



Stanbury Village School

Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026



Stanbury Village School

'Unlocking Potential, Nurturing Excellence'

Message from Mr Robinson

Our Open Day is on Thursday 5th November. Please share the flyer with anyone who may be interested in joining Stanbury Village School - a copy can be found on the next page of the Newsletter. It has also been lovely to see so many families using the School Spider app. Parents' Evening bookings will open on the app at 6:30pm on Friday 9th October via the School Spider app.

Our Celebration Assemblies have gone really well over the past few weeks. Many parents have told me how lovely it has been to join us and celebrate the children's achievements together. Thank you for being part of them.

FOSS are working hard to organise events for this year, including some exciting new ones. They have also kindly funded new storage and mathematics resources, and donated £500 to each class at the end of last year for vital resources. We are very grateful for their support.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 13th October - Class 3 visit from West Yorkshire Fire Service

Wednesday 14th October - Class 3 Outdoor Learning

Thursday 15th October - Harvest at Church

Wednesday 21st October - Class 2 Outdoor Learning

Thursday 22nd October - Halloween Themed Lunch and optional Halloween Fancy Dress

Thursday 22nd October - Halloween Movie Night (FOSS)

Friday 23rd October - Close for half term

Monday 2nd November - Reopen after half term

Attendance Overview

Whole School - 96.74%
National Comparison - 95.43%

Reception - 95.15%
Year 1 - 97.64%
Year 2 - 97.28%
Year 3 - 96.64%
Year 4 - 97.83%
Year 5 - 95.47%
Year 6 - 93.42%

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 is strong overall and currently above the national comparison. Thank you for helping children attend regularly. It takes a **collective effort** to keep it there, and every school day makes a difference.

Open Day

We have an Open Day coming up and would be grateful if you could share the attached flyer with anyone who may be interested in visiting Stanbury Village School.

If they cannot make the Open Day, they are very welcome to contact the school office to arrange a visit at another time. Thank you for helping us spread the word!

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Are you interested in joining our 2027 cohort?

Prospective students and their families are invited to our upcoming Open Day for a guided tour and the chance to learn why Stanbury Village School is the right choice for your child.

100% of our parents say their child is happy at school and the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

Open Day

**Thursday 5th November 2026
9:30am until 2pm**

Please contact the school office to book a place on our Open Day or to arrange an alternative time to visit.

01535 642270 or email
office@stanbury.bradford.sch.uk

"Stanbury Village School feels like one big family — everyone knows you and cares about you." - Year 5 Pupil

Scan the QR Code to find out why Stanbury Village School is the best place to send your child!



Outdoor Learning



Highly Skilled Staff



Inclusive

Exceptional behaviour



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.

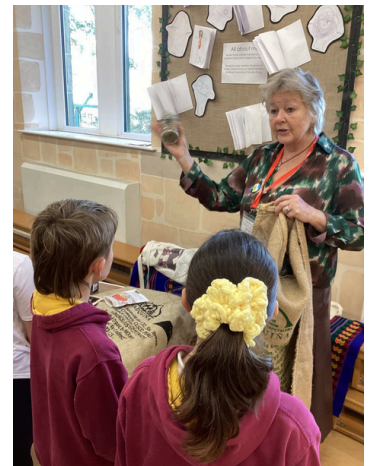
If you need to request a leave of absence for your child during term time, an official form must be completed at least two weeks in advance. Each application will be considered individually; however, leave can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The form and further information are available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

Peru Day

On Friday 2nd October, we held a wonderful Peru Day at Stanbury Village School. Peruvian music greeted the children as they arrived, and the day began with a special assembly led by Mr Robinson and Rosi. We were delighted to welcome the Lord Mayor to the assembly, along with Pauline and Rita from the Haworth and Machu Picchu Twinning Group.



Throughout the day, the children learned about Peruvian culture, food and traditions. Class 3 enjoyed a music lesson with Rosi and learned to sing Silent Night in Spanish. Class 2 had a lively dance lesson, which the children, Mrs Craven, Mrs McCann and Mr Robinson thoroughly enjoyed!

Peru Day gave the children a chance to explore a different culture and learn about its connection with our local community through the twinning group.

Thank you to Rosi, Pauline and Rita for sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm, and to the Lord Mayor for joining us. The children had a fantastic day, and we look forward to continuing our learning about Peru in school.



Helping children stay safe while gaming online !

Online games can be a fun way for children to play, create and spend time with friends. Many games also let players chat or exchange messages, so it helps to know who your child is playing with and what features they can use.

Ofcom suggests three simple steps: **Check, Chat, Change**. First, check that your child's account has their correct age. This helps games and platforms provide settings and content suited to them.

Next, chat regularly about which games they enjoy and who they play with. Let your child know they can tell you if another player says something unkind, sends a strange message or makes them uncomfortable. Reassure them that they will not be in trouble for telling you.



Finally, change the settings where needed. Parental controls can help you manage messages, friend requests, spending, screen time and the content your child can access. You do not need to be a gaming expert: a few minutes checking settings and talking together can make a difference.

You can read [Ofcom's full advice for parents here](#).

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
- 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.

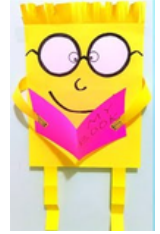
To book a place, please visit:
<https://latitudesportsstars.co.uk/after-school-clubs>



Clubs in Autumn 2

We will be issuing letters in the next few weeks about the clubs we will have on offer next half term. These will include:

- Lego Club - BrickTopia - Y2 to Y6 - Tuesday - Y2 to Y
- Reading and Crafts - Miss Tilley - EYFS/KS1 - Tuesday
- Football - Latitude Sport Stars - Y3 to Y6 Wednesday
- S Club (Music with Matthew) - Y2 to Y6 - Thursday
- Dodgeball - Latitude Sport Stars - Y1 to Y4 - Friday

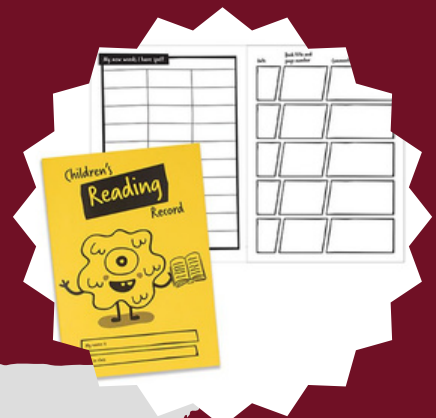


Reading at Home

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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