



# NEWSLETTER

13.04.26



*Aim high, work hard, be happy and successful*

## Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of our School Community

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our pupils, families and staff as we begin the summer term.

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and are ready for the busy and exciting weeks ahead. This term is always a special one, filled with opportunities for learning, trips, events and celebrations, as well as important milestones for many of our pupils.

We look forward to working together to make this a positive and successful term for everyone.

### Safeguarding Gold Award

I am absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news with you all. Following a recent safeguarding review, our academy has been awarded the **Gold Anchored Safeguarding Award**, achieving an exceptional score of over 92%. This prestigious quality assurance mark recognises the strength, consistency, and depth of safeguarding practice across our school.

This award is not given lightly. It reflects a collective commitment from every member of our staff team to ensure that our children are safe, supported, and able to thrive. Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do, and I am incredibly proud that this has been recognised so strongly.





## Gold Anchored Safeguarding Award

**The review highlighted several areas of particular strength:**

### **Leadership and Management**

Our leaders were commended for their unwavering commitment to safeguarding across all aspects of school life. Strong systems and clear procedures are firmly embedded, and there is a reflective culture that drives continual improvement. Our staff are highly trained and well-supported, and safeguarding leadership benefits from a collaborative approach both within our Trust and with external partners. Safeguarding is not just a responsibility here—it is a shared value that shapes our ethos every day.

### **Multi-Agency Work**

The safeguarding team was praised for its excellent work with external agencies and its deep understanding of the local support network. Whether through early help interventions or more targeted external referrals, our team works tirelessly to secure the best outcomes for our pupils and their families. Robust recording and reporting systems ensure consistency and clarity, with a strong focus always on the needs and wellbeing of the child.

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

We are especially proud that our whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing was recognised as a significant strength. This is not an add-on—it is central to how we care for our pupils. Through strong leadership, effective

communication with families, and a wide range of interventions, we ensure that children receive timely and appropriate support. Staff wellbeing is also a priority, reflecting our belief that a supported team is best placed to support our pupils.

### **HR and Safer Recruitment**

Our rigorous safeguarding procedures in recruitment and staff management were also highlighted. From maintaining an accurate and detailed Single Central Record to ensuring appropriate staff are trained in safer recruitment practices, we are committed to the highest standards. Staff understand their responsibilities fully, and there is strong support from Trust specialists where needed.

### **Attendance**

The review recognised the high priority we place on attendance and its clear link to safeguarding. Our systems ensure that we know where every child is each day, and we act quickly to support families where attendance becomes a concern. Encouragingly, our attendance figures continue to improve, reflecting the effectiveness of our approach.

*This achievement belongs to our entire school community—our dedicated staff, supportive families, and, most importantly, our wonderful pupils. Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and this recognition reflects the strength of that partnership.*



# Attendance Awards

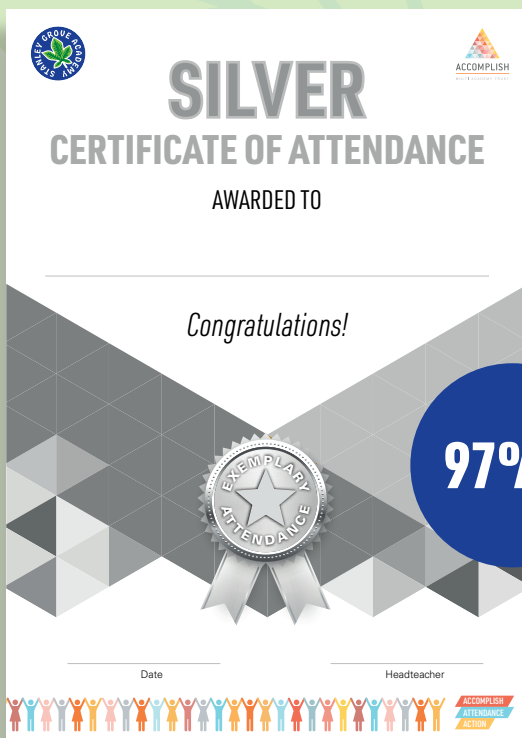
Last half term, we were delighted to celebrate the introduction of the Trusts new attendance awards, recognising the importance of being in school every day.

Children have been proudly awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates to celebrate their commitment to excellent attendance, punctuality and positive routines.

It has been wonderful to see so many pupils striving to achieve these awards, showing resilience and dedication to their learning.

We know that strong attendance has a significant impact on progress and wellbeing, and we would like to thank all of our families for their continued support in ensuring children are in school, on time, and ready to learn every day.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.





