

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Stanground Families,

Welcome to the summer term. The sunnier, warm weather is certainly here and children have enjoyed spending more time outside. This term is always filled with amazing learning opportunities, chances for growth, and meaningful experiences that prepare us for future success.

Dates for the Diary:

- 4th May - School Closed - May Bank Holiday
- 11th - 15th May 2026 - Mental Health Week(more information to follow)
- 11th - 14th May 2026 - KS2 SATS
- 18th May 2026 - Culture Day(more information to follow)
- 19th May 2026 - Year 1 trip to Hamerton Zoo
- 22nd May 2026 - School Close normal time for Half Term
- 1st June 2026 - School Reopen after Half term
- 27th June 2026 - Summer Fair from 12:00 - 13:00(more information to follow)

Please check if your child will eat the school meal you book. This is important because children who don't like the meal may not eat enough during the school day. We have found that children who do not eat enough at lunchtime often have difficulty concentrating.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Steenkamp  
Headteacher

### **Attendance**

Our school is strengthening its attendance expectations, and families should expect a firmer and more consistent approach to ensuring every child attends regularly. We know that good attendance is one of the strongest predictors of positive academic and personal outcomes, so we are committed to creating a school culture where pupils feel they belong, value their learning, and want to be in school every day. We will continue to celebrate a positive, supportive environment and clearly communicate how daily attendance shapes both immediate progress and long-term opportunities.

At the same time, we will be tightening our procedures: attendance will be monitored more closely, concerns will be addressed more quickly, and families will be expected to engage fully with the steps we put in place. Early support will still be offered with compassion, but we will now act more decisively when attendance does not improve. Through strong partnerships with local services and targeted help for pupils who need it most, we aim to secure sustained improvements so every child can thrive.

## Parents Survey

Last term, DEMAT conducted its termly parents' survey. The key **strengths** identified included:

- Children feel safe at school.
- Children are taught how to behave well.
- The school communicates well with families.
- The school has high expectations for my child.
- Concerns raised have been dealt with appropriately and timely.

### Next steps:

- Regular information shared with families regarding SEND pathways.
- Targeted SEND training for all staff.
- Improving internal processes around transition.
- Continue our work on school improvement to ensure Stanground St John's are the school of choice for families in this area.

## Attendance

<u>Year To Date:</u>		<u>Week To Date:</u>	
<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance Percentage</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance Percentage</b>
<i>Reception</i>	87.2%	<i>Reception</i>	93.2%
<i>Year 1</i>	95.1%	<i>Year 1</i>	96.5%
<i>Year 2</i>	93.6%	<i>Year 2</i>	98.5%
<i>Year 3</i>	94.6%	<i>Year 3</i>	91.6%
<i>Year 4</i>	95.9%	<i>Year 4</i>	98.1%
<i>Year 5</i>	95.9%	<i>Year 5</i>	95.7%
<i>Year 6</i>	97.2%	<i>Year 6</i>	98.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94.3%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96.1%</b>

  

<b>Class</b>	<b>Lateness Percentage</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Lateness Percentage</b>
<i>Reception</i>	0.8%	<i>Reception</i>	2.3%
<i>Year 1</i>	2.4%	<i>Year 1</i>	3.2%
<i>Year 2</i>	1.3%	<i>Year 2</i>	2.0%
<i>Year 3</i>	0.5%	<i>Year 3</i>	0.0%
<i>Year 4</i>	0.4%	<i>Year 4</i>	0.5%
<i>Year 5</i>	2.1%	<i>Year 5</i>	1.2%
<i>Year 6</i>	0.2%	<i>Year 6</i>	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

Congratulations to Year 2!



# Term Dates 2026-2027

## AUTUMN TERM 2026

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

**Term Starts:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026

**INSET DAY:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 **(Trust)**

**Half Term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026

**Term Ends:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

## SPRING TERM 2027

**INSET DAY:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027

**Half Term:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2027 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027

**Term Ends:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

## SUMMER TERM 2027

**Term Starts:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027

**Half Term:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2027 - 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027

**Term Ends:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2027

**INSET DAY:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027