



Stanbury Village School

Newsletter
19.12.2025

STANBURY VILLAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Merry Christmas

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and joyful half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly special few weeks at Stanbury Village School. The festive season has brought our school community together in the most wonderful way, and we are incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved.

This half term has been filled with memorable performances and celebrations. Our youngest pupils shone brightly in the Foundation Stage and Class 1 nativities, delighting audiences with their confidence, enthusiasm and infectious smiles. Meanwhile, our Key Stage 2 pupils delivered a beautiful Carol Concert, showcasing not only their musical talents but also their maturity and teamwork. These events are always highlights of the school calendar and a reminder of the magic that happens when children are given the opportunity to perform and shine.

I would also like to make a very special mention of FOSS (Friends of Stanbury School). Their dedication and hard work this term has been nothing short of incredible. Their ongoing support is absolutely vital in enabling us to offer such enriching experiences for our children, including funding the transport for our Christmas cinema trip so every child could enjoy this special treat. We are extremely grateful for everything they do.

A huge thank you to our staff for their continued dedication and hard work over what has been an incredible 12 months, and to our parents and carers for your ongoing support – we are very lucky to have such a wonderful school community. Looking ahead, we have lots of exciting plans for 2026, beginning with a special whole school assembly on the first day back to launch something very exciting. A small clue... Harry Potter... a Sorting Hat... 🧙

Finally, on behalf of all the staff and Governors, we would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We hope you enjoy a well-earned break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

Mr Robinson
Headteacher



Stanbury Village School

Are you interested in joining our 2026 cohort?

Prospective students and their families are invited to our upcoming Open Day for a guided tour and the chance to learn why Stanbury Village School is the right choice for your child.

100% of our parents would recommend us to other families.

Open Day

**Thursday 5th February 2026
9:30am until 2pm**

Please contact the school office to book a place on our Open Day or to arrange an alternative time to visit.

01535 642270 or email
office@stanbury.bradford.sch.uk

“Stanbury Village School feels like one big family — everyone knows you and cares about you.” - Year 5 Pupil

Scan the QR Code to find out why Stanbury Village School is the best place to send your child!



Outdoor Learning



Highly Skilled Staff



Inclusive

Exceptional behaviour



SCARF Visit

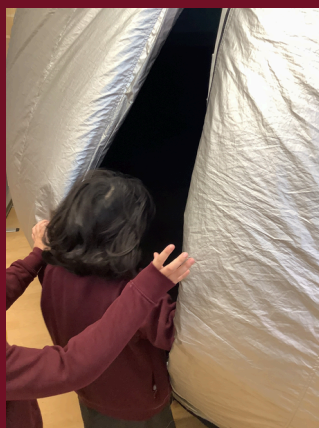
This half term, we were delighted to welcome SCARF into school to work with our pupils as part of our PSHE curriculum. The sessions were carefully designed to support children's social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) by helping them understand how to look after themselves, stay healthy and make positive, informed choices in everyday situations. Through age-appropriate discussions and activities, pupils were encouraged to reflect on their feelings, relationships and decision-making skills in a supportive environment.

The children were fully engaged throughout the sessions, learning about the importance of their bodies, including the roles of key organs, and how these link to overall wellbeing. The visit brought learning to life in a fun and memorable way – with meeting Harold the giraffe proving to be a particular highlight! A huge thank you to Juliet for delivering such high-quality, engaging sessions that continue to make a valuable contribution to our wider curriculum.



Planetarium Visit

This half term, we were delighted to welcome the Wonderdome Planetarium into school to enrich our science curriculum and develop pupils' understanding of space. The immersive experience provided an exciting and memorable way for children to explore key scientific concepts, bringing learning to life through high-quality visual projections and expert explanation.



Foundation Stage pupils learned the names of the planets in our solar system and some simple facts about them, as well as discovering how rockets travel into space and learning about the first moon landing. Class 3 explored more complex ideas, including how planets were formed, the number of moons they have, and past and future space missions. They also learned about galaxies and black holes, helping to deepen their scientific knowledge and curiosity about the wider universe.



FUNDRAISING



This half term, FOSS (Friends of Stanbury School) have worked tirelessly to support our school through a range of highly successful fundraising events. Their dedication and organisation were clearly on display at our Christmas Extravaganza, which brought together pupils, families, staff, governors and the wider community for a truly festive afternoon. A heartfelt thank you goes to Zanna for leading the organisation, and to everyone who supported the event, which raised over £1,000 to benefit our school and enrich opportunities for our children. FOSS would also like to extend their sincere thanks to all the families who continue to support events, not only financially but also by generously giving their time and donations. A special mention must also go to Steph, who ran our Secret Santa event for the children – a hugely successful initiative that involved a great deal of organisation behind the scenes. Thank you for making it such a magical experience for our pupils.



