

STANLEY SPOTLIGHT

October 2026

A MESSAGE FROM MRS MURPHY

What a fantastic half term it has been at Stanley! As I sit down to write this month's Stanley Spotlight, I am reminded once again how lucky we are to be part of such a wonderful school community. The children continue to amaze us with their enthusiasm, determination and willingness to embrace every opportunity, living our SMARTER values and showing what it means to be Proud to be Purple!

One of the highlights was having our children attend the Stanley Park Centenary Celebration. They represented Stanley beautifully, were thrilled to meet Prince Edward and catch a glimpse of the Royal helicopter, and joined hundreds of Blackpool pupils in a mass choir, performing an adapted version of I Do Like to Be Beside the Seaside. It was certainly a day full of memories!

Sporting success has continued across the school. A huge congratulations to our cross-country runners, who achieved three first-place finishes at the Primary School Cross-Country Championships! We have already added valuable points to the championship scoreboard, and we look forward to seeing what they achieve next. Our football teams have also shown fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship and perseverance, while our Year 2 children impressed at the Fit2Glow event, qualifying for the final during half term. We will all be cheering them on!

There have been plenty of other exciting opportunities, too. We welcomed a visiting author to inspire our young readers and writers, children represented Stanley at the Show Racism the Red Card event at Blackpool Football Club, and our Year 6 pupils enjoyed their Waterpark residential, developing independence and resilience while making lasting memories. Our Halloween Hub parties were also full of laughter, creativity and just the right amount of spooky fun!

Across all these experiences, our children have shown exactly what makes Stanley special. Whether meeting royalty, competing on the sports field, learning from visitors or supporting important causes, they continue to make us proud and are wonderful ambassadors for our school.

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to thank our staff, governors, families and, of course, our amazing children for their continued support and commitment. Together, we continue to build a school community where everyone can thrive.

I wish all our Stanley families a restful, happy and well-deserved half-term break. Enjoy some family time, recharge those batteries and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term as we begin the countdown to Christmas.

Remember... we are always Proud to be Purple!

BEHIND THE SCENES

KS1



RECEPTION





Reception went on an exciting Autumn walk around the school grounds and have been exploring the treasures that they found. They collected leaves, twigs, pine cones and are excited to look at them closely.



EMBRACE





Embrace are loving their new nature area! Exploring plants, natural materials and sensory activities gives the children wonderful opportunities to learn through play and discover the world around them.

INSPIRE



Inspire have enjoyed a variety of fun Halloween activities over the last couple of weeks from sensory play to number work. In this activity, they created their own skeletons while learning about different parts of the body. They also developed their fine motor skills, carefully joining the pieces together to bring their skeletons to life!

BEHIND THE SCENES

KS1

YEAR 1



Y1 have been enjoying paired reading sessions with Y6, helping to build their confidence, develop their reading skills and share a love of books together.



YEAR 2



Y2 have been developing their observational drawing skills, carefully looking at the shapes and details of leaves before creating their own autumn leaf paintings using the wax resist technique.



BEHIND THE SCENES

KS2

YEAR 3



Y3 have enjoyed developing a range of skills in PE this half term, taking part in a yoga session to practise their balance, flexibility and mindfulness.

YEAR 4



Y4 have been exploring producers, prey and predators in Science, learning how living things depend on one another. They have been using their knowledge to identify and organise different organisms into food chains.

YEAR 5



Y5 have been investigating mixtures, using filtration to separate muddy water. Each table layered their mixture differently to see who could filter the water most effectively!

YEAR 6



Y6 have been researching influential people as part of Black History Month, learning about their lives and achievements. They have created posters and presentations to share what they have learnt.

STANLEY SPORTS ROUND-UP









BFCCT Fit2Glow!

Year 2 are through to the finals!
Our Year 2 children took part in Blackpool FC Community Trust's Fit2Glo Football Festival, enjoying a fantastic football experience alongside the excitement of the Blackpool Illuminations. We are delighted to share that the team WON and have secured their place in the finals! A huge well done to all the children for their teamwork, determination and fantastic effort. We are so proud of you, Year 2, and wish you the best of luck in the finals!

Cross Country!

