



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,

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, I have been taking some time to reflect on everything our pupils have achieved over the last few months. Despite the unpredictable weather, the atmosphere inside our school has been nothing short of vibrant.

From the progress made in the classroom to the resilience shown during our recent sports fixtures and creative projects, I am incredibly proud of how our children have grown. Spring is a term of "steady growth," and is one of the highlights of my role as Head Teacher.

Key Dates for the Summer Term

Monday 20th April – School reopens following the Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April – Half Term Attendance Passport begins

Tuesday 21st April – Year 5/6 Forest School

Tuesday 21st April – Year 3 Swimming

Friday 24th April – Year 3/4 Pedestrian Training

Tuesday 28th April – Year 3/4 Forest School

Thursday 30th April – Year 1 visit to Washington Wetlands Centre

Monday 4th May - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 5th May – Year 1/2 Forest School

Thursday 7th May – Year 4 visit to Newcastle Castle

Friday 8th May – Poverty Coffee Afternoon

Monday 11th May – Year 6 SAT's Week

Wednesday 13th May – Year 1 visit to The Laing Art Gallery

Thursday 21st May – Reception visit to Hall Hill Farm

Friday 22nd May – School closes for Half Term

Monday 1st June – School reopens

Wednesday 3rd June – Individual School Photographs

Wednesday 10th June – Year 6 Road Safety Talk

Friday 12th June – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY

Tuesday 16th June - Olympic Athlete visit

Thursday 18th June – Stanhope's Sports Day from 12pm

Wednesday 1st July – 100% Attenders Cinema Trip

Monday 6th July – Summer Fair from 3pm

Thursday/Friday 9th/10th July – Year 6 Transition Days

Friday 10th July – Stanhope Transition Day

Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Party at 1.30pm

Thursday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 1.30pm

Friday 17th July – School Closes for the Summer Holidays

Tuesday 1st September - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – School reopens



Thurston

What a tremendous time we all had! 29 Y5 and Y6 pupils, along with Mr Rogers, Miss Corr and Mrs Cooper 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 various 'mini mountains', fire lighting, canoeing, visiting Cathedral Quarry, team building activities, paddle boarding, 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!

Half Term Attendance Awards

Monday 20 April to Friday 21 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 22 May.

Friday 24 April - Bronze and Silver certificate and Bear Rewards assembly.

Wednesday 1 July - Annual 100% attenders Cinema trip and lunch.

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

Tuesday 14 July – End of year rewards 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 Spring Term:

Reception: Grayson Johnson & Michael Martin

Year 1: Leo Ridley & Leon Ismail

Year 2: Amari-Jo Connor & Ethan Johnson

Year 3: Alexis Cook & Emily Dju'co

Year 4: Aria Hale & Amy Aitken

Year 5: Phoebe Rooke & Ava Parker

Year 6: Molly Airey & Joash Palomar

Our next half term focus is 'Independence'.

Sports Success

Our triumphs continue. We been highly successful with our Y5/6 Dodgeball A Team producing a dominant performance in winning the Tyne and Wear County Finals, for the fifth consecutive year. 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, unfortunately the team lost in the finals – but did tremendously well.

In the Tyne and Wear County Sportshall Athletics Finals we were a commendable 4th overall. Our Netball team finished a fine 2nd in the South Tyneside finals, losing only on goal difference, but will now compete in the County Finals in June.



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At the KS2 Panathlon Finals our team were crowned champions. Also at the South Tyneside Boccia Finals we finished in 3rd and 4th. A brilliant achievement. They progressed to compete in the Tyne and Wear County Boccia Finals and played brilliantly to earn bronze.

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

Year 3 attended a Multi Skills Festival and were the winning class! Year 2 participated in a Cricket Festival, in addition to this EYFS participated in a well-received Megaspport Festival.

Friends of Stanhope

We have had two very successful events so far this year with our Halloween and Valentine's Discos raising £663. Thank you to the parents who supported and helped out on both these occasions. We gave KS1 and KS2 children the opportunity to stay late after school over the two dates and they really enjoyed themselves dancing, partying and having fun.

Our non-uniform day in school was on 27th March where we kindly received lots of donations for the Summer Fair. Parental support really does help towards our fundraising efforts and is much appreciated.

A date for your diary ... **Summer Fair: Monday 6th July 2026.**

We will be sending out dates for Friends of Stanhope Meetings in the run up to the Summer to prepare for this event. Any new parents who would like to support are welcome! Please join us!

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.

A Note of Thanks

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our parents and carers. Your partnership is what valued. Whether you've attended a workshop/cafe, helped with homework, or supported our fundraising efforts, your contribution is deeply appreciated.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for a great Summer Term.

Warm regards,

Mr A Rogers
Head Teacher

