



NEWSLETTER

14.10.26



Aim high, work hard, be happy and successful

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to take a moment to thank our entire school community for the incredible support shown during our recent Ofsted inspection.

I am immensely proud of our children, who were brilliant throughout the process. Their politeness, enthusiasm for learning and pride in their school shone through in every conversation. Our Junior Leaders were particularly impressive, demonstrating confidence, maturity and a genuine passion for making a difference within our school. They spoke articulately about their roles and the positive impact they have on school life, and they were wonderful ambassadors for Stanley Grove.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff team. The inspection highlighted what we see every day: the care, commitment and high expectations that staff bring to their roles. Every member of the team worked tirelessly before and during the inspection to ensure that children continued to receive the very best experiences, opportunities and education. It was truly a huge team effort, and I feel incredibly privileged to lead such a talented and caring staff team.

Thank you to our parents and carers for your encouragement, messages of support and the positive feedback you shared with inspectors. Your partnership with the school is invaluable, and it was heartening to hear inspectors commenting on the strong relationships that exist between home and school. Your trust and support mean a great deal to us.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the unwavering support we received throughout the inspection process from Mrs Swinburne, our CEO, and colleagues across the Trust. Their guidance, encouragement and commitment to the school ensured that we felt fully supported at every stage, and we are extremely grateful for everything they did for our staff and children.

It was great to have an opportunity to showcase the incredible work that happens at Stanley Grove every day. I have never been more proud of our children, staff, governors, Trust colleagues and families. Together, we continue to create a school community where children thrive, succeed and are given opportunities to flourish.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Joanne Frost
Headteacher





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs Verity

Hello everyone! I am Mrs Verity and I am so excited to be joining Stanley Grove as a Teaching Assistant. I can't wait to meet you all over the next few weeks as I settle in. A little bit about me. I love staying active and fit at the swimming pool, running and walking my dog Harvey who is very fluffy! I like to read lots of books and spend time with my family.



In Memory of a Dear Friend of Stanley Grove

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of a former governor and parent of our school.

Peter Robinson gave an enormous amount of his time, energy and commitment to Stanley Grove over many years. As both a parent and governor, he played a significant role in helping to shape the future of our school and was instrumental in supporting our journey into the Trust. His wisdom, dedication and unwavering belief in the school helped create many of the opportunities our children benefit from today.

Even after stepping down from his governor role 18 months ago, his support never stopped. He remained a familiar face around school, visiting to check in on staff, offer encouragement and bring resources to support our children. His generosity, kindness and genuine care for others were evident in everything he did.

He was a thoughtful, caring and compassionate man who always put children and their opportunities at the heart of his work. We are incredibly grateful for the contribution he made to our school community and for the lasting legacy he leaves behind.

On a personal note, I feel very fortunate to have known him and to have called him a friend. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with his family and loved ones at this difficult time.





ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters

At Stanley Grove, every day counts. Good attendance gives children the very best chance of achieving academically, building friendships, developing confidence and fully participating in the many opportunities that school life provides.

A reminder that school doors open at **8:30am**, allowing children time to settle into their day, and lessons begin **promptly at 8:45am**. Arriving on time is essential, as children who are late can miss important learning, instructions and opportunities to connect with their classmates at the start of the day.

We monitor attendance **every day** and hold **weekly attendance meetings** to review attendance patterns. This includes looking at attendance concerns, broken weeks, repeated absences on the same day, and any emerging trends which may impact a child's education. Where concerns are identified, we work closely with families to offer support and improve attendance.

This week, a number of attendance concern letters have been sent to parents and carers where attendance has become an issue. In addition, **all families will receive an attendance letter next week** to ensure everyone is aware of their child's current attendance figure.

Attendance of **90% or below**, or attendance close to this figure, is a significant concern. Whilst 90% may sound high, it actually means a child is missing around half a day of school every week. Over time, this can have a considerable impact on both academic progress and social development, making it harder for children to keep up with learning, build relationships and feel fully connected to school life.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend school every day, arrive on time and are ready to learn. By working together, we can give every child the best possible opportunity to thrive and succeed.

