

Welcome Back. September 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families and to new children and families who are joining us for the first time. It has been wonderful to see the school buzzing with excitement again as we start another year together at Stanley Grove Academy.

I would like to say how incredibly proud we are of the children and the positive attitude they have shown during their return to school. They have settled quickly into routines, demonstrated excellent behaviour and approached new challenges with enthusiasm and confidence. It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces and such a strong commitment to learning from the very first day.

A Positive Start

Our first whole-school assembly focused on setting goals for the year ahead and understanding that mistakes are an important part of learning. We talked about being resilient, developing an "I can" attitude and recognising that success often comes from perseverance and determination. We encouraged children to embrace challenges, learn from setbacks and believe in their own ability to achieve great things.

A Gift from Our Trust Leader

We were delighted to receive a beautiful basket of books from Mrs Swinburne, our Trust Leader. Reading is at the heart of everything we do, and this thoughtful gift will continue to inspire a love of books and stories across our school community. We are very grateful for her generosity and support.

Our New School Uniform

It has been fantastic to see so many children proudly wearing our new green school uniform. The children look smart and represent our school wonderfully.

As a reminder, this year is a **phased transition year** for the new uniform. Families should not feel under any pressure to replace existing uniform items immediately. Children may continue to wear last year's uniform colours until items need replacing, and we appreciate your support as we make this gradual change together.

Staffing News

We are pleased to welcome **Miss Mackie** to our school team. Miss Mackie joins us in Reception Class, and we are delighted to have her with us. We are sure she will quickly become an important part of our school community.





Unfortunately, **Mrs Bishop**, who was due to join Class 3, will no longer be taking up the position. We have begun the recruitment for this role. In the meantime, Class 3 will be well supported by an experienced Teaching Assistant, ensuring continuity and high-quality support for the children.

This year, **Mrs Brown is celebrating 30 years in teaching**, an incredible achievement and a testament to her dedication, passion and commitment to education. We are extremely fortunate to have Mrs Brown as part of our academy team.

Through her expertise and enthusiasm, she has helped make music a real strength within our school, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to engage with and enjoy this important part of our curriculum. Alongside her leadership of music, Mrs Brown continues to show outstanding dedication to class teaching, inspiring and supporting children to achieve their very best every day.

We would like to thank Mrs Brown for her years of service and the positive impact she has had on so many children and families throughout her teaching career. Congratulations on this wonderful milestone, Mrs Brown!

Finally, I am delighted to share some baby news. **Congratulations to Mrs Marsden, who is expecting a baby in January.** We are all thrilled for her and wish her every happiness as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.

Looking Ahead

We are excited about the year ahead and all the opportunities it will bring for our children. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will ensure that every child continues to thrive, learn and achieve their very best.

With best wishes,

Mrs Frost

Head Teacher

Diary Dates for September:

(Please also see our newsletter on the website with key dates for your diary for the year.)

7th – Nursery fully open today.

15th – Reception and Year 1 class meeting for parents with the class teachers. 3:15p.m.

17th – Meeting for parents with children attending the Residential. 4p.m

22nd – 9-10a.m. SEND coffee morning. Please attend the coffee morning where you will be able to speak with SENDCo and other professionals and find out about services for your child.

25th – Booknic on the field. Parents invited. 12-1p.m. Bring your packed lunch and a book and enjoy a booknic on the field with your child/ren. (Weather permitting)

29th Sept to 2nd October- Book fair in the school hall after school. Please come and have a look at the lovely selection of books available to purchase.



