



# Stanhope Primary School

Strengths Celebrated, Achievements Recognised

Perseverance, Kindness, Enthusiasm, Independence, Respect, Resilience, Team-work

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## Newsletter

Summer  
Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back

### Key Dates for the remainder of Summer Term

#### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – School closed for Bank Holiday**

W/C Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Year 6 SAT's

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 – Year 4 Beamish Visit

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 – Year 4 Parents Assembly

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 – School closes for Half Term**

#### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – School reopens after Half Term**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Individual and Family photographs

#### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – School closed INSET Day**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Year 5 Bikability

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Sports Day starting at 12pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Year 3 Parents Assembly at 9.10am

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025 – Year 6 Parents Transition Talk - Health Minds at 1.15pm

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 – Year 2 Parent Assembly at 9.10am

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Summer Fair starting at 3pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Year 6 Transition Day 1

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Year 6 Transition Day 2

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Year 6 Leavers Party

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 1.30pm

#### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 – School closed for INSET Day**

#### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 – School Reopens for the Autumn Term**

### Gate Times

Kind reminder that the gate for Nursery pupils at our Foundation Stage gate (near Main Reception) will open at 8:25am. It will reopen at 11:25am for morning Nursery children to be collected. The gate will reopen at 12:25pm for afternoon Nursery pupils. They will be dismissed from the gate at 3:25pm.



The gate for Reception pupils at our Foundation Stage gate (near Main Reception) will open at 8:55am. They will be dismissed from this gate when it reopens at 3:15pm.

The gate on Gresford Street (Key Stage 1 and 2) and at our Foundation Stage gate for Reception class pupils (near Main Reception) will open at 8:45am and will be closed at 9am. Anyone arriving at school at 9am or later will need to enter school through Main Reception, where a late log will be completed.

Children arriving in school after registers are taken and closed (9.05am) will receive a late mark.

Pupils in Years 1-6 access early morning activities from 8:45am, that are of great benefit to the children. Please make every effort to arrive before 8:55am.

### **Lockdown/ 'Shelter' Drill**

We are pleased to inform parents/carers that we now have a school lockdown system in place at Stanhope, should we ever need to use it to safeguard our pupils and staff. Alongside our fire alarm drills, children will practice lockdown procedures as part of our normal routines in school.

### **Thurston**

What a tremendous time we all had! 35 Y5 and Y6 pupils, along with Mr Rogers, Mrs Ali and Miss Corr had a fabulous 5 days at Thurston, on Coniston Water. The children's behaviour and attitudes were exemplary. They thrived and overcame worries and barriers to succeed in a range of activities including: climbing the Old Man of Coniston mountain, fire lighting, canoeing, visiting Cathedral Quarry, team building activities, sailing, orienteering, climbing, ghyll scrambling and of course the legendary jetty jumping!

The children took responsibility for their dormitories, plus chores throughout the centre. On an evening they enjoyed time in the barn playing games, including table tennis, pool, air hockey, twister, chess and more. The group were constantly in high spirits and their enthusiasm was faultless.

Days were filled with sunshine, the group embraced all of the challenges they faced; some children even wished they could stay at Thurston even longer! We have now booked a slot there for both 2026 with further information to follow for Y4 & Y5 parents.

### **Half Term Attendance Awards**

**Monday 28 April to Friday 23 May** - Attendance Half Term 5 Attendance Passport Initiative. Pupils tick their own Attendance Passport in class every day. Each child who achieves 4 weeks' full half term 5 attendance will have their name put into the fantastic prize draw during the whole school assembly on Friday 23 May.

**Friday 2 May** - Bronze and Silver certificate and Bear Rewards assembly.



**Wednesday 2 July** - Annual 100% attenders Cinema trip and lunch.

**Wednesday 9 July** - Attendance Race Class Winners will receive a McDonald's lunch for the class with the best attendance this year.

**Tuesday 15 July** - End of year Rewards assembly including Bronze, Silver, Gold certificates and Bears.

### **Achievers Award Winners**

So far our 2 Stanhope Strengths we have focussed on in the Spring Term were: Kindness & Resilience. It has been wonderful to share these special assemblies with our award winning families. Winners for Autumn Term:

Reception: Oliver Bell & Leon Ismail  
Year 1: Laren Ismail & Jackson Rooke  
Year 2: Sierra-Leigh Miller & Harrison White  
Year 3: Lilly Goodwin & George Kourelas  
Year 4: Holly Allen & Alfie Hope  
Year 5: Priyal Prusty & Olivia Williamson  
Year 6: Annabelle Brown & Theo Novak

This half term the focus is 'Independence'.

### **Sports Success**

Our triumphs continue. We been highly successful in winning the Tyne and Wear County Sportshall Athletics Finals for the second consecutive year! This is a tremendous feat against large 3/4 form entry schools, we were commended for our performance by the organisers and other teachers representing the finalist schools.

Our Y5/6 Dodgeball A Team were dominant in winning the Tyne and Wear County Finals, for the fourth consecutive year with the B Team finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our A Team will now compete in the Northern Regional Finals in June. With hope of reaching the National Finals once again.

We have engaged with the Newcastle Eagles' Hoops4Health Basketball scheme once again; Years 5 & 6 took part in training sessions in school, the Y5 team were victorious in qualifying for the Finals night, held at the Vertu Honda Arena, Newcastle. Here they competed in front of over 4000 spectators, winning the event on a shoot out! They also had the opportunity to meet the Newcastle Eagles team afterwards, we were donated a signed ball too. They will now proceed to the Champion of Champions Finals.

At the KS2 Panathlon Finals our team were runners-up. Also at the South Tyneside Boccia Finals we finished in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. A brilliant achievement. Our winning team then competed in the Tyne and Wear County Boccia Finals and played brilliantly to earn 4<sup>th</sup> place.



The Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics Team were crowned champions for the fourth successive year in the South Tyneside Finals too.

Years 3 & 4 competed in the South Tyneside Hockey Finals, Year 3 attended a Multi Skills Festival and Year 2 a Cricket Festival, they, alongside Year 3 have been accessing free sessions delivered by Shahzana Aslam from the Durham Cricket Foundation, they are really enjoying these lessons. In addition to this EYFS participated in a well-received Megasport Festival.

### Friends of Stanhope

We continue to have regular meetings and coffee mornings. Recent meetings have been in regard to planning for a Summer Fair in July.

Parents who support have been very helpful and are in the process of collecting prizes from local businesses for a raffle.

Our non-uniform day in school at the end of March where we asked for various donations for the fair was a huge success and many items have been donated to be used in different stalls for the event. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Next meeting for FOS is **Friday 2nd May 8.15am** – please feel free to join us – the more the merrier!

### **Summer Fair: Monday 7th July**

### Prepare for the Sun

As the weather is becoming sunnier we need to be aware of the dangers of exposure to the sun. We have a 15-minute break on the morning. During a lunchtime break the children can spend over 45 minutes in the sun. In order to protect our children please consider using a long-lasting sun cream on a morning before coming to school. Staff however, are not able to administer sun creams to your child. Your child may however apply cream themselves prior to lunch break. A peaked hat could help avoid the glare of the sun and even sunburn. Your child can hang their hat in the cloakroom, and use it at break times. Please don't forget to pack your child's water bottle. On hot days, regular drinks of water are essential. Chilling your child's water bottle overnight makes a big difference.

Warm regards,

Mr A Rogers  
Head Teacher

