

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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WE 8.5.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

With a Bank Holiday Monday, the week has flown by at school! Year 6 have been busy in classrooms completing their revision for SATS next week and we will be **wishing them all the best as SATS** week starts on Monday. We had Class Maple go to visit Gedling Library on Thursday and it was super to see so many children enthused by bringing back books they had taken out using their library cards.

I had the pleasure of teaching in Year 1 this week who were learning about the life of Judith Kerr (the author of Mog and The Tiger who came to Tea). It was fantastic to explore new **language** with Year 1 children who then applied this new knowledge to their writing. Staff are working hard alongside Miss Martin to develop our Stanhope curriculum and ensure it is **Inclusive and Diverse** by reflecting on how our content celebrates diversity and how our approaches to teaching adapt to meet a variety of interests and needs.

Thank you to those parents who have put names forward to be part of our **Local Governing Body**. We had three parents express interest so will not need to go out to votes and will share further details with all parents shortly.

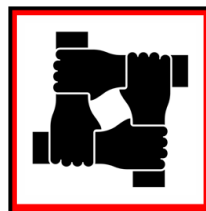
There are a few events coming up and we thank you in advance for your support. School (alongside FOSS) will be sending out information next week on a Stanhope Junior Park Run takeover and we have a Sports for Champions UK event taking place in June. Plenty to keep us active!

Best Wishes, Mrs Bridges.

## Our Curriculum at Stanhope... Creating a love of learning for **LIFE!**



**L**anguage  
Driven



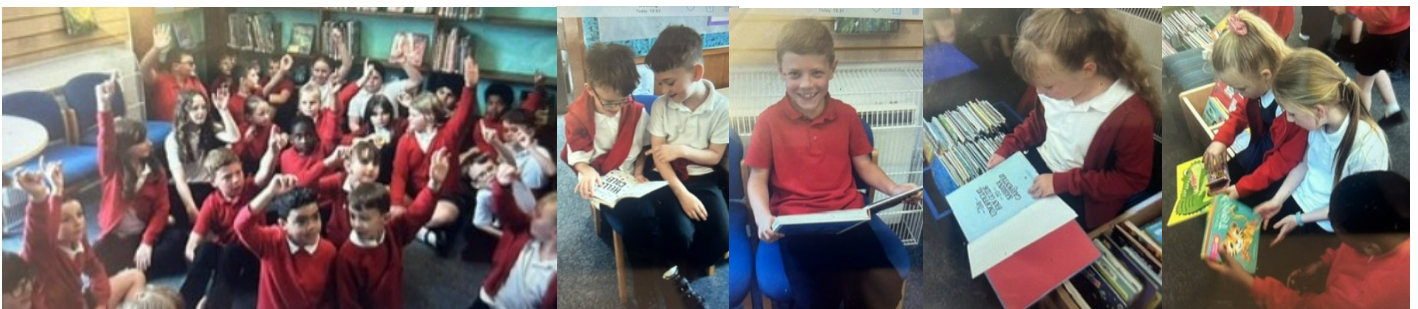
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**F**uels  
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(Best Self..)



**E**mpowered by  
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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
Reception (Acorns)	97%	94%
Year 1 (Elm)	93%	97%
Year 2 (Chestnut)	98%	96%
Year 3 and 4 (Pine)	98%	97%
Year 3 and 4 (Maple)	94%	96%
Year 3 and 4 (Cedar) ★	99%	96%
Year 5 (Willow)	88%	97%
Year 5 (Sycamore)	89%	94%
Year 6 (Hazel)	95%	94%
Year 6 (Oak)	91%	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	<b>94.1%</b>



Great to see Year 5 exploring symmetrical patterns using nature on our school grounds.





Hello from FOSS!

What a fantastic few weeks of weather we've had! We're also still receiving donations from your spring clean, and we're always incredibly grateful to our Stanhope community for your continued generosity.

With the arrival of May, we're excited to announce our next event — the May Disco, taking place on Friday 15th May in the upper school hall.

\* KS1 – 15:15 - 16:30 / KS2 – 16:45 - 18:00 / Cost – £3

**Tickets are currently available to purchase via Arbor.**

We ask that the children attending bring their water bottles as free water and juice will be available. If you would like to volunteer at this event (KS1, KS2, or both sessions), please get in touch via the email address below — we'd love your support.

Behind the scenes, FOSS are also busy preparing for this year's Summer Fayre. If you, or any friends or family, would be interested in running a stall or are a small business and wish to have a stall on the day, please pass on our details and a member of the team will be in touch.

All at FOSS would like to take this opportunity to wish our Stanhope year 6s all the best during next weeks SATs.

**Upcoming events:**

- \* May Disco – 15th May
- \* Stanhope Park Run Takeover (more details in next week's newsletter)
- \* Summer Fayre



Thank you, as always, for your continued support, **FOSS (FOSS@STANHOPE.NOTTS.SCH.UK)**



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## KEY DATES:

WB Monday 11th May	KS2 SATS Week (Y6 children must be in school on time during this week please.) Year 6	
Thursday 14th May	Y3/4 Trip to Gedling Library ( <b>Cedar Miss Gilhooly</b> )	Year 3/4
Friday 15th May	Year 6 Bowling Trip	Year 6
Friday 15th May	Mental Health Support Team Workshops in Y1 and Y2	Year 1 and Year 2
Friday 15th May	FOSS May Summer Disco (tickets available now on Arbor!)	Reception to Y6
Thursday 21st May	Year 5 Partnership Afternoon 2:15—3:15pm	Year 5
Thursday 21st May	Y3/4 Trip to Gedling Library ( <b>Pine Mr Ghafoor</b> )	Year 3/4
Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May	May Half Term	Whole School
Monday 1st June	INSET Day (School closed to all pupils)	Whole School
Wednesday 3rd June	KS1 Football Event @ Arnold View (more information to follow)	Year 1 and 2 (x14 chn)
Tuesday 16th June	Year 5 Trip to Cadburys World	Year 5
Tuesday 16th June	<a href="#">Sports for Champions</a> —Fundraising through Fitness	Whole School
Wednesday 17th June	SPORTS DAY KS2 = 9:15—12:00 Reception & KS1 = 1:45—3:00	Reception to Year 6
Thursday 18th June	Flying High Pupil Awards (Royal Concert Hall)	Invites have been sent to nominated children
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

## Safeguarding for Parents:

Useful advice here on [Supporting Neurodivergent Children Online](#)