



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

### Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a very successful first half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderful start to the school year. The children have settled back into school life brilliantly, showing enthusiasm for their learning and kindness towards one another. It has been a busy few weeks, filled with exciting learning opportunities and special events that have made our school community feel very proud.

One of the highlights of the term has been welcoming so many of you into school for our **Poetry Celebration Event**. The atmosphere was fantastic, and the children loved sharing their poems with such an appreciative audience. Thank you for your support—it means so much to the children to see their families celebrating their achievements.

We've also enjoyed a number of enriching experiences beyond the classroom. Classes have visited the local library, helping to nurture a love of reading that we value so highly. We were absolutely thrilled that our pupils won the **Summer Reading Challenge**—a brilliant reflection of how much our children enjoy reading both in and out of school. To top it off, we had an inspiring visit from a children's author, who spoke passionately about the power of imagination and storytelling.

We were also incredibly proud to see **Miss Webster** and our pupils taking part in a **filming** for **Read Write Inc. (RWI)**. Our school is proud to be a **RWI Filming School**, which means our teaching is used to help train and inspire other schools across the country. The film crew were so impressed with the children's enthusiasm and confidence, and it was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our excellent early reading practice we have at Stanley Grove Academy.



I want to thank all our families for your continued support. It makes such a difference to the children's experience and success in school. We have so much to look forward to next half term, including preparations for our festive events and new learning themes that will build on this strong start.

I wish you all a very happy and restful half-term break.



# TRUST HEADTEACHERS' VISIT

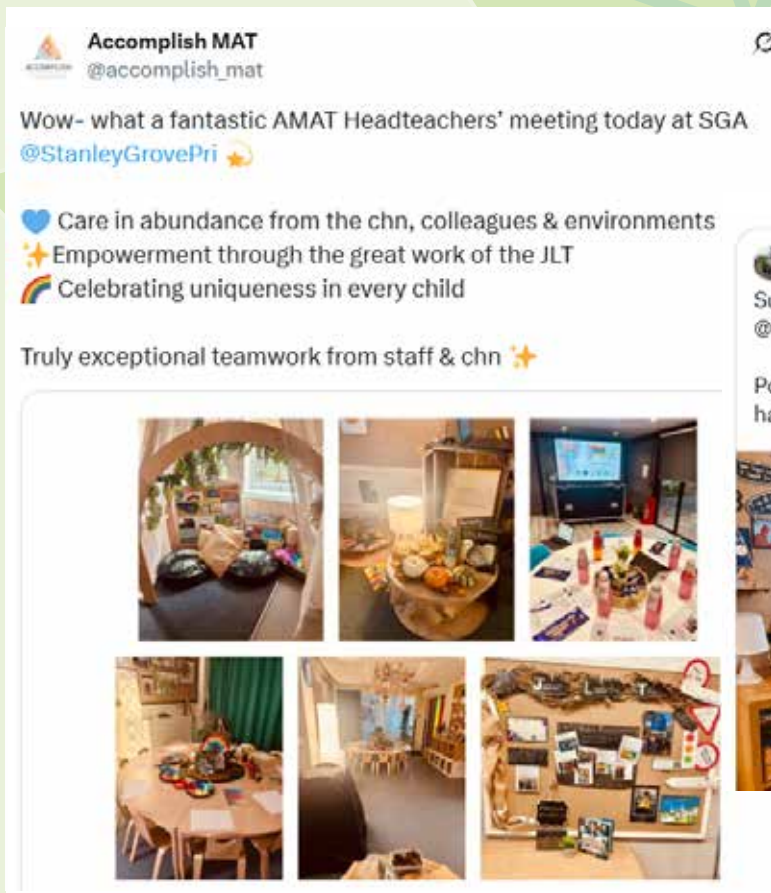


Last week, we were delighted to welcome the **Trust Leader and Headteachers from across the Trust** to our school. They spent time touring our classrooms and outdoor spaces, meeting pupils, and talking to staff.

