



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new academic year. It has been a pleasure to see our school community back together after the summer break, and I am so pleased with how the children have settled back into school life.

A special welcome goes to all of our new pupils, families and staff, who have joined us this term; we look forward to the year ahead with you.

Most of you will be aware that we have made adjustments to the structure of the school day this term, including the introduction of an extended lunchtime play session. Early feedback from pupils and staff has been extremely positive, with children making the most of the additional time to be active, social, and creative.

We are also pleased to have introduced yoga sessions as part of our wider commitment to promoting wellbeing and emotional regulation. These sessions are already proving highly beneficial, helping pupils to develop strategies for calm, focus, and resilience in a busy school environment. It has been encouraging to see how positively the children have responded.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Class Information Meetings last week. We hope you found the sessions informative and that they provided a useful overview of the year ahead.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to working together to ensure a happy, successful, and fulfilling year for all our pupils.





PE AND WELL-BEING



Children across school have really enjoying their yoga sessions. Focus on our yoga poses helps to calm our body and mind, keeping us mindful and supporting our well-being.

Fantastic to see all children, regardless of Key Stage, invested in our afterschool sports Clubs. Here, the children are engaged in activities demonstrating their commitment, resilience and perseverance. Advancing their ball handling skills in a small invasion game. Just one of the many activities on offer.





OTHER NEWS

Accomplish MAT is Growing

I am delighted to share some exciting news with you. Before the end of this year, **Auckley School** will be joining our Accomplish Trust. This is a wonderful step forward as we continue to strengthen our family of schools, working together with the shared goal of providing the very best education and opportunities for every child.

Being part of a Trust allows our schools to collaborate closely, sharing expertise, resources and best practice and we are excited about the addition of Auckley.

As part of this collaborative work, we recently held an **Inset Day** for all staff across the Trust. This gave teachers and support staff the chance to train and plan together, focusing on how we can make our schools the very best they can be. The energy, commitment and creativity of colleagues was inspiring, and it is reassuring to see how united we are in our mission to support every child to flourish.

Safety and Security – Use of Lockdowns

As we come back to school, we want to reassure families that the safety of our pupils and staff remains our top priority. Recently, schools nationally have been made aware of threats circulating on social media platforms such as TikTok. While most of these are not credible, we always take them seriously and follow clear safeguarding procedures.

One of these procedures is a lockdown. This is a precautionary measure that allows us to keep children and staff safe inside the school if we are made aware of a potential risk in the local area. During a lockdown, children remain in their classrooms with their teachers until it is confirmed that it is safe to continue the school day.

Lockdowns are rare and usually precautionary. We regularly review our security procedures and work closely with the police and local authority to ensure our approach is thorough and effective.

If a lockdown were ever required, parents would be informed as soon as it was safe to do so. Please be assured that your child's safety and wellbeing is always at the centre of our decisions.

Parent Poetry Workshop – Celebrate National Poetry Day with Us

To celebrate National Poetry Day, we are excited to invite you to a Parent Poetry Workshop and Performance!

Each class will be learning a poem. The children will perform their poem for you at the start of the session. After the performance, you and your child will work together on a short, fun poetry activity. This is a lovely opportunity to get creative together and celebrate the joy of poetry as a school community.

Dates & Times:

Year 1 & 2: Thursday 2nd October 2–3pm

Year 3: Thursday 2nd October 9–10am

Year 4: Tuesday 30th September 2–3pm

Year 5: Wednesday 1st October 9–10am

Year 6: Thursday 2nd October 2–3pm

Please note: Due to space restrictions, we kindly ask that only one adult per child attends the session.



NURSERY

We are proud of how well our new nursery children have settled in. They have been busy exploring our indoor and outdoor provision with enthusiasm and curiosity. A special highlight has been enjoying story time with Mrs Frost, the Headteacher, which the children loved.



RECEPTION

This half term we have been learning about feelings and bodies using our core texts 'What makes me a me' and 'The lion Inside'.

We have been using lots of different resources to discuss and show our emotions.

We have especially enjoyed painting our self-portraits.

We have built enormous lion dens outside and small mouse dens indoors – building self-confidence and self-esteem – a theme from our text.



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 1



Year 1 have enjoyed exploring the work of Barbara Hepworth in their new continuous provision.



Year 1 produced some beautiful pencil drawings of Barbara Hepworth's sculptures. They have really enjoyed using their sketch books and took great care and pride in their work.



Year 1 loved their first DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time. They were able to share books with friends and use books in the library and on displays. How lovely to see such a love of reading in year 1.