YEAR GROUP	AVERAGE THIS YEAR	NATIONAL AVERAGE
NURSERY Y1	87.5%	91.5%
NURSERY Y2	90.6%	93.3%
RECEPTION	95.7%	95.5%
YEAR 1	95.7%	95.8%
YEAR 2	96.6%	95.9%
YEAR 3	97.8%	96.1%
YEAR 4	91.2%	96.0%
YEAR 5	96.0%	95.8%
YEAR 6	95.2%	95.5%
WHOLE SCHOOL AVERAGE THIS YEAR	95.1%	SCHOOL TARGET 97%

100-95%

GOOD

94-85%

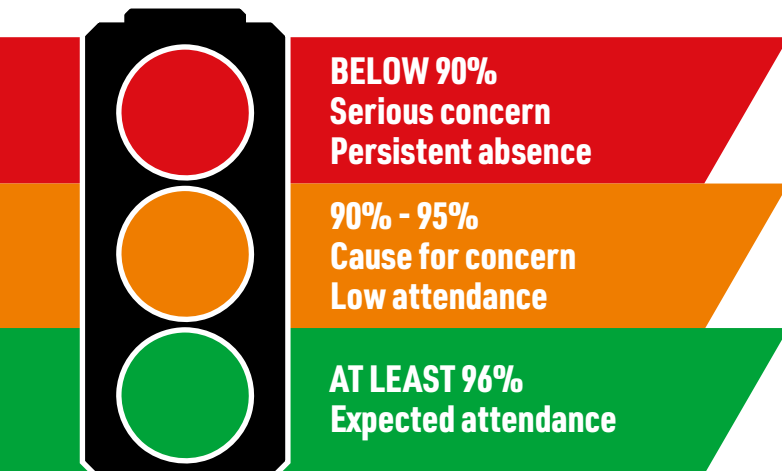
WORRYING

Below 85%

SERIOUS CONCERN



Attendance Matters



EVERY DAY COUNTS...

Learning is a progressive activity. Each lesson and each day builds on another. If your child is absent for lessons that include demonstrations, discussions, experiments and other participation activities as part of the daily learning activities, they are missing learning that cannot be made up.

BENEFITS OF GOOD ATTENDANCE

- Pupils with good attendance generally achieve higher grades.
- Pupils with good attendance generally enjoy school more.
- Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life.
- Good school attendance helps to develop other responsible patterns of behaviour.

SOME RISKS OF POOR ATTENDANCE

- Pupils are likely to miss learning activities that their classmates have taken part in, which could mean they fall behind.
- They miss out on social interaction with friends/classmates - this can have a negative effect on the wellbeing and self-esteem.
- Low attendance is associated with anti-social behaviour and poor learning behaviours

THE LAW AND YOU

The Law states (Education Act 1996, Section 7) that all children of compulsory school age must receive an appropriate full-time education. As a parent/carers, you are legally responsible for making sure your child receives an effective education. Failure to ensure your child attends school regularly could lead to intervention from the Missing Education & Child Employment Service which has the power to implement:

Fixed Penalty Notices • Prosecutions • An Education Supervision Order

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

It is not a parental right to take their child on holiday during term time.

Holidays in term time will not be authorised, unless there are exceptional circumstances and you have completed a holiday request form in advance.

If you choose to take your child out of school for an unauthorised holiday you could receive a penalty notice of £80, per parent, per child.

CAN I GET SUPPORT?

Absolutely! We appreciate the unavoidable events that affect our pupils and their families.

We believe that the most effective way to ensure your child remains on track is to work together to maximise support in their/your time of need.

Our caring and dedicated staff are committed to making sure your child is happy and getting the best out of their time at school. Talk to us.



NURSERY

The children have been learning about emotions through exploring the story *The Colour Monster*. They have enjoyed discussing different feelings, recognising emotions in themselves and others, and developing their emotional vocabulary.

The children have also been practising their independence during painting activities indoors. They confidently select their own palettes and brushes, choose the colours they would like to use, and are beginning to experiment with colour mixing to create new shades. This has supported their creativity, decision-making skills, and confidence in exploring their own ideas.



RECEPTION

We have been busy exploring creativity in reception!

The children have enjoyed experimenting with paint, mixing colours and using different tools to create their own wonderful artwork.

