices” Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. If you are interested in any further resources on this, they will be uploaded to our school website in the Safeguarding section.