



Stubbins Newsletter 18th September 2026

A Busy and Positive Week!

As always, it has been another busy week for both staff and pupils, with lots of exciting learning and opportunities taking place across school.

Monday – Safeguarding Training

We began the week with whole-staff training focused on safeguarding, including updates linked to Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026. Our updated school policies are now available to view on the school website, should you wish to take a look.

Tuesday – Maths Learning

On Tuesday, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Cromeley visited classes to look at the maths learning taking place across school. It was lovely to see so much practical work being undertaken, with children demonstrating a real enjoyment of maths. There was some fantastic learning taking place!

Year 6 Visit to Haslingden High School

Our Year 6 children also enjoyed a great visit to Haslingden High School on Tuesday. This was a valuable opportunity for the children, and we hope they enjoyed the experience. Here are some quotes from our Year 6's

Suleman 'I really enjoyed being in a high school and I loved computing'

Ruben - 'It was fun doing German because I have never done that before'.

Edward - 'I loved making the pencil holders. It was really fun'

Wednesday – Football Tournament

On Wednesday, Mr Murtaugh took a group of children to the Valley for a football tournament. It was fantastic to see so many children getting involved and representing the school. A big thank you also goes to the parents who were able to come along and support the children — your encouragement is always greatly appreciated! Even better to say that the boys won the league and are through to the final next week! Win or lose- we are so proud of the way you have represented the school.

Free School Meals – Important Update

There are some new categories of eligibility for free school meals. If you have received a letter from the Local Authority confirming that your child is eligible, please could you forward a copy of the letter to school.

There is currently a significant delay between the Local Authority notifying families and this information reaching school, so sending the letter directly to us will help ensure that we can update our records as quickly as possible. Thank you for your help with this.

Curriculum Updates & Homework

You should all have received the curriculum update for your child for this half term. These updates provide an overview of the learning your child will be undertaking and are also available on the school website for easy reference.

We have also restarted homework last week. We hope this will provide a useful opportunity for children to practise and reinforce some of the learning taking place in school. A summary of our homework policy is included below.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and commitment of our children, and we look forward to another busy and enjoyable week ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Stubbins Team

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Attendance this week

So far this year our attendance stands at 97.41%.

The week our attendance is 97.65%

Authorised attendance is 1.69%

Unauthorised attendance is 0.66%

Please be reminded that any leave of absence should be requested in advance. Holiday forms are available from the office. Where the school is advised that families are on holiday but have been reported as ill, we have been advised by the LA attendance team that a penalty notice should be sought.

Dates for your diary...



Wednesday- Year 4 swimming

Wednesday- 5/6 football final

Friday- athletics club

Monday 28th September PTA AGM- via zoom @830pm

Tuesday 29th September PGL meeting Year 6

Wednesday 30th September New to reception party

Thursday 1st October Special lunch menu

Homework Policy



Homework at Our School

We want homework to support children's learning while helping them develop independence, good routines and a love of learning. Our approach is designed to be clear and consistent across the school.

What will homework include?

- **Reading:** Regular reading is expected for all children. Younger children should read with an adult, while older children should increasingly read independently and discuss their reading with an adult.
- **Spellings:** From Year 2, children will receive weekly spellings on a Friday, which will be practised and tested the following week.
- **Maths:** Children will regularly practise key maths skills and basic facts, including number facts, multiplication and division facts. We use Numbots, Times Tables Rock Stars and White Rose 1 Minute Maths to support this.
- **Core Values:** Each half term, children focus on two of our school's core values and are encouraged to look for opportunities to demonstrate these values at home and in their wider lives.
- **Occasional activities:** Older children may sometimes receive additional homework, such as research, preparation for future learning or projects linked to their classroom learning.

How much homework?

- **EYFS & Year 1:** Up to 1 hour per week, focusing mainly on reading and phonics.

- Year 2 & Key Stage 2: Approximately 1–2 hours per week. Maths homework is set on Fridays and returned by Thursday. In the Autumn term the maths homework will revisit objectives from the previous academic year to ensure a secure grasp of previous concepts.

We aim for homework to be manageable and purposeful. In Years 5 and 6, children who regularly do not complete their homework may be asked to complete it during break or lunchtime to help establish positive routines and independence.

How can parents and carers help?

Parents and carers can support by providing a quiet, suitable space, encouraging children to complete their work to the best of their ability, and contacting the class teacher if there are any difficulties or concerns.

We recognise that children have different needs, and homework will be adapted where appropriate. Differentiated tasks will be provided for pupils with SEND, and homework clubs will be available for children who need additional support.

Teachers will provide feedback on homework through marking, verbal feedback or self/peer assessment, as appropriate.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop positive learning habits at home.

Contact Us

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we can provide the best educational experience for our children. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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Please refer to the school's communication policy if your unsure where to direct an enquiry. this can be found on the school's website.

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