They were incredibly impressed with what they saw—our calm and purposeful learning environments, our confident **Junior Leadership Team**, and the positive attitudes and excellent behaviour of our children.

They also commented on how skilled and dedicated our staff team are, and how evident it is that we are “doing the basics brilliantly” every single day.

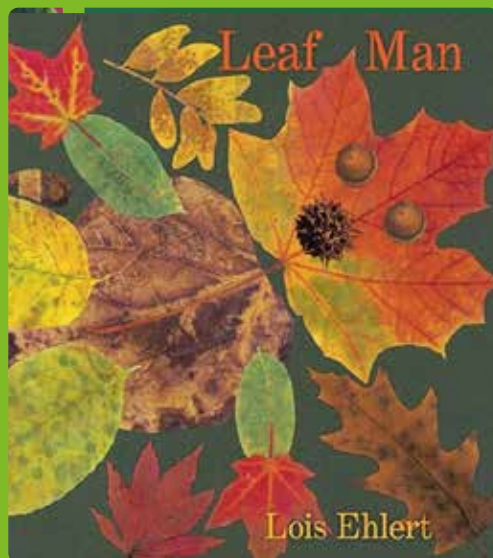
Please see X for their comments and photographs.



## NURSERY

**Nursery** have continued to explore the season with the core text 'Leaf Man'.

We looked closely at the fallen leaves in search of Leaf Man, unfortunately he could not be found. Instead we collected leaves and made our own leaf men! We experimented with colour mixing and printed with leaves. We looked closely at the patterns, colours and veins of the leaves.



## RECEPTION

Our **Reception** children have been busy exploring the wonderful world of colour! In provision, we've been learning all about rainbows and experimenting with different ways to create them. The children have used collage materials, paints, and lots of creative mark making to design their own beautiful rainbow artworks.

Outdoors, our young artists have been mixing colours in the water area and discovering how secondary colours appear when different primary colours come together — How exciting!!



We also had a very special visit from Emma, a local artist, who taught us how to make colour resist rainbows using watercolour paints and oil pastels.

The children loved watching the colours blend and shine through their artwork — it was truly magical!



# KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



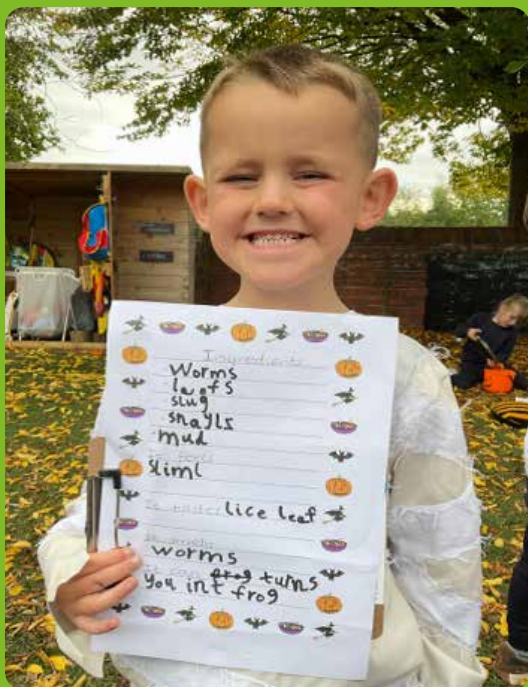
## YEAR 1

Year 1 had a lovely visit to the library. We are so lucky to have such a fabulous resource in our community.



Year 1 had a fabulous poetry workshop with their parents to celebrate National Poetry Day.

Year 1 have become witches and wizards in their Secret Garden making potions and using their senses to describe and explore them.



Year 1 had a wonderful trip to the Hepworth Gallery as part of their art topic on Barbara Hepworth. We explored the gallery and made our own sculptures. We were so proud of the lovely comments we received about our behaviour and attitude from members of the public, the staff at the gallery and the supporting parents.

# KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



## YEAR 2



Year 2 enjoyed their visit from author and illustrator Bethan Woollvin! They produced some amazing drawings with her help! Thank you.



