



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER.

We have loved having you in school this half term. We continue to be so proud of the children and this year was no exception. They were so confident and showed such talent as they performed so beautifully for us. We have received lovely feedback from parents and extended family so we are really pleased that you enjoyed the Christmas performances. A big thank you to Mrs Brown for all her hard work delivering such high quality music throughout the school.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



House Point Family Event.

We have also held our Christmas house point event, which I hope you enjoyed attending. This was always organised by Mrs Bell and this year her daughter and granddaughter organised the event in her memory; thank you to them for doing this as it is a tremendous amount of work. We raised £242 which went to school fund to go towards the gifts for pupils this year.





STAFFING UPDATE

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Deputy Head Teacher - Mrs Marsden in January.

She has been visiting the school this half term and is excited to join us. She will be teaching in year 2 on Monday and Tuesday as Mrs Franks moves down to 3 days a week, and she will teach in Year 1 every Friday to allow Mrs Brown to continue to work across school delivering music.

Please see Mrs Marsden's message below:

"I have been a primary school teacher working in Barnsley primary schools for 14 years. I am currently Assistant Head Teacher and teach in year 2. I have a busy family life as I have two little boys aged 6 and 2. As a family we love being outdoors and spending our free time walking and exploring. One of the things I admire about Stanley Grove Academy is the schools passion for learning outdoors. I also love reading. I have just finished reading 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown which I highly recommend. I am extremely excited to join the Stanley Grove team. I have already had the opportunity to meet the staff and I can't wait to meet all the children and their families."



We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Mayman who has worked in school this term to support me and the staff whilst recruiting for our Deputy Head. She has been a great support and I and everyone at Stanley Grove are so grateful to her. We will miss her encouragement, support and expertise but are glad to know she will still be working with us in her role in Accomplish Trust. Thank you, Mrs Mayman.

Mr Hammond, our caretaker will also be leaving us in December as he moves on to another job in Leeds. Again, we want to say a big thank you for all his hard work and wish him luck as he moves to his new job. **Mr Rady**, the Accomplish Premises Supervisor will be working in our school and we will be recruiting an additional person to work across our school and Jerry Clay Academy in a maintenance capacity.

Please share the Caretaker vacancy with anyone you think will be interested in applying for this role.

<https://stanleygroveprimary.co.uk/about-us/vacancies-in-school/>

After Christmas, **Miss Way** will be working as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant across the school. Congratulations to her in her new role.

Miss Matthews will also be starting as a Teaching Assistant working across school in January.



STANLEY PLANET SAVERS

The Stanley Planet Savers Eco Club joined Mid Yorkshire's Sustainability Team to help plant tree seeds to kick start their tree nursery. Many thanks to Jenny Foskett for the invitation and an informative and fun day.

<https://www.midyorks.nhs.uk/news/seed-collection-success-3737>



Reverse Advent Calendar

Many thanks to everyone who has given to our annual Reverse Advent Calendar. All the donations will be taken to the Wakefield Night Shelter and their Drop-In service at Wakefield Baptist Church before Christmas.

The Shelter has already been busy this year with people ranging from 19 – 75 years old using the facilities and accessing support. The Night Shelter are always looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in finding out more, please contact Wakefield Baptist Church:

<https://wakefieldbaptistchurch.co.uk/night-shelter/> or speak to Ms Shaw.



NURSERY



Nursery have been busy getting ready for Christmas, we have helped to decorate the tree.



Creating Christmas cards and snowflakes!



NURSERY

Acting out the Nativity story at the local Church centre with our parents.



Sheep craft – following the children's interests as part of our Key Lines of Enquiry.



RECEPTION

Here are some of Reception's super story boxes that were made at home this half term. We have enjoyed using them in class to further develop our communication & language skills and share our love of reading with each other!



Reception walked to Hepworth House Care Home and performed some Christmas songs for the residents. Lots of people commented on how much they enjoyed it. Well done Reception!





Some of our key worker discussions in **Reception** resulted in us making mango lassis, exercising with hoops and making castles!



We have drawn a festive poinsettia and used watercolour paint to add more detail. We are going to make these wonderful art pieces into Christmas cards for our families.

Reception enjoyed helping to decorate the Christmas tree!



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



YEAR 1

Year 1 produced some incredible homework based on our core text, The Stick Man.



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



Year 1 have been creating some wonderful videos bringing our artist, STIK's art to life using the Ipads.



We have been busy preparing for our Christmas performance



KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



Year 2

Everyone is extremely proud of KS1 for their wonderful Christmas Performance!



Year 2 had a visit from Elves!
They brought a box of Christmas Books for us to enjoy!

KEY STAGE 1 NEWS



Year 2 have been immersing themselves into our 'Traditional Tales' topic.

We have been enjoying learning 'The Elves and The Shoemaker' story, we are now ready to write our own innovated versions.

Last week, we also designed and started making our clay elf shoe sculptures! We are excited to start painting them.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Year 3 made their own wormeries with our recycling visitor from Renewi. Such a lot of fun...we will bring them home tonight with instructions on how to look after them properly. Did you know that worms have 5 hearts?



