

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great start back to the Summer term at Stanhope this week. Year 2 had a super trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Tuesday and today children have been starting to consider their **Summer Term Creative Enquiry question**. You should have received a **Knowledge Organiser** which contains lots of information and language linked to this Enquiry. It has been lovely to be able to make full use of our site at Stanhope this week—the field is now in use at lunchtimes and we want to develop our **outdoors** gradually over the next few years to maximise the positive impact it can have for pupils.

We have welcomed **Mr Sanders** to Stanhope this week. He has taken on from Miss Appleby our Sports PPA cover and the introduction of a Girls Football Lunchtime Club on Tuesday was a fantastic hit! Mrs Mason / Mr Hall started the Y3 / 4 Cooking Club on Tuesday after school and evidently had lots of fun in the Curriculum Kitchen as they began by making Oatcakes!

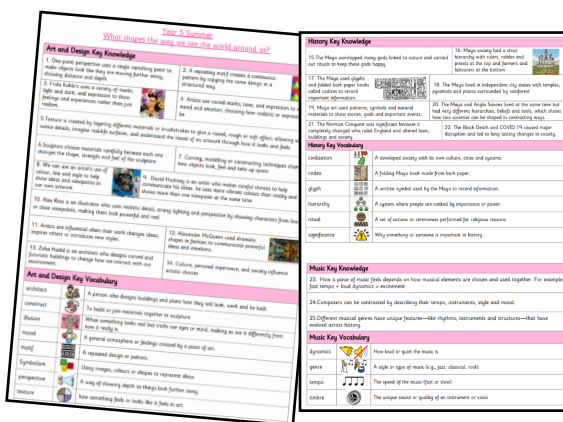
Care Plans

Care Plans (for any children with medical or allergy needs) were reviewed during Parent Evenings in March. If you have not had discussion with your child's class teacher about a care plan but you think your child should have one—please do get in contact with the school office.



It was a delight to spend some time in Nursery this week where children were being amazingly creative making cobra snakes. The facts Nursery children could tell me about the anatomy of the snakes had me learning new facts! I hope your child has enjoyed the return to school this week and we look forward to a busy Summer Term!

Best Wishes, Mrs Bridges.



Year 2 spotting lions at Yorkshire Wildlife Park / Knowledge Organisers out now and Cobras in Nursery!

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Our Great Outdoors!

Our Stanhope School Site is a real asset to our school and it has been super this week to see children playing across Nursery through to Year 6. The **outdoors** is something we want to develop over the next 3 years and if you are interested in supporting us, please do let Mrs Bridges know. **We have a huge amount of free play space on the fields / plenty of Outdoor Gym equipment / a Forest School Area / Growing Gardens (and a Curriculum kitchen to cook our produce!) / a recycled bottle greenhouse (where Reception planted their seeds this week!) / Tyre Parks and much more!** The opportunities our site offers for play / PE / Nurture / Science are huge. This half term our playtime / lunchtime challenge needs plenty of space! Reuben (below) is throwing a ball which he must catch and counting the claps he can make in between. You make like to have a go at home!



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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%**.

| Class | This Week | This Year |
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| Reception (Acorns) | 95% | 94% |
| Year 1 (Elm) | 97% | 97% |
| Year 2 (Chestnut) | 95% | 96% |
| Year 3 and 4 (Pine) | 97% | 97% |
| Year 3 and 4 (Maple)  | 99% | 96% |
| Year 3 and 4 (Cedar) | 97% | 96% |
| Year 5 (Willow) | 90% | 97% |
| Year 5 (Sycamore) | 93% | 94% |
| Year 6 (Hazel) | 94% | 94% |
| Year 6 (Oak) | 90% | 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 | 95.2% |

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| Your school's current attendance | 95.4% |
| Local authority average (primary) | 95.2% |
| National average (primary) | 94.9% |

A big thank you to parents working alongside school and especially **Mrs Vernon** to ensure that our **attendance** has increased significantly in the last 12 months. We want to sustain and build on this in the Summer term. The above table also gives you an indication on how well our school is performing regarding attendance within the local authority and nationally. We realise there can be challenges sometimes getting children into school and we do want children to feel **safe, happy and comfortable** at Stanhope. We want to work with parents to support you and your child(/ren) ensure that they have a **positive experience** in school. We are always happy to talk about any concerns and work through them together.

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KEY DATES:

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| Wednesday 22nd April | Stanhope Class Photos Please make sure your child has a school jumper / cardigan on this day—we will have spares! If it is your child's PE day—please send them in school uniform with a PE kit to change into—Thank you! | Whole School (Nursery through to Y6) |
| Thursday 23rd April | KS1 Cross Country event at Robert Mellors | X24 chn across Y1 and Y2 |
| Thursday 30th April | Year 1 Trip to Gedling Library | Year 1 |
| Monday 4th May | Bank Holiday Monday (School closed) | |
| WB Monday 11th May | KS2 SATS Week (Y6 children must be in school on time during this week please.) | Year 6 |
| Friday 15th May | FOSS May Summer Disco (more information will follow) | Reception to Y6 |
| Thursday 21st May | Year 5 Partnership Afternoon 2:15—3:15pm | Year 5 |
| Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May | May Half Term | Whole School |
| Monday 1st June | INSET Day (School closed to all pupils) | Whole School |
| Tuesday 16th June | Year 5 Trip to Cadburys World | Year 5 |
| Wednesday 17th June | SPORTS DAY KS2 = 9:15—12:00 and Reception & KS1 = 1:45—3:00 | Reception to Year 6 |
| Thursday 25th June | Year 3 / 4 Trip to MAGNA Science Park | Year 3 and 4 |
| Friday 26th June | Y1 Trip to Sherwood Forest (letter to follow) | Year 1 |
| Thursday 2nd July | Transition Morning (Nursery to Year 5) | Nursery to Y5 |
| Wednesday 8th July | Year 6 Performance (5:00pm) | Year 6 |
| Friday 10th July | FOSS Summer Picnic & Festival | Whole School |
| Wednesday 15th July | Stanhope Curriculum Open Afternoon (2:30—4:00pm) | Nursery to Year 5 |

[2026—2027 Term Dates](#) can be found here from our School Website