

14th November 2025

Dear Stanground Family,

It's been a wonderfully busy few weeks as children and staff returned after the half-term break. This week, we were delighted to celebrate Michael Rosen Day, sharing stories and inspiring a love of reading and poetry across the school.

We also joined in supporting BBC Children in Need, and we are thrilled to announce that, thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised **£273**! Every contribution helps make a real difference to children across the UK.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

A reminder that on Friday 19th December 2025, school will be closing at 14:00.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Regards,
Mr Steenkamp
Headteacher

Michael Rosen Day

Yesterday we threw a HUGE Poetry Party to celebrate the poet, Michael Rosen. The aim of the day was to make reading, listening to, and writing and performing poetry fun, enjoyable and accessible for all, helping our children to discover its magic. We started the day by watching a live performance by Michael Rosen, where he performed a selection of his favourite food inspired poetry. The classes then all worked on a class poem, which they later performed in an assembly at the end of the day. A poetry competition was also undertaken as part of the day, where all the children had the opportunity to write their own food inspired poem, which Mrs Kisbee and Mr Steenkamp will be judging and awarding prizes for. A great day, enjoyed by all.



Attendance Update

Regular attendance in primary school is essential as it ensures consistent learning, helps children build strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, and supports their social and emotional development. It encourages good habits like responsibility and discipline, while also allowing teachers to monitor progress and provide timely support. Frequent attendance also

fosters stronger connections between families and schools, reinforcing the value of education from an early age.

Parent Governor Elections

Dear Parents

Stanground St John's Church of England Primary School - Election of Parent Governors

The governing body has vacancies for two parent governors. We are writing to you to ask if you would be interested in becoming a governor.

The responsibilities of the parent governor are to help reflect the interests and opinions of the Parent Body of the Academy to the LGB and to act in accord with the other governors in the best interests of the Academy and its pupils.

Our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing body, and we rely on them to help us to give a parent's view. They are on the governing body as representative parents, but they are not delegates and other parents cannot mandate them on how they should vote.

Governors do not need to be experts to tackle the range of responsibilities expected of them. Help, advice, and training are available from various sources. If you are interested in being part of the team and have time to commit to this role, we would like you to consider becoming a parent governor. If you would like more information about the role please contact the Clerk to Governors, Janet Harris, Clerk@stanground-st-johns.peterborough.sch.uk There are 4 governor meetings per year and this year these will be held on a Monday from 1.00pm and take around 2 hours

A parent governor should be a parent or carer of a registered pupil at the relevant Academy at the time of the election, can self-nominate, stand for election, and can vote in the election. A parent who works for the school for 500 hours or more or is not eligible to stand for election, but they are permitted to vote. Where this is not reasonably practical, a person who is the parent of a child of compulsory school age can stand for election. The term of office for a parent governor is four years.

We would ask that nominations are emailed either directly to the Clerk to Governors using Clerk@stanground-st-johns.peterborough.sch.uk or handed into the school office by 3.15pm on Friday 21st November 2025. We also need a few words about the candidate and why they would like to be a governor.

On Monday the 24th of November 2025 we will inform parents about the details of parent governor nominations.

Further copies of the nomination form can be obtained from the school office. If you require a copy of this letter in a language other than English or in large print format, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mr Steenkamp
Headteacher

Self-Nomination Form

The information you give on this form will enable your eligibility to serve as a governor to be established. If you are elected as a governor you will need to undertake enhanced DBS checks and possible Section 128 checks and provide further personal information which will be entered onto the DfE GIAS database. This will not be made publicly available, the clerk will ask you to complete the relevant pre-appointment checks. These measures form part of the school's routine procedures for ensuring the safety of pupils, as well as complying with the relevant safeguarding/government guidance.

Election for a Parent Governor for Stanground St John's Church of England Primary School

Name:

Child(ren) in Year(s):

Email address:

I am willing and eligible to stand for election as a parent governor at Stanground St John's Church of England Primary School

Signature:

Date:

Please set out below why you would like to become a governor (in not more than 200 words).

You can include details or relevant experience such as involvement in the local community, experience within an educational setting or in business.

Application and Pre-Appointment Check Form

DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY AS AN ACADEMY GOVERNOR

The School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012

I declare that I am not disqualified from serving as a school/academy governor under the disqualification regulations and that:

- I am aged 18 or over at the time of this election or appointment
- I do not already hold a governorship at the same school **

A person is disqualified from holding or continuing to hold office as a governor of a school/academy if, in summary, that person:

- is the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order; an interim bankruptcy restrictions order; debt relief restrictions order' an interim debt relief restrictions order; or their estate has been sequestrated & the sequestration has now been discharged, annulled or reduced.
- is subject to a disqualification order or disqualification undertaking under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986; a disqualification order under the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; a disqualification undertaking accepted under the Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; or an order made under section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 (failure to pay under county court administration order)
- has been removed from the office of trustee for a charity by an order made by the Charity Commission or Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of the charity, or under section 34 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 from being concerned in the management or control of any body
- has been removed from office as an elected governor within the last five years
- is included in the list of people considered by the Secretary of State as unsuitable to work with children and young people
- is barred from any regulated activity relating to children
- is subject to a direction of the Secretary of State under section 142 of the Education Act 2002 or section 128 of the Education and Skills Act 2008
- is disqualified from working with children or registering for child minding or providing day care
- is disqualified from being an independent school/academy proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State
- subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence, has been sentenced to three months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the five years ending with the date preceding the date of appointment/election as a governor or since becoming a governor
- subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence, has received a prison sentence of two and a half years or more in the 20 years ending with the date preceding the date of appointment/election as a governor
- subject to certain exceptions for overseas offences that do not correlate with a UK offence, has at any time received a prison sentence of five years or more
- has been convicted and fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school/academy or educational premises during the five years ending with the date immediately preceding appointment/election or since appointment or election as a governor
- refuses a request to make an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) for a criminal records certificate and a Section 128 check.

** This does not apply to governors being considered for re-appointment or standing for re-election.

I confirm that I am not disqualified under any of the conditions set out above.

Signature_____

Date_____