They have enjoyed practising their speaking and listening skills.



They had a wonderful trip to the library!



They are very proud of their published writing!



# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



## YEAR 3

**Year 3** have enjoyed an informative workshop from Wakefield Museums. We have learnt about the life and achievements of Nellie Spindler.



Wonderful self portraits in **Year 3**, using Keynote.



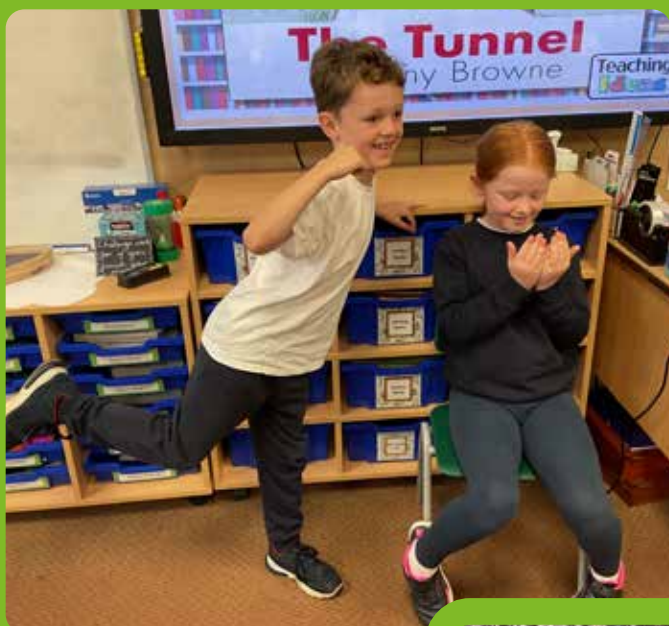
It was wonderful to have parents, carers and grandparents in school today participating in the **Year 3** Poetry workshop. What wonderful poems they have created!

# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



## YEAR 3

**Year 3** have enjoyed a drama lesson today. We have undertaken freeze frames and a conscience alley for the character of Rose.



Great reading in our fluency session today in **Year 3**

What a fantastic day **Year 3** had in Scarborough! The sun, sand and scenery were amazing.



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

## YEAR 4



### Visit to Stanley Marsh

Year 4 had a great time at Stanley Marsh learning about animals (vertebrates and invertebrates) and plants (flowering and non-flowering) in our local area

### Wakefield Museum

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the Wakefield Museum visit - they learnt about the Pilgrimage of Grace in Tudor times and held a class debate.

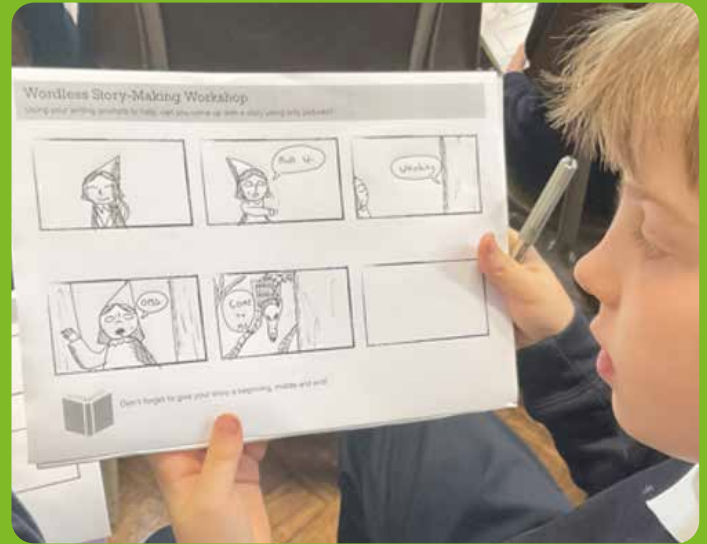


### Parent engagement

It's been fantastic to welcome parents into class for both our poetry workshops and sewing sessions this half term (as well as on our trips to the marsh and the library). Thank you for all your help and support.