KEY STAGE 1 NEWS

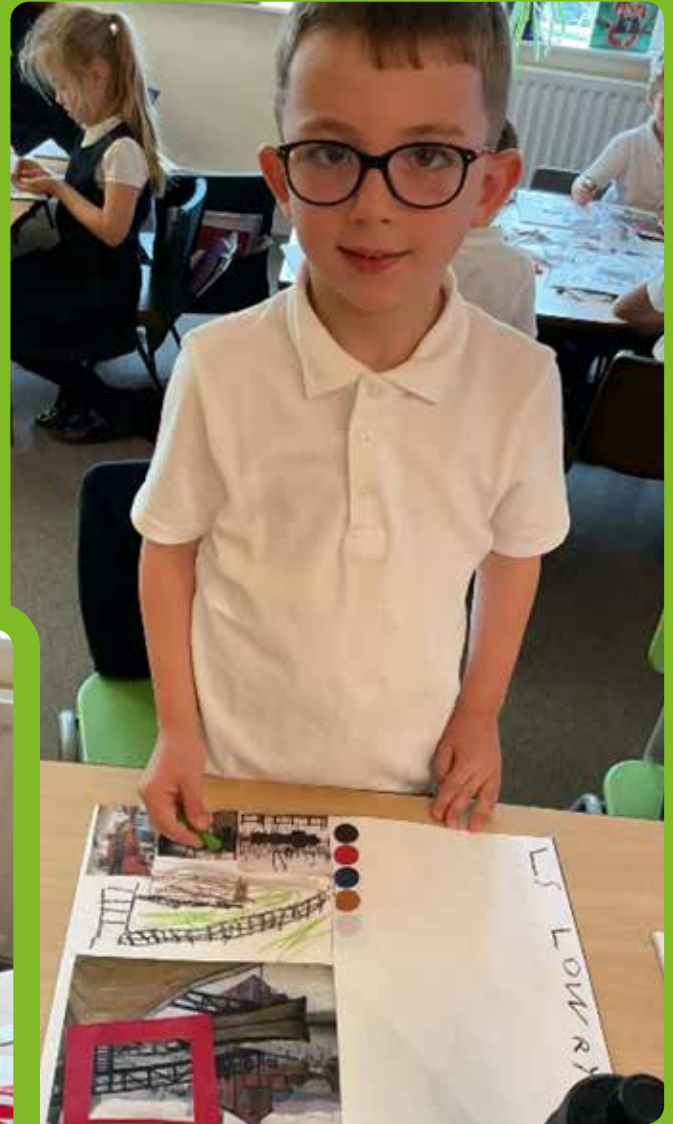


YEAR 2



They have enjoyed visually responding to Lowry's work in Art. It was great to see them show their creativity and create unique mood boards.

In maths **Year 2** have been using concrete manipulatives to partition numbers in different ways.



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 2



We have been learning about 'World Changes' in RE, some children have brought in books from home to share - such wonderful contributions and discussions.



This half term **Year 2** children are taking part in yoga sessions. They help us to feel calm, peaceful and still. We are practicing ways to relax our minds and bodies.



In science we had a materials hunt. **Year 2** were great at naming the materials that the objects were made of!



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 3

Year 3 have settled in well to their new routines. Today they have enjoyed some DEAR time.



Year 3 really enjoying their yoga sessions. Focus on our yoga poses helps to calm our body and mind



Year 3 have begun to create a record of their personal reading journey through the use of their Reading Journals.

YEAR 4



Fluency

A fabulous start to our Fluency sessions in **Year 4**. Children are working hard to develop key fluency and comprehension skills using our new text, 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown.

Maths skills

Great work in Maths from **Year 4** – they have been using practical resources and then written methods to understand place value.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 5

Well done to our **Year 5** recipients for their respective awards received from our Junior Leader Team. Already demonstrating the key traits we continue develop in school. Also, a huge well to all who have shown great attitude and learning traits in their initial swimming lessons.



In Maths, the children in **Year 5** have been using concrete manipulatives to deepen their understanding of numbers up to the hundred thousands and recognise their subsequent place value



The children have been exploring and using freeze framing in English to explore character emotions and feelings as part of our book focus.

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



YEAR 6



This term, **Year 6** have been using the picture book *Tuesday* by David Wiesner as a creative springboard for developing rich and engaging narratives in English. Pupils also explored digital storytelling by using iPads to create animated GIFs inspired by the book's characters.

In addition, we've made the most of our school library during our 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions, fostering a love of reading and independent exploration of books.