Our pupils made a fantastic effort at their first cross-country event of the year at Stanley Park. The children showed great determination, sportsmanship and team spirit throughout, representing Stanley brilliantly.
A special well done to our three winners:
Year 4 Girls: Harleigh-Mae
Year 4 Boys: William
Year 6 Girls: Layla
We are so proud of everyone who took part, and congratulations to our winners on their fantastic achievements!





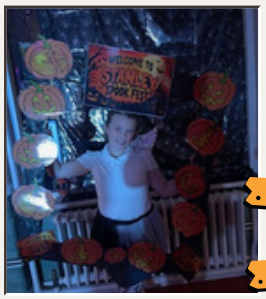
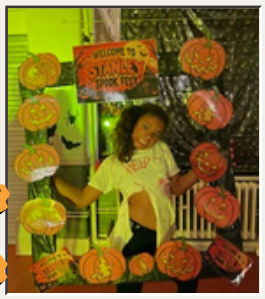


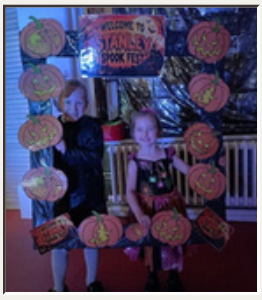
Football!

Our school football team put in a brilliant performance against Revoe, securing an impressive 5–1 victory! A huge well done to all the players for their teamwork, determination and effort. We are proud to see our children representing Stanley so brilliantly!

Halloween Parties
Stanley Hub

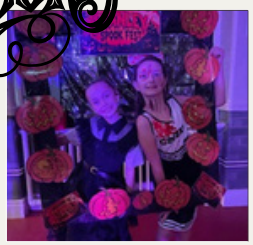


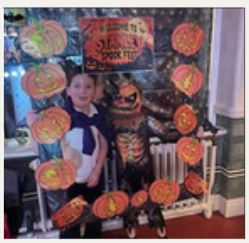


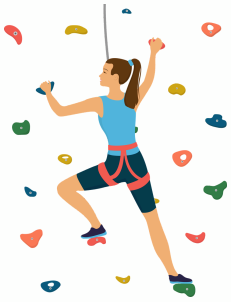






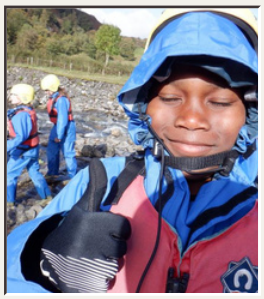


Waterpark Year 6















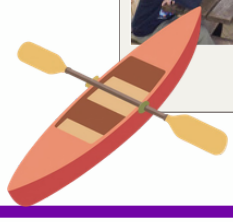














School Home Support

School-Home Support

Stanley Primary School: School Home Support

Michelle Done - School Home Support (SHS) Practicioner

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🎄Christmas Gift Support for Families🎄

We understand that Christmas can bring extra financial pressure for families. This year, Stanley is working with local charities to provide Christmas gifts for children, with support available for every child living in the household.

🎁 **What's available:** Christmas gifts provided by local charities
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🔒 **Confidential:** All requests will be treated privately and confidentially

To request support:
Please complete the **Christmas Support Form** or contact **Michelle Done.**

🧥Supporting Our Families This Winter – Warm Coats for Children🧥

As the weather gets colder, we want to make sure every child at Stanley stays warm and ready to learn. If your family would benefit from a warm winter coat, confidential support is available.

🧥 **Discreet support:** Coats are provided without charity branding.
🔒 **Confidential:** Requests are handled privately and sensitively.

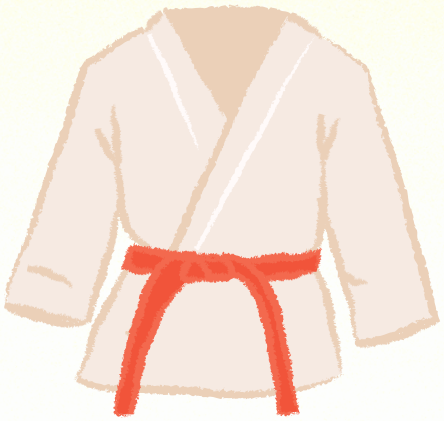
To request a coat:
Please complete the **Request for Coats Form** or contact **Michelle Done.**

☕Parent Coffee Morning☕

Blackpool Parent Forum will be holding a SEND Parent Coffee Morning on **Friday 20th November 9.15am - 10.30am**. No need to let us know if you're coming, just pop along!