We have been developing our artistic skills, learning new vocabulary and using our imaginations to express our ideas. It has been lovely to see everyone's creativity and individuality shine through.



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 1

In Art, **Year 1** have been learning about the famous sculptor Barbara Hepworth. We have enjoyed exploring her wonderful sculptures, looking closely at their interesting shapes, curves and holes.

The children have been busy responding to her artwork in their sketchbooks. We are very excited about our upcoming visit to The Hepworth Wakefield gallery.



In Science, **Year 1** have been learning all about our five senses. We had lots of fun putting our sense of taste to the test during a food-tasting activity! The children explored different flavours, including sweet, sour and salty, and used descriptive vocabulary to talk about what they could taste. There were some interesting reactions and lots of discussion about our favourite flavours!



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 2



Year 2 have been learning about William Hammond Bartholomew who is from Stanley and invented the Tom Pudding boats in history. We had a lovely walk to the canal to bring our topic to life.



Golden Time is a wonderful part of our school week. **Year 2** are becoming jigsaw masters! The teamwork is heartwarming!

In Music, **Year 2** have been adding a rest to their compositions.



We are loving using our programming skills on the I pads!

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 3

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Scarborough enjoying the sun, beach and scenery! We compared Scarborough to our local area by looking closely at the physical and human features. We thought about erosion by carefully looking at the coastline and we also enjoyed the walk up to Scarborough Castle so that we could learn more about the characteristics of these buildings!



The children in **Year 3** have participated in drama activities based around 'The Tunnel' to explore character emotions and motivations. This included conscience alley and hot seating, which you can see in the attached photograph. They have now completed their own stories which have been truly wonderful to read!

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 3

Year 3 enjoyed an informative workshop from Wakefield Museums & Castles. They have learnt about the Wakefield born WW1 nurse Nellie Spindler and looked at nursing artefacts from the past!



We had a walk to Stanley Library, children listened to stories read by the librarian and were able to check out a book of their choice using their library card. They also participated in some quizzes led by the librarian which were linked to our Science topic 'Rocks, soils & fossils.'



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 4

Parent and child sewing session

It was so lovely to welcome parents and grandparents into Y4 to help with sewing our book sleeves. Thank you for all your help. They look fantastic!



Visit to Stanley Marsh

Y4 visited Stanley Marsh to learn about plants, vertebrates and invertebrates.



Tudor workshop

Y4 enjoyed a Tudor workshop learning about Henry VIII and the Pilgrimage of Grace. They role played different groups of society from Tudor times.

YEAR 5

Trip to the Library

As ever, we continue to love Reading at Stanley Grove and **Year 5** enjoyed their visit to Stanley Library, where the children not only had the opportunity to read to the class from a book about Roald Dahl, recapping their learning of the topic from Year 4, but also explore interactive games and take books out from the library to read



Booknic

The children in **Year 5** did not let the wet weather dampen their spirits for the Booknic and thoroughly enjoyed their time getting to socialize with their classmates over a good book in the hall. Continuing to foster the love of reading is at the heart of everything we do.



After-school Sports Club

Children from **KS2** continue to engage in productive after-school sports sessions. These combine effective coaching feedback with the practising of key fundamentals and skills, which can then be applied to game situations.

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 6



Recently, **Year 6** enjoyed a visit to the local library, where they took part in a range of engaging activities linked to our class reading of *The Hobbit*. Pupils explored themes, characters and settings from the novel while developing their own creative worlds. Alongside this work, the children participated in a variety of interactive team-building games, demonstrating excellent communication and collaboration.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 6

Year 6 have continued to develop their artistic skills through their beautiful watercolour studies inspired by renowned botanical artist Margaret Mee. Pupils carefully explored her distinctive style, paying close attention to different watercolour techniques and intricate details found in nature. The children have shown great creativity and perseverance, producing some wonderfully vibrant pieces of artwork that reflect both their growing confidence and creativity



Year 6 also took part in the recent cross country heats, demonstrating determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship throughout the event. Pupils challenged themselves, encouraging one another and showing great perseverance from start to finish.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

14th – 16th	Year 5 and 6 Residential
19th	Attendance Reports to parents
23rd	Pumpkin competition. Please bring pumpkins to school to be judge by our Junior Leaders. Pumpkins to be collected at the end of the school day.
23rd	School closes for half term.

