



Stanbury Village School

Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026



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'Unlocking Potential, Nurturing Excellence'

Message from Mr Robinson

Thank you to everyone who has joined our new communication app, School Spider. Please remember that School Jotter will no longer be used and all future communication will be shared through School Spider.

We were also pleased to launch our Celebration Assemblies this week and welcome parents into school to celebrate the children's achievements with us.

It has been wonderful to see the children engaging so positively with their learning since returning to school. A highlight of my week is seeing children visit Mrs Wainman and me to share their excellent work and celebrate their achievements. We are incredibly proud of them!

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 30th September -
Class 1 Outdoor Learning

Friday 2nd October - Peru Day -
Whole School

Wednesday 7th October - EYFS
Outdoor Learning

Thursday 8th October - Yorkshire
Water visiting Class 2 and Class 3

Thursday 22nd October -
Halloween Themed Lunch



Attendance Overview

Reception - 80%%

Year 1 - 98.33%

Year 2 - 100%

Year 3 - 100%

Year 4 - 96.43%

Year 5 - 99.17%

Year 6 - 91.32%

Attendance figures listed above are from this half term so far. Please see our website for more information in relation to when you should keep your child off school for illness.

Attendance

Regular attendance is essential to children's education, wellbeing and personal development. Attending school consistently supports academic progress, friendships and positive habits for later life. At Stanbury Village School, our attendance target for every pupil is at least 95%.

We understand that genuine illness is sometimes unavoidable and will always work supportively with families. However, we monitor attendance closely and will contact parents and carers where attendance falls below 95% or where a concerning pattern of absence develops.

Families are strongly discouraged from arranging holidays during term time. The Department for Education states that children cannot usually be taken out of school during term time, and holidays will not normally be considered an exceptional circumstance. Unauthorised absence may result in a penalty notice or further legal action.

If you need to request a leave of absence for your child during term time, an official form must be completed at least two weeks in advance. Each application will be considered individually; however, leave can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The form and further information are available on our [Leave of Absence for Pupils webpage](#).

If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether they should attend, please consult the [NHS guidance on whether a child is too ill for school](#). Children with mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough, can usually attend if they otherwise feel well enough.

Further information is available in the Department for Education's [school attendance and absence guidance](#).

Helping Children Find a Healthier Screen Time Balance

Screens are part of modern family life and can support learning, creativity and communication. However, screen use should not replace sleep, exercise, outdoor play, reading, conversation and time with family and friends.

Department for Education guidance recommends avoiding screen time for children under two, except for shared activities such as video calls with family. For children aged two to five, screen time should be limited to no more than one hour each day, and less where possible.

Families are also encouraged to keep mealtimes and the hour before bedtime free from screens, choose slow paced and age appropriate content, and watch alongside young children whenever possible.

The Government is currently developing further guidance for children aged five to sixteen. It recognises that technology can bring genuine benefits but should not come at the expense of children's learning, wellbeing or childhood.



Small changes can make a meaningful difference. Families could introduce screen free mealtimes, charge devices outside bedrooms, switch off screens one hour before bed and replace some screen time with a story, game, walk or creative activity. Adults can also help by putting their own phones away during family time.

This is not about removing technology completely or judging families. We simply encourage everyone to consider whether a little less screen time could create more opportunities for children to talk, play, read, rest and connect.

Volunteering

Interested in Volunteering at School?

We are always grateful to members of our community who can offer their time to support our pupils, whether by listening to children read, helping in classrooms or assisting with other school activities.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office. All volunteers must complete the appropriate checks and induction process before beginning, including a DBS check, safeguarding and allergy awareness training, and reading key school policies.

Latitude Sports

There are still spaces available in our after-school clubs:

- Football – Wednesdays, 3:15–4:15pm, for Years 3–6
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- Dodgeball – Fridays, 3:15–4:15pm, for Years 1–4

Both clubs are delivered by Latitude Sports Stars and cost £28 for the seven-week block. Places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

To book a place, please visit:
<https://latitudesportsstars.co.uk/after-school-clubs>



Reading at Home

Reading at home is vital for your child's development, enhancing literacy skills, vocabulary, and academic performance. Research by the National Literacy Trust indicates that children who read for pleasure are 13% more likely to achieve higher grades throughout their education. Additionally, reading fosters a lifelong love of literature and strengthens family bonds through shared experiences and discussions about stories.

We understand that life can be busy, but we encourage you to find time to read with your child, whether in the car or as part of a bedtime routine. Please also record in your child's reading record – a short comment and what your child has read. For our older pupils in Class 3, please encourage them to record in their reading records independently.

Together, let's nurture confident readers and learners at Stanbury Village School!



Contact Details

Thank you for taking the time to read our fortnightly newsletter. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff at drop off or collection or contact the school office.



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