# National Engagement Award

**We are delighted to share that Stanley Grove Academy has been recognised with a national engagement award by The Engagement Platform (TEP) following their Spring 2026 census.**

**We achieved a Top 5% ranking nationally for Employee Agency, Top 10% for Employee Inclusion and Line Management placing us among the highest-performing schools in the country on this measure.**

**This recognition reflects the commitment of our pupils, employees and families to building a positive and supportive school environment. We are very proud of this achievement and will continue to use engagement data to drive our school improvement work.**





## Staffing Update

**Ms Gibbings will be retiring in July after working at Stanley Grove for 17 years. I have worked with Ms Gibbings for over 20 years and she is an exceptional teacher.**

**Throughout her time with us, she has made a lasting difference to the lives of so many pupils, supporting them to grow in confidence and achieve their very best.**

**Her impact has extended far beyond the classroom, playing a key role in whole school development and improvement, and offering unwavering support to colleagues and leaders at every stage of their careers.**

**She has also been instrumental in training and inspiring future teachers, sharing her knowledge and passion for education.**

**Her commitment, warmth and professionalism will be greatly missed by our whole school community, and we thank her sincerely for everything she has given over the years.**

**We wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement.**





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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## MAY 2026

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**Monday 4th May**      **School Closed – Bank Holiday**

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**Wednesday 6th May**      **Year 2 Visit to The Deep**

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**11th -14th May**      **Year 6 SATS week.**

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**Thursday 21st May**      **Year 5 and 6 Cricket Competition.  
(Pupils involved will be informed)**

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**Thursday 21st May**      **School closes for half term.**

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**Friday 22nd May**      **INSET DAY.**

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## JUNE 2026

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**Monday 1st June**      **School opens.**

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**1st – 5th June**      **Multiplication Check Week for Year 4 pupils.**

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**Friday 5th June**      **Wakefield Schools Museum Workshop for Year 6 pupils.**

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**8th June**      **Phonic Screen Check Week for Year 1 pupils.**

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**11th June**      **Accomplish Trust Games Event at Sheffield Arena.  
(Children involved will be informed prior to the event)**

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**Wednesday 17th June**      **Year 4 Trip to York Museum.**

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**Monday 22nd Jun**      **Accomplish Trust Music Concert at Wakefield Cathedral.  
(Children involved will be involved prior to the event)**

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**Wednesday 24th June**      **Open morning and evening.  
Parents are invited into school to look at children's books  
and visit child's next classroom.**

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## JULY 2026

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<b>Wednesday 1st July</b>	<b>Transition Morning.</b> Children will go to own class for register but will visit and work in the classrooms they will be working in next year.
<b>Thursday 2nd July</b>	<b>Key Stage 1 Geography Bee at Townville Infant Academy.</b> (Children involved will be involved prior to the event)
<b>Monday 6th July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Performance 5p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday 8th July</b>	<b>Key Stage 1 Diamond Dash Competition at Townville Infant Academy.</b>
<b>Wednesday 8th July</b>	<b>Earth and Space STEM visit for Year 5.</b>
<b>Friday 10th July</b>	<b>Reports to parents.</b> Please check emails for your child's summer report.
<b>Tuesday 14th July</b>	<b>Key Stage 2 Diamond Dash Competition at Jerry Clay Academy.</b>
<b>Thursday 16th July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly. 9.00am – 10:30am</b> Parents of year 6 pupils welcome to attend the assembly.
<b>Friday 17th July</b>	<b>School Closes for the summer.</b>
<b>Monday 20th July</b>	<b>INSET DAY (School Closed to Pupils)</b>

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# 2026-27 CALENDAR

## END OF SUMMER HOLIDAY

Back to school - Thursday 3rd September 2026

## AUTUMN HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 26 October 2026

Back to school - Monday 2 November 2026

## CHRISTMAS

Holiday starts - Monday 21 December 2026

Back to school - Monday 4 January 2027

## SPRING HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 15 February 2027

Back to school - Monday 22 February 2027

## EASTER

Holiday starts - Friday 26 March 2027

Back to school - Monday 12 April 2027

## SUMMER HALF TERM

Holiday starts – Friday 28th May 2027

Back to school - Monday 7 June 2027

## SUMMER HOLIDAY

Holiday starts Thursday 22nd July 2027

## BANK HOLIDAYS 2026-27

Christmas Day -  
Friday 25 December 2026

Boxing Day -  
Monday 28 December 2026

New Year's Day -  
Friday 1 January 2027

Good Friday -  
Friday 26 March 2027

Easter Monday -  
Monday 29 March 2027

May Day -  
Monday 3 May 2027

Spring Bank Holiday -  
Monday 31 May 2027

## INSET DAYS 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 23rd November 2026

Friday 29th January 2027

Friday 28th May 2027