

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite an incredibly blustery day yesterday, it has been great to see some signs of Spring in school and across our site. We are grateful to our school community showing such patience whilst the upper school roof has been worked on and we hope that the roofing work will be complete before we finish this half term with the scaffolding coming down from site over the Easter Holidays.

Children were incredibly sensible during our practice fire drill on Wednesday with all children following the Stanhope Way when considering how to **"Be Safe"** during any evacuation from the school building. We have also been talking in assembly about how we can stay safe on the playground avoiding play which is too rough. We will continue talking to children about this throughout the remainder of the school year. **School Council** met with Mrs Mason yesterday to consider the role they will play in supporting our school in its improvement journey and Mrs Mason was really impressed with some very mature attitudes from all our school council representatives in this first meeting.

Thank you to parents who attended our **Year 3 / 4 Partnership Afternoon** on Thursday. It was fantastic to have so many of you there and there were some very artistic portraits created by the end of the session!

We are looking forward today to a further visit for children in Year 3 / 4 from the Nottinghamshire **MHST** ([Mental Health Support Team](#)) who provide early intervention mental health and wellbeing services in schools. Colleagues are coming in to deliver a friendship workshop in Year 4 and this links well with our **One Life Personal Development** programme.

It has been lovely to see children across school enjoying our **after school clubs** running currently. I popped into our Crafts Club on Monday who were having a super time creating some woven sticks to take home! Thank you to the staff for running these clubs as part of our enrichment offer. Booking for **Parents Evening slots** will be available on Arbor from today and we look forward to seeing you there before the end of the Spring term. Best Wishes, Mrs Bridges.



Great self portraits in Year 3/4 at our Parent Partnership Afternoon.



Our School Council meet with Mrs Mason!

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

## Carlton Academy Art Exhibition “Eco Artist”

A big “thank you!” to Mrs Palmer who has organised our contribution to the Carlton Academy family of schools exhibition which opens on Monday next week. Children across school have worked together to produce art work based on recycling rubbish and eco-awareness. We have some great entries such as these Year 6 sea creatures and some fantastic deforestation scenes from Year 5. Well done to all children who have contributed.





Hello from FOSS!

There have been lots of exciting conversations happening around FOSS recently and we're making a few changes behind the scenes to help us better support our members and make the most of everyone's skills. One area where we'd really appreciate some help is designing information posters for events and updates.

If this is something you might be able to help with, we'd love to hear from you! Please email [FOSS@stanhope.notts.sch.uk](mailto:FOSS@stanhope.notts.sch.uk) for more information or to let us know how you could support us. We're also always grateful for extra hands at our events – the more the merrier so if there's an event you'd be willing to support in please use the same email to let us know.

We've recently launched our partnership with FabBricks. A leaflet should have arrived home by now! If you're looking for a personalised gift, simply complete the order form and return it to school by Friday 20th March 2026.



Every order placed before this date will also provide the school with a small donation as well! We will be launching our Easter Raffle soon! Tickets will be available to buy on Arbor from 16th–23rd March 2026. The winner will be announced during the assembly on Friday 27th March, with prizes coming home the same day!

**Coming up from FOSS:**

- Break the Rules Day (Friday 17th April)
- May Disco
- Summer Fayre
- Something fast-paced in June!
- Year 6 Leavers Disco!

***Thanks again for your continued support! FOSS (Friends of Stanhope School)***


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Flying High Partnership

## KEY DATES:

Wednesday 18th March	Nursery and Reception White Post Farm Trip	Nursery & Reception
Thursday 19th March	Y2 Visit <b>Gedling Library</b>	Year 2
Friday 20th March	 <b>Comic Relief</b> (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 24th March	Reception Visit <b>Gedling Library</b>	Reception (F2)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parent and Carer Consultations (Upper School) Nursery Stay and Play 3:15—4:15	Whole School
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Parents and Carer Consultations (Upper School) Nursery Stay and Play 3:15—4:15	Whole School
Friday 27th March 2026	Break up for Easter Holidays	Whole School
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays	Whole School including Nursery
Monday 13th April	Children return to school	Whole School including Nursery
Tuesday 14th April	Year 2 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park	Year 2
Friday 17th April	“Break the Rules” day FOSS Fundraiser	Whole School including Nursery
Wednesday 22nd April	Stanhope Class Photos	Whole School
WB Monday 16th May	KS2 SATS Week (Y6 children must be in school on time during this week please.)	Year 6



A fun after school Crafts club making woven sticks and lots of children being creative across school as they reflect on mothering Sunday and how we can say thank you to the parents and carers who support us!