## YEAR 5

It was wonderful to see the engagement from our **Year 5 and 6** children during their session with Bethan Woollvin. How inspirational for them to see the author and illustrator read her version of the legend of Robin Hood and lead activities around this in their session. The children even got to extend her story by producing their own storyboards.



**Year 5** had a super afternoon testing their parachutes and exploring the effects of air resistance and gravity on the rate of objects falling to the ground. Next step - graph our results.



# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



## YEAR 6



Our brilliant Junior Leaders have been shining in assemblies, confidently sharing all the wonderful accomplishments happening across our Trust. Their oracy skills are growing stronger every week — well done, leaders!

**Year 6** had a wonderful time during their Poetry Workshop. It was a real treat to perform our poem for parents, and we left feeling inspired to create some amazing poems of our own. Budding poets in the making!



**Year 6** had a fantastic visit to the local library, where they enjoyed an exciting story time session hosted by the friendly library staff. A big thank you to the library team for making it so memorable!



# KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



## YEAR 6



**Year 5 and 6** had an exciting visit from the Fire Safety Team, who delivered an important and engaging session on how to stay safe around bonfire night.

It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and engagement from our **Year 5 and 6** children during their inspiring session with author and illustrator Bethan Woollvin. Bethan captivated the pupils as she read her unique version of the legend of Robin Hood and led creative activities based on the story — a truly memorable experience for all!



**Year 5 and 6** are still loving their Drop Everything and Read sessions — a perfect chance to relax with a good book and share stories with friends.





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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## INSET DAYS FOR 2025-2026

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1st September 2025

24th November 2025

30th January 2026

22nd May 2026

20th July 2026

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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## OCTOBER 2025

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21st October	Meeting for Year 5 and 6 residential trip parents, 4:00p.m.
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23rd October	Pumpkin Competition.
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24th October	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM.
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## NOVEMBER 2025

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3rd November	SCHOOL OPENS
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4th to 6th November	Residential for year 5 and 6.
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24th November	INSET DAY. School closed to children.
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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.
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21st November	Reports for full time pupils emailed to parents today. Please check we have your email address on our system.
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25th November	Parent Meetings on site 3:15 – 6p.m.
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26th November	Parent Meetings online 3:15 – 5:30
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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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## DECEMBER 2025

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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

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## JANUARY 2026

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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**

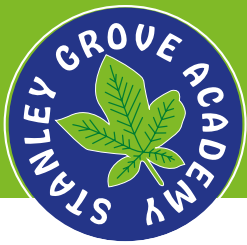
**Year 4 - Mrs Hodgson**

**Year 5 - Mr Whipp**


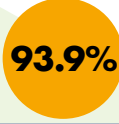




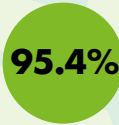




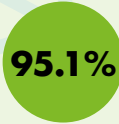
**Year 6 - Mr Reynolds**

**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	AVERAGE THIS YEAR	NATIONAL AVERAGE
<b>SCHOOL TARGET</b> 	<b>NURSERY PM</b>	 93.9%	<b>92.9%</b>
	<b>RECEPTION</b>	 95.0%	<b>95.1%</b>
<b>100-95% GOOD</b> 	<b>YEAR 1</b>	 98.0%	<b>95.5%</b>
	<b>YEAR 2</b>	 95.6%	<b>95.8%</b>
	<b>YEAR 3</b>	 95.4%	<b>95.9%</b>
<b>94-85% WORRYING</b> 	<b>YEAR 4</b>	 97.1%	<b>95.8%</b>
	<b>YEAR 5</b>	 95.0%	<b>95.6%</b>
<b>Below 85% SERIOUS CONCERN</b> 	<b>YEAR 6</b>	 95.1%	<b>95.2%</b>

We continue to monitor attendance in the academy. Next half term, we will be looking at pupils with 90% or less attendance and are classed as persistently absent and organising meetings in school to look at how we can ensure pupil's attendance stays high enough for them to make progress in school in line with their peers with good attendance. Please ensure your child is in school every day to give them the best chance of success.

# 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.