NOVEMBER

2nd	School opens
10th	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. 9-10a.m.
23rd	Inset day. School closed to pupils.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

8th	LKS2 performance 9a.m. Due to safety, 2 tickets per child with limited additional tickets on sale.
8th	UKS2 performance. 1:30. Due to safety, 2 tickets per child with limited additional tickets on sale.
9th	Reception Christmas performance. Due to safety, 2 tickets per child with limited additional tickets on sale.
	KS1 performance. 1:30 Due to safety, 2 tickets per child with limited additional tickets on sale.
11th	Autumn Reports to parents. (Reception to Year 6)
14th	Attendance Reports to parents
15th	KS2 party. Party clothes may be worn today.
17th	EYFS and KS1 party. Party clothes may be worn today.
18th	Community sing along. 2:30 – 3:15. Singing with the school choir and mince pies and hot chocolate on sale.

Friends of Stanley Grove.

We are hoping that we can also run some additional fundraising activities during the year. We had some parents in our new Reception class that were keen to be part of this. If you are able to spare any time or have ideas for fundraising events and would be prepared to organise and run these, we would love to hear from you.



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 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 23rd November 2026

Friday 29th January 2027

Friday 28th May 2027



2027-28 CALENDAR

END OF SUMMER HOLIDAY

Back to school -
Wednesday 8 September 2027

AUTUMN HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 25 October 2027
Back to school - Monday 1 November 2027

CHRISTMAS

Holiday starts - Monday 20 December 2027
Back to school - Tuesday 4 January 2028

SPRING HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 21 February 2028
Back to school - Monday 28 February 2028

EASTER

Holiday starts - Monday 10 April 2028
Back to school - Monday 24 April 2028

SUMMER HALF TERM

Holiday starts - Monday 29 May 2028
Back to school - Monday 5 June 2028

SUMMER HOLIDAY

Holiday starts Friday 22 July 2028

BANK HOLIDAYS 2027-28

Summer Bank Holiday -
Monday 30 August 2027
Christmas Day -
Monday 27 December 2027
Boxing Day -
Tuesday 28 December 2027
New Year's Day -
Monday 3 January 2028
Good Friday -
Friday 14 April 2028
Easter Monday -
Monday 17 April 2028
May Day -
Monday 1 May 2028
Spring Bank Holiday -
Monday 29 May 2028

INSET DAYS 2027-28

Monday 6th September 2027
Tuesday 7th September 2027
Friday 28th January 2028
Monday 24th July 2028
Tuesday 25th July 2028



SCHOOL INFORMATION

Teaching Staff for 2026 - 2027

Nursery - Mrs Johnson, Miss Smith and Miss Cullimore

Reception - Miss Price, Mrs Minie, Miss Cullimore and Miss Mackie

Year 1 - Mrs Marsden, Mrs Franks and Mrs Todd

Year 2 - Mrs Brown and Mrs Maroof

Year 3 - Mrs Hughes, Miss Slater and Mrs Verity

Year 4 - Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Maroof

Year 5 - Mr Whipp, Mrs Turner and Mrs Bush

Year 6 - Mr Reynolds and Mrs Turner

Miss Webster HLTA - working across school leading phonics and classroom delivery.

Miss Way HLTA - working across school and classroom

Lessons start at 8:45. Please ensure that you arrive **before** this so that children can enter classroom prior to this. **Gates open at 8.30** to allow this to happen. As you know we have a breakfast club so these children use the playground and field prior to school opening so we cannot open the school site while these pupils are accessing these areas.

We will continue to enter at the field gate as this has created a calm entry to school and staff on the gates are able to see adults entering the school for messages and for safety. Please don't feel you have to queue outside school. As I have explained before, you are more than welcome to use the area near the scooter part, or come onto the field area near the path so you are not near the road whilst waiting to enter school. Lessons finish at 3p.m. and again, we will not be able to open more than 5 minutes before this due to children using the areas for their lessons. Thank you for understanding.