

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Stanground Families,

This half term has certainly been a busy one! All pupils and staff have worked incredibly hard and shown great dedication in everything they have done. There have been many achievements, exciting activities and examples of excellent learning taking place across the school.

Dates for the Diary:

- 1st June 2026 - School Reopen after Half term
- 9th June 2026 - Sports Day
- 17th June 2026 - Year 2 trip to Wandlebury Country Park
- 23rd June 2026 - EYFS trip to West Lodge Farm Park
- 27th June 2026 - Summer Fair from 12:00 - 13:00(more information to follow)

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our incredible families for their kindness, support and dedication in helping make our recent Cultural Day celebrations such a success. Your contributions, enthusiasm and willingness to share traditions, experiences and ideas made the day truly special for everyone involved. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to celebrate diversity and create such a rich and memorable experience for the children.

Have a wonderful half term.

Kind regards,

Mr Steenkamp
Headteacher

Early Reading

Early reading is one of the most important ways to support your child's development. Sharing books from a young age helps children build vocabulary, develop their imagination, and grow in confidence. It also sets strong foundations for learning in school and beyond. Research shows that children who are read to regularly are three times more likely to choose to read for pleasure themselves, and reading for enjoyment has a bigger impact on future success than even family background. Children who read often tend to do better not just in English, but across all subjects, including maths, and are more likely to achieve stronger results as they grow older.

The good news is that parents can make a huge difference with simple, everyday actions. Reading together for just 10–15 minutes a day, talking about stories, and letting your child pick books they enjoy can all help build a love of reading. It doesn't have to feel like a lesson—sharing stories, looking at pictures, and even re-reading favourite books all count. Making reading a fun and regular part of home life helps



children see it as something to enjoy, giving them skills and confidence that will benefit them for years to come.

Attendance

Year To Date:		Week To Date:	
Class	Attendance Percentage	Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	87.8%	Reception	91.1%
Year 1	94.9%	Year 1	93.2%
Year 2	93.6%	Year 2	92.2%
Year 3	94.6%	Year 3	94.0%
Year 4	96.2%	Year 4	92.9%
Year 5	96.0%	Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	97.4%	Year 6	99.0%
TOTAL	94.4%	TOTAL	93.9%

Class	Lateness Percentage	Class	Lateness Percentage
Reception	0.8%	Reception	2.4%
Year 1	2.4%	Year 1	3.7%
Year 2	1.4%	Year 2	2.0%
Year 3	0.6%	Year 3	2.2%
Year 4	0.3%	Year 4	0.5%
Year 5	2.1%	Year 5	1.9%
Year 6	0.1%	Year 6	0.0%
TOTAL	1.0%	TOTAL	1.7%

Unfortunately, there has been a slight drop in attendance over the last few weeks, which may be due to a combination of seasonal illness, appointments and other commitments. We kindly remind families of the importance of regular attendance, as it plays a vital role in supporting children's learning, progress and overall wellbeing. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain strong attendance across the school.

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Term Dates 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Term Starts: Thursday 3rd September 2026

INSET DAY: Friday 23rd October 2026 (Trust)

Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2026

SPRING TERM 2027

INSET DAY: Monday 4th January 2027

Term Starts: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027

Term Ends: Thursday 25th March 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027

Term Starts: Monday 12th April 2027

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2027 - 4th June 2027

Term Ends: Friday 16th July 2027

INSET DAY: Monday 19th July 2027