STANLEY SUCCESSES







🥋🏆 **FANTASTIC TAEKWONDO SUCCESS AT STANLEY!** 🏆🥋

A huge congratulations to Sebastian and James, who both won silver medals at last weekend's Blackpool Electronic Olympic-Style Sparring Tournament!

Even more exciting, Sebastian has been selected to represent Northern Taekwondo at the Manchester International Tournament this November! What a fantastic achievement!

🥋 **WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO JOIN?**

Northern Taekwondo runs a fun and friendly club every Thursday, straight after school at Stanley Primary School. Classes help children build confidence, improve fitness, learn self-defence and make new friends. Beginners are always welcome!

📞 **07779 275207**

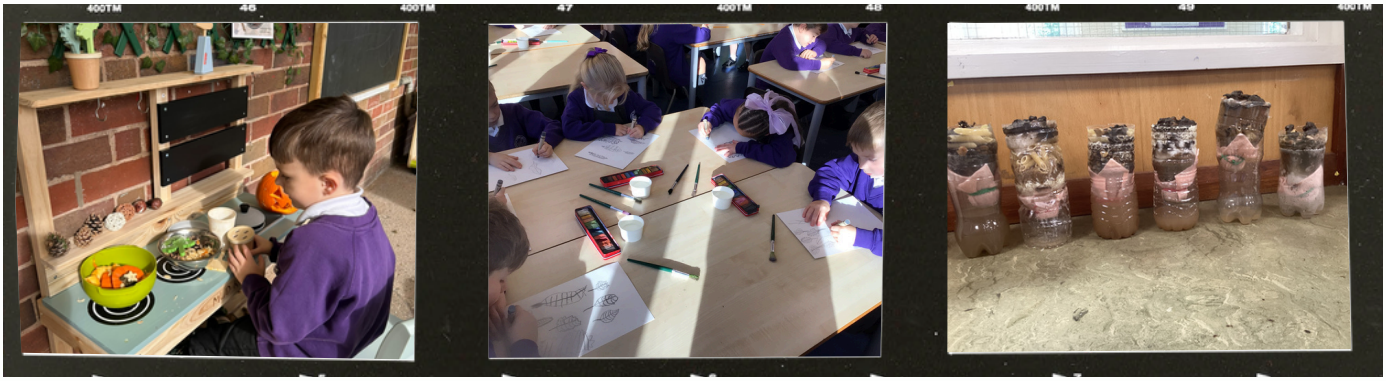
🌐 **www.northerntaekwondo.co.uk**

Get in touch to find out more and join the Northern Taekwondo family!

If you would like your child to feature in 'Stanley Successes' for our next edition, please email admin@stanley.seteducation.org.uk

STANLEY SNAPS

Learning through the lens









Want more Stanley Snaps? Check out our website gallery!

Attend today
Achieve tomorrow

OCTOBER ATTENDANCE

Our whole school target attendance is: 97%



KS1

Embrace: 92.86%

Inspire: 88.19%

Reception: 95.83%

Year 1: 95.44%

Year 2: 95.42%

KS2

Year 3: 95.98%

Year 4: 94.99%

Year 5: 92.91%

Year 6: 95.98%

Number of lates this month: 224



The year group, in both KS1 and KS2, with the best attendance that month will be rewarded!



REMINDERS

NO sweets/chocolate
NO nuts
NO fizzy drinks
Bottle of water EVERYDAY
Coats EVERYDAY







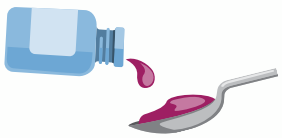


NO smoking/vaping on our grounds
NO dogs to be brought on our grounds

To report an absence, please log this on your Arbor Parent Portal
If you have medical evidence to support the absence e.g. appointment information, prescription medication or pharmacy bought medication (with dated receipt) please send by email or bring into school.
Please also let us know in advance of any appointments/reasons for collecting early
Our sickness/diarrhoea policy is to keep your child off for 48 hours since the last episode




Medicines:
Please email the office with the following:
Child's name and class
Name of medicine
Dosage
Times and Dates to be taken
Any non-prescribed medication should be a brand-new and unopened bottle



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