

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Stanground Families,

It has been a busy few weeks, with children in Year 4 enjoying their violin lessons in music and Year 5 embracing their swimming sessions. These enriching extracurricular opportunities play a vital role in building confidence, developing new skills, and supporting children's overall wellbeing beyond the classroom.

We are a nut-free school because the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our highest priority. Several children in our community have severe nut allergies, and even small traces of nuts can trigger a serious allergic reaction. By keeping our environment nut-free, we help ensure that all children can learn, play, and thrive safely.

We also welcomed back Mrs Beaney after a period of absence and wish to thank all our families for their support and understanding during this time.

Have a great weekend and stay warm.

Kind regards,

Mr Steenkamp
Headteacher



School Communication

We are very fortunate to have supportive and friendly parents/carers at Stanground St John's. We want our parents/carers to recognise that educating children is a process that involves partnership between parents/carers, classroom teachers and the whole school community. We ask parents and carers to be mindful of how busy staff are during the school day, especially in the mornings. If you have a concern, you should first book an appointment with the class teacher; if the issue remains unresolved, you may then request a meeting with the Phase Leader, followed by the Deputy Headteacher if needed. The school aims to respond to phone calls and emails within two school days.

Attendance

<u>Year To Date:</u>		<u>Week To Date:</u>	
Class	Attendance percentage	Class	Attendance percentage
Reception	86.3%	Reception	88.3%
Year 1	95.8%	Year 1	93.5%
Year 2	93.2%	Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	95.6%	Year 3	86.8%
Year 4	96.7%	Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	96.3%	Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	97.6%	Year 6	98.0%
TOTAL	94.5%	TOTAL	93.4%

Class	Lateness Percentage	Class	Lateness Percentage
Reception	0.7%	Reception	1.1%
Year 1	2.4%	Year 1	3.2%
Year 2	1.6%	Year 2	2.2%
Year 3	0.6%	Year 3	0.0%
Year 4	0.4%	Year 4	0.0%
Year 5	2.4%	Year 5	2.0%
Year 6	0.2%	Year 6	0.0%
TOTAL	1.1%	TOTAL	1.1%

Congratulations and well done Year 6!

Collection and Drop-off Zones

Please stay behind the signs when dropping off or picking up your child. This helps us keep everyone safe and ensures a smooth flow at the school gates. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 27th 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: Tuesday 1st June 2027 - 4th June 2027

Term Ends: Friday 17th July 2027

INSET DAY: Wednesday 21st July 2027

Friends of Stanground St John's

The Friends of Stanground St John's (FOSSJ) PTA Association will be holding an **Emergency General Meeting (EGM) on Thursday 12th February @6pm in the Hall of the school.**

This meeting has been called following the decision of several committee members to step down and, unfortunately, the current lack of volunteers coming forward to take on these roles. As a result, without new members joining the committee, we may be forced to begin the process of dissolving the association during the midterm holidays.

We warmly encourage any parents or carers who may be interested in helping to "save" FOSSJ to attend this meeting. Whether you are able to commit to a formal role or simply want to find out more about what is involved, your presence and ideas would be very welcome. Without sufficient volunteers, FOSSJ simply cannot continue to operate.

As a reminder, FOSSJ was created to enhance the pupils' experience at Stanground St John's, raising funds through events such as discos, fayres, creative workshops, and initiatives like custom Christmas cards. Last year we managed to raise over £3,000!

Over the years, the association has helped to fund annual school trips, books for the library, book bags for new starters, gifts for leavers, and more. With the school's limited funding—partly due to its size and attendance—FOSSJ has played a vital role in ensuring that all children have opportunities to learn and experience life beyond the classroom. We sincerely hope that, with the support of the school community, this important work can continue.

Join the PTA!



But we need YOU.