In PE, our focus has been on the theme *Serve, Set, Slam*, where students have enjoyed developing their skills through dynamic and collaborative activities.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET DAYS FOR 2025-2026

1st September 2025

25th November 2025

30th January 2026

22nd May 2026

20th July 2026

SEPTEMBER 2025

24th September Year 3 trip to Scarborough.

26th September Year 2 Teddy Tombola fund raising event
(details from the class to follow)

30th September Phonics information meeting for parents in Reception and Year 1.
(9a.m and repeated at 4p.m.)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 2025

2nd October	After school sports fundraising event led by Years 5 and 6. (more details to follow)
2nd October	National Poetry Day – look out for information about joining us for poetry sessions during this week.
14th October	Flu immunisations for Reception to Year 6
15th October	Harvest produce collected in school for donating in community.
21st October	Meeting for Year 5 and 6 residential trip parents, 4:00p.m.
23rd October	Pumpkin Competition.
24th October	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM.

NOVEMBER 2025

3rd November	SCHOOL OPENS
4th to 6th November	Residential for year 5 and 6.
24th November	INSET DAY. School closed to children.
21st November	Christmas Card Competition due today. We would like our academy Christmas cards to be designed by one of our pupils. Please send any entries into school with child's full name and age on. No glitter please.
21st November	Reports for full time pupils emailed to parents today. Please check we have your email address on our system.
25th November	Parent Meetings on site 3:15 – 6p.m.
26th November	Parent Meetings online 3:15 – 5:30



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 2025

9th December 9:15	UKS2 (Class 5 and 6) Christmas Performance.
9th December 1:30	LKS2 (Class 3 and 4) Christmas Performance.
10th December 9:15	Reception Christmas Performance.
10th December 1:30	KS 1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Performance.
12th December 1:30	Whole school Christmas House Point Event in memory of our treasured friend, Mrs Bell.
17th December	KS2 Christmas Party
18th December	KS 1 Christmas Party
18th December	Early Years Christmas Party.
19th December	SCHOOL CLOSES

JANUARY 2026

5th January	SCHOOL OPENS
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Teaching Staff for 2025 - 2026

Nursery - Mrs Johnson

Reception - Miss Price

Year 1 - Mrs Brown

**Year 2 - Mrs Franks and
Mrs Marsden**

**Year 3 - Ms Gibbings and
Mrs Hughes**

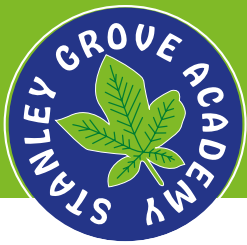
Year 4 - Mrs Hodgson

Year 5 - Mr Whipp










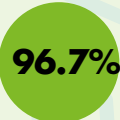


Year 6 - Mr Reynolds

Lessons start at 8:45. Please ensure that you arrive before this so that children can enter classroom prior to this. Gates will open prior to this 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.



ATTENDANCE

	YEAR GROUP	CURRENT	AVERAGE THIS YEAR
SCHOOL TARGET  97%	NURSERY PM	 80.0%	94.1%
100-95% GOOD 	RECEPTION	 100%	97.6%
94-85% WORRYING 	YEAR 1	 96.4%	98.3%
	YEAR 2	 90.0%	96.2%
	YEAR 3	 96.7%	93.7%
	YEAR 4	 98.0%	98.3%
	YEAR 5	 96.7%	96.1%
Below 85% SERIOUS CONCERN 	YEAR 6	 96.8%	93.8%

Despite all of our efforts this year, attendance has remained in line with national and we continue to be concerned about the amount of pupils with attendance which is lower than 90 % and classed as Persistently absent from school. We will be putting in face to face meetings in school for parents whose child's attendance is causing concern to see how we can work together to improve this next year.

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING!

With the introduction of the New National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force on 19th August 2024.

PENALTY NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED FOR

Term time leave: Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period: A Penalty Notice may be considered/issued when a pupil has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week* period.

*School Week's

PER PARENT/PER CHILD

Penalty Notice Fines will continue to be issued per parent per child.

For example: 3 Siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for a Term Time Holiday or Irregular School Attendance the Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of issue, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days**.

SECOND OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second Penalty Notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first notice, the second Penalty Notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days (no reduced fee for paying early).

(**Unpaid Penalty Notice's after 28 days may result in a parental prosecution)

THIRD OFFENCE (within 3 years of the First Offence)

On the third time that an offence is committed for either a Term Time Holiday and / or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case may proceed straight to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000.