

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Stanground Family,

As we come to the end of another school year, we reflect on what has been a busy yet incredibly productive time for our children. They have shown great enthusiasm and commitment to their learning, and we are proud to celebrate many educational achievements across the school.

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another*

John 13:34

We are particularly pleased to share the **SATS 2025 results**, which reflect the hard work and dedication of both our pupils and staff. These achievements are a testament to the supportive partnership between home and school.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	National Results
	Expected Standard	Expected Standard	Expected Standard
Reading	62%	77%	75%
Writing	59%	78%	72%
Maths	52%	80%	74%
RWM Combined	41%	67%	62%

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all staff for their unwavering commitment and to parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Together, we have created a positive and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful summer holiday.

**See you all on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.**

Kind regards,

Mr Steenkamp  
 Headteacher



The Church of England  
 Diocese of Ely



Silver School  
 Awarded  
 in 2025

Awarded for commitment to  
 high-quality phonics practice



## Uniform Update



From the start of the Autumn term, children will be allowed to wear plain white T-shirts for PE. Polo shirts are acceptable, but please ensure there is no branding. Where required, black shirts could still be worn. **This change will become mandatory from 1st January 2026.**

## Wow Science Day

On Wednesday 9th July, we had a fantastic introduction to our Wow Science Day from Mrs Steenkamp. She amazed us with a variety of exciting science experiments, including exploding camera film cases, poking a hole in a balloon without popping it, and demonstrating how heat from a candle can deflate a balloon before your eyes – but when you add water, nothing happens!



## 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.

Year to date		Week to date	
Class	Attendance Percentage	Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	93.2%	Reception	98.8%
Year 1	93.1%	Year 1	87.6%
Year 2	94.8%	Year 2	92.6%
Year 3	96.1%	Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	96.6%	Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	97.3%	Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	93.0%	Year 6	87.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94.9%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>92.9%</b>

  

Class	Lateness Percentage	Class	Lateness Percentage
Reception	1.6%	Reception	3.1%
Year 1	2.3%	Year 1	2.9%
Year 2	0.5%	Year 2	4.2%
Year 3	0.6%	Year 3	0.9%
Year 4	1.2%	Year 4	4.1%
Year 5	0.3%	Year 5	0.0%
Year 6	3.1%	Year 6	4.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.8%</b>

**Well done Year 5! The best overall attendance for this academic year.**

## Year 6 Leavers Service

On **Thursday 17th July**, we celebrated a truly special **Year 6 Leavers' Service** at **Stanground St John's Church**. The service was filled with songs, poetry, artwork, and even a fantastic musical performance. **Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils – you have made us so proud!** A heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support throughout this memorable journey.



# Safeguarding

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalonline-safety.com](https://nationalonline-safety.com) for further guides, links and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer, to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

#### INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

#### REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

#### UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

#### A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

#### CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

#### SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

#### CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

#### Meet Our Expert

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