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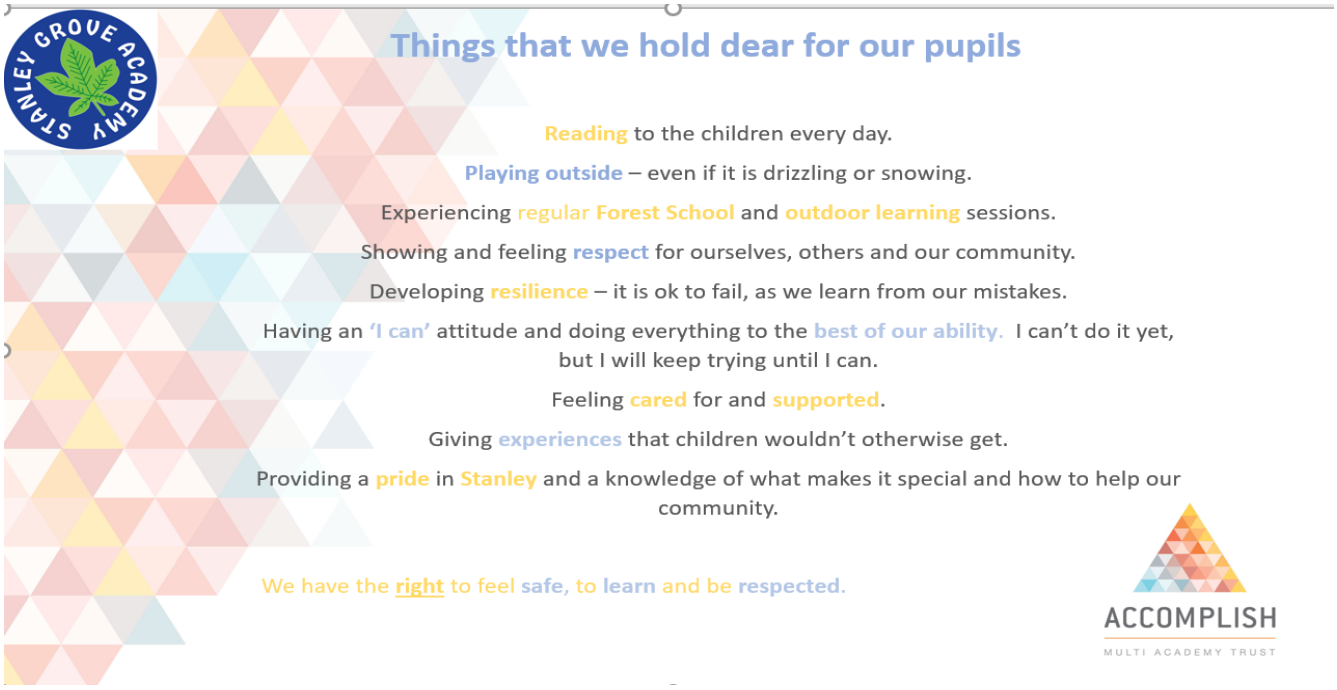
Weekly Briefing for Parents and Carers.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I had the pleasure of meeting our new Reception families. It was a valuable session, giving me the opportunity to share what we hold dear for our pupils and the high quality education and experiences that pupils have at Stanley Grove Academy.

The meeting included the experiences we hold dear for our pupils:



Each point reflects the heart of our school ethos and the experiences we believe every child deserves. These values guide everything we do.

Safety, Respect and Daily Welcome

We remind children often: **We have the right to feel safe, to learn and to be respected.** To reinforce this, the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team are on the gate every morning and afternoon— not only to welcome children and parents, but to be available for conversations. This is a two-way street: we are here to listen, to support, and to work with you to ensure your child thrives.

If you ever need to talk, please approach us. A quick conversation at the gate can often solve a problem before it grows.

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A parent has made me aware that they toddler was approached and spoken to harshly by another parent in the school which was clearly distressing. Please ensure that your use care and respect when speaking to children, parents and staff on our school site. Our code of conduct is on the school website detailing both our expectations and actions we would take if this is not adhered to.

https://www.stanleygroveprimary.co.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=25

Attendance

Despite being one of the most popular schools in Wakefield, our attendance remains a concern — **most absences are due to holidays taken during term time**. This significantly affects learning, progress and confidence.

We ask for your continued support in not taking term-time holidays. Strong attendance is one of the most powerful predictors of success, and together we can improve this.

We are currently working with the local authority to provide clearer information for parents on both the impact and the actions taken following term time holidays which I hope to share with you before the end of the school term.

Celebrating Success



Ellie Brown

Ellie receives this month's award for her relentless passion for music and her outstanding leadership in organising our spectacular Cathedral Concert.

Nothing was ever too much trouble, and her calm organisation, attention to detail and commitment shone throughout every stage of planning.

