

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Stanground Families,

What a busy two weeks it has been. Children across the school are working diligently to be the best version of themselves ensuring that they make positive choices, support one another, and take pride in everything they do.

Dates for the Diary:

- 11th - 15th May 2026 - Mental Health Week
- 11th - 14th May 2026 - KS2 SATS
- 18th May 2026 - Culture Day
- 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
- 17th June 2026 - Year 2 trip
- 27th June 2026 - Summer Fair from 12:00 - 13:00(more information to follow)



We would like to wish all of your Year 6 pupils—and the dedicated staff supporting them—the very best of luck for the upcoming SATs. This is an important milestone, and we know how much hard work, effort, and commitment has gone into preparing for this week. We are incredibly proud of all the progress the children have made, and we encourage them to approach each day with confidence and positivity.

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.

Mental Health Week

Next week, we will be marking Mental Health Week with a daily focus on wellbeing across the school, linked to this year's theme of "Action." Children will take part in age-appropriate activities to understand emotions, develop strategies to stay calm and resilient, and identify support networks. From exploring feelings through stories in early years to managing anxieties and preparing for transition in Year 6, we aim to help all pupils take practical steps to support their mental health in a positive and supportive environment.

Culture Day

On Monday 18th May 2026, we will be celebrating Culture Day 2026. This is an opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of cultures within our community, recognise the unique backgrounds and perspectives of our families, and promote greater understanding and inclusion. All children and staff are invited to wear a traditional outfit or the colours of their country of origin to help celebrate our diverse community.

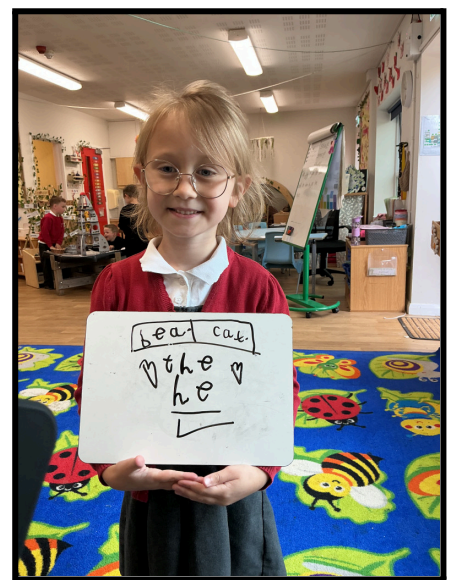
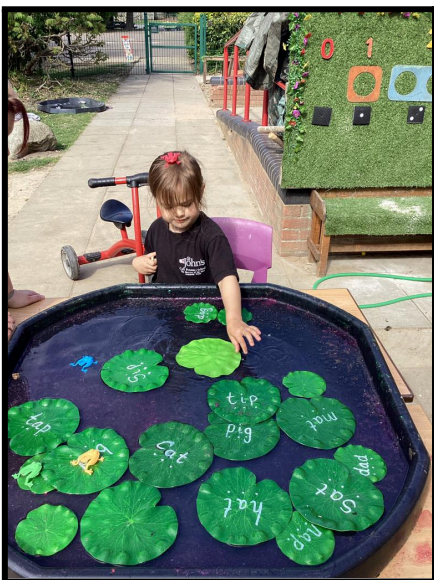
Children have chosen the following countries to celebrate:

- Reception:** Kenya
- Year 1:** United Arab Emirates
- Year 2:** Poland
- Year 3:** Lithuania
- Year 4:** Scotland
- Year 5:** Spain
- Year 6:** Nigeria

We would like to invite you to prepare a traditional dish for your child's class to share with their friends. Please bring your dish to school on **Monday 18th May at 14:30**. Families are welcome to visit each stall after school and enjoy the variety of foods together.



Please remember that we are a **nut-free school**, and kindly include a list of ingredients used in your dish. We look forward to celebrating and sharing these delicious traditions with you!



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: Monday 21st July 2027