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Year 3 loved sewing with our wonderful adult helpers. What a great session - and our finished Christmas decorations are going to be beautiful!



Year 3 had snowy fun during outdoor learning this term. We love snow!



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Renewi workshop

Year 4 children enjoyed a fabulous workshop led by Renewi where they looked at how nature recycles through composting. Children each made their own wormery to take home and learnt about the wonderful worm.



Mod Roc Sculptures

Look at the fabulous mod roc sculptures that **Year 4** finished and evaluated. These were inspired by the artist Henry Moore, who we studied last half term.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



WW1 and WW2 Historical artefact research

Year 5 had the opportunity to explore a range of genuine World War 1 and 2 artefacts during topic. So wonderful to see the children handle these items with care, which are rich in history and tell us lots about what life was like for soldiers and the time period.

Renewi Workshop

Year 5 had so much fun extracting iron from Bran Flakes using a magnet to show how iron is extracted from crushed rock. Part of our recycling workshop with our Renewi visitor.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



UKS2 Christmas Performance

We were so incredibly proud of our UKS2 children who performed magnificently in their UKS2 Christmas show. So lovely to see the confidence and talent on display from all of the children. Thank you to all parents and carers for all your continued support.



KEY STAGE 2 NEWS



Year 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed the Theatre Production of a children's classic: *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. It was an excellent experience for all children and both classes were a credit to our school.

Year 6 decorated the school Christmas tree. It was lovely that all children are given the opportunity to put a bauble on the tree for their final Christmas at Stanley Grove, should they have wished to.



Year 6 loved their workshop from Biffa: extracting natural materials; a science experiment to extract iron from cereal to show how energy intensive and destructive it is to use raw materials as opposed to recycling.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 2024

16th December	Christmas Jumper Day. Donations for Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Scanner Charity.
16th December	Please bring in any contributions for the Christmas fair on this day. Tombola items, sweets and chocolate, unwanted gifts, bottles – unused bottles of items for our bottle stall. We will also have a visit from Santa for any child who has bought a ticket.
17th December	KS 2 Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)
18th December	EYFS Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)
18th December	Christmas Fair 2:45p.m.
18th December	School Christmas lunch. Please order if you wish your child to have a Christmas dinner (use Feeding Hungry Minds App)
19th December	KS1 Christmas party (Children allowed to come in party clothes)
20th December	School closes.

JANUARY 2025

6th January	INSET DAY. School closed to children.
7th January	School opens.
14th January	EYFS parent visit for any parents interested in a place in EYFS.
16th January	Toys workshop for year 1
23rd January	Wakefield History workshop – Year 3.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY 2025

13th February	Young Voices
14th February	School closes for half term.
24th February	School opens.
25th February	School portrait photos (please ensure child is in correct school uniform)

MARCH 2025

6th March	World Book Day
6th March	Temple Newsam competition. (8 children from year 5/6 competing.)
25th March	Best Chef Challenge – JCA, more details to follow.
28th March	Spring Reports out to parents (please ensure we have your email address)

APRIL 2025

4th April	School Closes.
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Timings.

Please see the start times for each class below which is also on our website.

Please ensure that you arrive **BEFORE** the start time so that lessons start promptly and your child does not miss out on any learning or teacher input.

8:30am – 2:30pm

Nursery and Reception

Class 1

Class 2

Class 4

Class 6

8:35am – 2:35pm

Class 3

Class 5

Teaching Staff for 2024 - 2025

Nursery - Mrs Johnson

Reception - Miss Slater

Year 1 - Mrs Brown

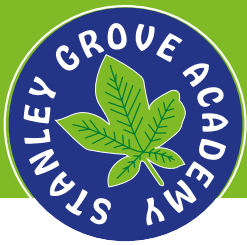
Year 2 - Mrs Franks and Mrs Marsden

Year 3 - Ms Gibbings and Mrs Hughes

Year 4 - Mrs Hodgson

Year 5 - Mr Whipp

Year 6 - Mr Reynolds



ATTENDANCE

**SCHOOL
TARGET**



100-95%
GOOD



94-85%
WORRYING



Below 85%
SERIOUS
CONCERN



YEAR GROUP	CURRENT	AVERAGE THIS YEAR
NURSERY AM	93%	%
NURSERY PM	93%	92.7%
RECEPTION	95%	94.7%
YEAR 1	96%	95.8%
YEAR 2	96%	96.0%
YEAR 3	96%	96.4%
YEAR 4	94%	93.9%
YEAR 5	97%	96.7%
YEAR 6	93%	93.5%

Children who are lower than 90% are classed as persistently absent from school and are monitored by school and our education welfare officer every week.

We are sending home letters to children with less than 90% attendance this week, so parents are aware of this monitoring and the need to improve on their education.

We are also sending home letters and organising meetings with parents of children who are persistently late to school, as children are missing out on teacher input at the beginning of the school day and interrupting the start of lessons for children; we would ask that you get children into school on time. Thank you for your support with this.

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.