We are also incredibly proud of Class 1, who took part in a fantastic Colour Run earlier this term. Through their enthusiasm and determination, the children raised an outstanding £1,155. Half of this money will be used to further develop resources and provision within Class 1, while the remaining half has been donated to Manorlands Hospice, supporting the invaluable work they do within our local community. This event not only raised vital funds but also gave pupils a meaningful opportunity to learn about generosity, teamwork and giving back.

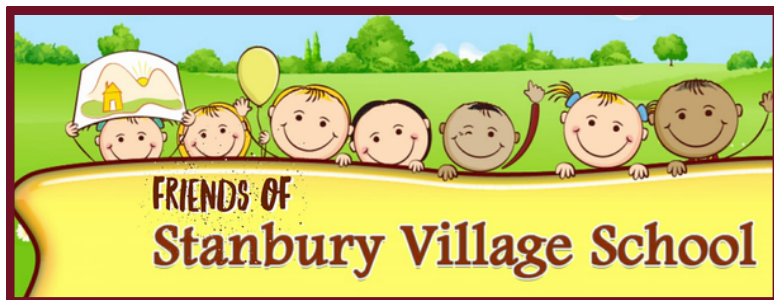


We have also been very fortunate to secure a grant from the National Literacy Trust to help replenish resources in our school library, and we will be running a reading-themed fundraising event in January to support the costs of decorating the library and purchasing additional furniture to create a welcoming and inspiring space for all our readers.

Friends of Stanbury Village School

FOSS (Friends of Stanbury School) is our dedicated Parent-Teacher-Friend Association (PTFA) that plays a vital role in enriching the school experience for all our pupils. Through fundraising events, community activities, and volunteer support, FOSS helps provide valuable resources and opportunities that enhance learning and school life.

We warmly invite new families to join this important work, as your involvement makes a real difference in building a strong, supportive school community. If you are interested in supporting or want to find out more, please speak to Sarah on 07872 535538—your participation will be greatly appreciated!



Clubs

We are pleased to share our exciting club offering for the Spring term, which provides a wide range of opportunities for children to explore new interests, develop skills and enjoy learning beyond the classroom. Our clubs are designed to be fun, inclusive and enriching, supporting both creativity and personal development.

In response to feedback from last year's parent questionnaire, we have planned and published our clubs in advance across the year, helping families to plan ahead and giving pupils something to look forward to each term. For the upcoming Spring term, we are delighted to offer a varied selection of clubs including Lego Club, Gymnastics, Animation, S Club, Book Club and STEM Club. These clubs reflect a balance of physical activity, creativity, reading for pleasure and problem-solving.

We are extremely grateful to the staff who generously give up their time to run these clubs, ensuring our pupils have such a broad range of opportunities. We would also like to say a special thank you to our fantastic volunteers, including Mrs Lawrence, whose support and enthusiasm help make these clubs possible. We truly appreciate the commitment shown to enriching our pupils' school experience.

★ CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES ★

The Christmas Nativities were a wonderful celebration and the children did incredibly well. Our Foundation Stage delighted everyone with their Twinkly Nativity, while Class 1 brought energy and humour to Prickly Hay!. The acting, dancing and singing across both performances were exceptional and truly got everyone into the Christmas spirit.

Across all of the Christmas performances, over £300 was generously raised through donations. This money will be used to support future productions by investing in new scripts, costumes, and music resources, ensuring that these much-loved events continue to grow and thrive.

The Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert was equally impressive, showcasing a fantastic range of talents. The solo piano and singing performances were outstanding, and it was brilliant to see such a wide variety of instruments being played. The joyful singing filled the hall with festive cheer. A special mention goes to Matthew and Mrs Schofield for their invaluable support throughout the festive period.



Guitar Lessons

Music lessons are available to book via Bradford Council through the Bradford Music and Arts Service. The cost is £70 per term for a 20-minute small group lesson each week, or £188 per term for a 20-minute individual lesson each week. Parents are billed directly by the service, with an additional charge for instrumental hire if required, although children may use their own instruments. Pupils will receive a minimum of 30 lessons throughout the academic year. To book lessons, please use the following link:

<https://ukbradfordmusic.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Here you can view the instruments offered under Stanbury Village School. Currently, the service requires at least 8 children to be signed up before lessons can begin, and we are currently below this number, so please register if you are interested.



Music tuition fosters creativity, enhances concentration and memory, improves coordination and discipline, and supports personal development and confidence. It also enriches pupils' cultural experiences and can contribute positively to their overall well-being.

This service is provided solely by the Local Authority Music Service, and the pricing and organisation are not under the school's control. Thank you for your understanding.



KS1 ART CLUB

Art Club has been a wonderful creative space for our EYFS and KS1 children, who have thoroughly enjoyed getting hands-on with a wide range of materials and techniques. Throughout the sessions, the children have explored their creativity through themed projects, including a Remembrance Day activity where they used mixed media such as paints, oil pastels and a touch of glitter to create a beautiful poppy field of remembrance. The focus and care they showed in their artwork was a pleasure to see.