The afternoon was a tremendous success because of her dedication, and we are excited to continue developing music across Accomplish with Ellie playing such an important role.

We are incredibly proud of **Mrs Brown**, who has been named **AMAT Employee of the Month** for her exceptional work in music across both the academy and the Trust. Her dedication enriches our curriculum and gives children experiences they will remember for years.

Phonics and MTC

Our outcomes this year continue to reflect the hard work of pupils and staff. We are delighted to share that **100% of children achieved the expected standard in phonics**, demonstrating the strength of early reading provision and the commitment shown by families at home. In the **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**, pupils achieved an impressive **mean score of 24.8 out of 25**, with **67.9% securing a perfect score of 25 out of 25**. These results highlight not only academic success but also the resilience, determination and "I can" attitude we work hard to instil every day.

SATS results for Year 6.

We have been notified of a delay of the SATs results for year 6 pupils. Instead of 7th July, the results will now be **released on 16th July**. Your child's summer report will be sent out shortly with the teacher assessments and internal standardised scores on it. We will send out the SATs report to you as soon as the information is released to us and has been checked.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to speak with me at the school gates, during meetings and over the phone about our school uniform. I genuinely value these conversations and believe that the best decisions are made when we listen to our families. Your feedback has played an important part in shaping the changes we are making.

The main change for next academic year is the introduction of a **green polo shirt**, which can be worn as both everyday school uniform and as part of our PE uniform. Many parents have told me that this will be a more practical and forgiving option than white, and that having one top suitable for a range of activities will make family life easier and help reduce costs.

I want to reassure everyone that **there is absolutely no expectation for families to purchase the new green polo shirt straight away**. We are introducing it gradually over the 2026–2027 academic year, meaning that all current uniform can continue to be worn throughout the entire school year. If your child already has school uniform that fits and is in good condition, please continue to use it. We simply welcome families who wish to begin introducing the green polo shirt when it is convenient for them.

At our recent Local Governing Body meeting, as well as the introduction of a green t-shirt option, we also discussed our uniform in light of the latest Department for Education guidance. As you know, our school places a huge emphasis on children's health, wellbeing and active learning. Every week, children benefit from two PE lessons, yoga, outdoor learning, movement breaks and our 1K initiative.

Because our school does not have dedicated changing facilities, we have continued the arrangements introduced during Covid, allowing children to come to school in their PE kit on days when they have PE, outdoor learning, yoga or after-school sports clubs.

Last year, I considered reintroducing changing for indoor PE. However, many parents shared concerns about younger children changing in classrooms. I listened carefully to that feedback and, as a result, decided to keep our current arrangements in place. This is a good example of how parent voice directly influences decisions we make.

Many families also told me that, because children spend so much time taking part in outdoor learning and wellbeing activities, school uniform was often being bought but rarely worn, or parents were making additional journeys to school with changes of clothes when activity days had been forgotten. These conversations made it clear that a more flexible approach would better support families while still maintaining high standards of presentation.

The introduction of the green polo shirt is our response to that feedback. It provides a practical option that works whether children are learning in the classroom, taking part in PE or enjoying outdoor activities, while still looking smart and representing our academy with pride.

I have also listened to feedback regarding summer dresses and am pleased to confirm that these will continue to be part of our uniform during the warmer months.

As always, I remain committed to listening. During the spring term next year, we will send out a parent survey to gather further feedback about the uniform so that we can continue to review and refine our approach together.

Thank you once again for sharing your views. I hope this demonstrates that when parents speak, I listen carefully, reflect thoughtfully and, where possible, take action. I am looking forward to seeing our children proudly wearing the new green polo shirts over time, but equally, I want every family to know that there is no pressure to make changes immediately. Our phased approach is designed to support everyone.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Frost.

Diary Dates:

Monday 6th July Year 6 Leavers Performance 5p.m.
Wednesday 8th July Key Stage 1 Diamond Dash Competition at Townville Infant Academy.
Wednesday 8th July Earth and Space STEM visit for Year 5.
Thursday 9th July Camping on school field for Year 6.
Friday 10th July Reports to parents.
Please check emails for your child's summer report.
Tuesday 14th July Key Stage 2 Diamond Dash Competition at Jerry Clay Academy.
Thursday 16th July Year 6 Leavers Assembly. 9.00am – 10:30am
Parents of year 6 pupils welcome to attend the assembly.

p.m. Whole school assembly for attendance winners.

Friday 17th July School Closes for the summer at 3p.m.

Parents of year 6 are invited to see your children leaving at 3p.m. We will keep them until all others pupils have been dismissed as school staff want to see them also. If you are bringing any poppers to celebrate, please ensure these are biodegradable and will wash away in the rain to keep in line with our climate pledge. Thank you.

Monday 20th July INSET DAY (School Closed to Pupils)