In the lead-up to Christmas, Art Club was a hive of festive activity. The children made Santa hats using paper plates, paint and cotton wool, as well as creating salt dough handprints which were carefully prepared and later decorated as Christmas baubles. They also enjoyed making tissue paper baubles and festive decorations, ensuring their Christmas trees at home will be wonderfully well decorated. Of course, no Art Club session would be complete without a biscuit treat and a cup of juice to enjoy along the way.



The final sessions showcased just how much effort and creativity the children put into their work, with finished salt dough elf baubles and additional decorations such as lollipop tree baubles. We are incredibly proud of all our Art Club members for their hard work, imagination and enthusiasm this half term. A special thank you goes to Miss Tilley, Mrs Weatherill and Mrs Roberts for their continued support and dedication in running Art Club and making these experiences so special for the children. 🎨🌟



Free School Meals

Are you eligible?

Are you receiving any of the following benefits?

- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with an annual income under £16,190 and not receiving Working Tax Credit)
- The 'Guaranteed' element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after stopping Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400)



**DON'T
MISS OUT!**



If so you could be eligible for Free School Meals.

Applying for Free School Meals could help your child and Stanbury Village School.

More Than Just a Meal

Free School Meals provide your child with a healthy, nutritious lunch every school day. But the benefits don't stop there! If you're eligible, you could also receive help with:

- **Residential School Trips:** Reduce the cost of unforgettable learning experiences.
- **Travel Costs to School:** Make getting to school easier and more affordable.
- **School Uniform Costs:** Ease the financial burden of kitting out your child.
- **Music Lessons:** Unlock your child's musical potential.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 and already receives universal free school meals, applying can unlock additional support!

Pupil Premium: Helping Our School Help Your Child

For every pupil registered for Free School Meals, our school receives vital Pupil Premium funding: £1,455 for primary pupils and £1,035 for secondary pupils. This money directly supports your child's education and helps them achieve their very best.

How to Apply:

It's quick and easy! Apply online today scan the QR Code or visit: Bradford Council Website for more information.



School Uniform Policy



Unlocking Potential, Nurturing Excellence

School Uniform Policy

Reviewed and approved by: Mr A Robinson
Position: Headteacher
Date: March 2025
Next review date: March 2027

As we start a new school year, we would like to remind you about our School Uniform Policy, which is available to view on the school website. Click the policy on the left to be directed to the website.

We encourage all families to take a moment to read through the policy to ensure that your child comes to school dressed in accordance with our guidelines.

We are pleased to inform you that there have been no significant changes to the uniform requirements this year. Maintaining a consistent uniform helps foster a sense of belonging and pride within our school community.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring our pupils represent Stanbury Village School with pride.



Stay and Play



100% OF OUR
PARENTS
WOULD
RECOMMEND
US!

STANBURY VILLAGE SCHOOL

STAY AND PLAY

EVERY FRIDAY

9:00AM UNTIL 11:00AM

We are delighted to offer a weekly Stay and Play Session at Stanbury Village School, designed for children under 5 and their parents or carers. **You do not need any connection to the school to attend.**

These engaging sessions take place every Friday morning during term time only, from 9:00am to 11:00 am, in our Room in the Roof space. The sessions are led by dedicated volunteers who create a welcoming environment for families in our community.

Our Stay and Play Sessions are filled with fun activities that cater to even the youngest children. Participants can enjoy a variety of play options, including singing, craft activities, storytelling, role play, and water and sand play. There is also tea and coffee available for the grown ups that attend!



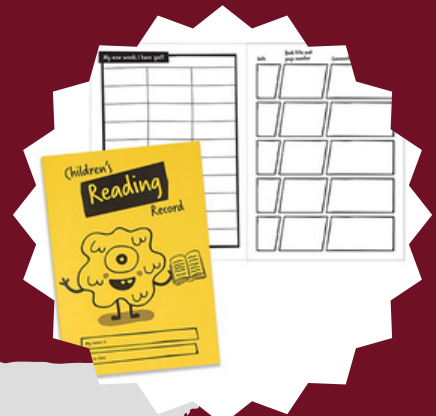
Please join us for our next Stay and
Play session on Friday 9th January
2026.

Reading at Home

Reading at home is vital for your child's development, enhancing literacy skills, vocabulary, and academic performance. Research by the National Literacy Trust indicates that children who read for pleasure are 13% more likely to achieve higher grades throughout their education. Additionally, reading fosters a lifelong love of literature and strengthens family bonds through shared experiences and discussions about stories.

We understand that life can be busy, but we encourage you to find time to read with your child, whether in the car or as part of a bedtime routine. Please also record in your child's reading record – a short comment and what your child has read. For our older pupils in Class 3, please encourage them to record in their reading records independently.

Together, let's nurture confident readers and learners at Stanbury Village School!



Contact Details

Thank you for taking the time to read our fortnightly newsletter. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff at drop off or collection or contact the school office.



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