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2025 to 2026 – A Year to Celebrate

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I wanted to take the time to write to you and say a heartfelt thank you for what has been a truly fantastic year at Stanbury Village School.

It has been a year full of achievement, growth, opportunity and celebration. As a school, we have developed so much, and I am incredibly proud of everything our children, staff, families and wider community have achieved together.

One of the real highlights of the year has been the opening of our new school library. Thanks to the wonderful support of our families through our sponsored reading event, we have been able to add over 700 new books for the children to enjoy. These books have given our pupils access to a much wider range of genres, diverse authors, engaging topics and exciting new stories. Alongside this, the library itself has been refurbished and transformed into a much more welcoming and inviting space for children. The addition of our e-book player has also helped to make reading even more accessible and engaging. Thank you to everyone who supported this project, it has already made such a difference.



We have also had much to celebrate in terms of outcomes across school. Our Year 1 children achieved excellent results in the Phonics Screening Check, with 93% of children reaching the required threshold. This places us above the national average once again, which is a fantastic achievement.

Our Year 4 children also performed exceptionally well in the Multiplication Tables Check. Their average score was above 21 out of 25, representing a huge improvement on previous years. This reflects the hard work of the children and staff, as well as the positive impact of the changes we have made to our mathematics curriculum.

In Year 6, we were delighted with the outcome of our external writing moderation visit from the Local Authority. The moderator agreed with all judgements made by school, with no changes required. This is a brilliant outcome and a strong reflection of the quality of teaching, learning and assessment across school.



Unfortunately, Year 6 SATs results have been delayed nationally this year. However, we remain incredibly proud of our Year 6 children and the way they approached the tests with maturity, resilience and determination. They have made excellent progress throughout their time with us and should be very proud of all they have achieved. In the mock SATs completed earlier in the year, the children performed exceptionally well, with 92% achieving the expected standard. We will, of course, share the official results once they have been received and we have had time to check the marking carefully.

Another exciting development this year has been the investment in our Key Stage 2 playground. The refurbished space has helped to make playtimes more engaging, active and accessible for all children. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the new playground and making the most of the opportunities it provides.

A huge thank you must also go to FOSS for their incredible dedication and commitment throughout the year. From Mother's Day events to Christmas shopping events, discos, the Summer Fair, chocolate sales, pop up uniform shops and so much more, they have worked tirelessly to support the school. We are extremely lucky to have such a committed group of parents and volunteers who give so much time and energy for the benefit of our children.



This year, our children have also taken part in some fantastic fundraising activities. EYFS completed an amazing Makaton Challenge, raising over £450, while Class 1's hugely successful Colour Run raised an incredible £1,100. We are extremely proud to have supported Manorlands by sharing the money raised through these activities with such a worthwhile local charity. A huge thank you to all our families and the wider school community for your wonderful generosity and support.

This year also saw the introduction of our new House System. The children have responded brilliantly to this, and it has provided us with another way to recognise and reward their excellent behaviour, effort and contribution to school life. We are incredibly proud of the way our children conduct themselves day in and day out.



In Key Stage 2, children enjoyed residential visits to High Adventure and Gulliver's Valley. These experiences create memories that children will carry with them for many years, and I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff who gave up their own time to make these residential visits possible.

Every class has taken part in educational visits this year, including trips to places such as Lotherton Hall, garden centres, The Deep, Wild Uplands events as part of Bradford City of Culture, the Christmas cinema trip, Christmas at Church, a mosque visit, Skipton Castle and Woodbank Garden Centre. These experiences have helped to bring learning to life and have enriched the curriculum for all our children.

We have also welcomed a wide variety of visitors into school, including HSBC for financial literacy sessions, Robbie Moore MP, Reverend Oli, Susan and Andy Lawrence for STEM activities, a planetarium visit, Mr Rogers' science workshop, Bradford Music Service,



Northern Gas, a taekwondo visitor, CPR training for Key Stage 2, RockSteady Music, West Yorkshire Fire Service and many more. These visits have helped to broaden children's experiences and inspire curiosity across the curriculum.



Sport has also been a real strength this year. Children have taken part in football matches against local rivals Oxenhope, Marley football events, cross-country events throughout the year, a football event at Marley, swimming for Year 5 and visits and assemblies linked to Keighley Cougars and karate. It has been wonderful to see the children representing school with such enthusiasm, teamwork and pride.

We were also delighted with the results of our annual parent survey. It was incredibly positive to see that 100% of parents who responded said that their child is happy at school, 100% said that their child feels safe at school, 100% said that if their child has SEND, the school gives them the support they need to succeed, and 100% said that the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. These responses mean a great deal to us, and we are grateful for the trust and support you continue to show.



This year, we also had a Teaching and Learning Review conducted by two external advisors. Their feedback was a real celebration of the school and the children. They described Stanbury as having:

"There is a real, caring, family atmosphere, coupled with increasingly high expectations."

They also recognised the positive relationships across school, noting that:

"High levels of mutual respect between pupils and staff contribute to a strong sense of belonging."



Throughout the review, pupils were praised for their attitudes to learning, behaviour and confidence. Reviewers described our children as:

"Articulate, engaged and polite."

The report also celebrated the strong learning culture across school, particularly in reading and communication. Advisors recognised that:

"The value placed on reading is clear and is resulting in strong outcomes for pupils."

They also noted that children:

"Participated in lessons with accuracy and eloquence"



and that:

“Children are confident communicators.”

We were especially proud that the review recognised the calm and respectful environment that staff work so hard to create each day. The report commented that:

“Relationships and interactions observed throughout the day were consistently respectful and supportive.”

These comments capture so much of what makes our school special.



Our summer topic, Stanbury Art School, has been another wonderful highlight. The children have produced some fantastic artwork, and it was brilliant to welcome an artist into school and to showcase the children's work through our art gallery. The creativity, confidence and pride shown by the children has been a joy to see.

We have also enjoyed welcoming parents and carers into school throughout the year for a wide range of events, including our library opening, art events, sports day, craft sessions in Class 1, the EYFS Harvest Afternoon, baby massage, parent showcase events, productions, Christmas nativities, our Christmas concert and the Worth Valley Music Concert. These occasions are such an important part of our school community, and we are grateful for the support you show.

Our after-school club offer has also continued to grow this year, with children enjoying a fantastic range of opportunities including art, gardening, S Club, Lego, running club, book club, languages club, animation, football, gymnastics and STEM. We are incredibly proud of the breadth of clubs we are able to offer as a small school. In fact, the number and variety of clubs available to our children surpasses that of many schools across Bradford, including some much larger two-form and three-form entry schools. This is a real strength of our school and reflects the commitment of our staff to providing children with opportunities to explore new interests, develop their talents and enjoy time with friends beyond the school day.



What a year it has been. I am incredibly proud of all our children for their approach to learning, their behaviour, their kindness and the way they represent our school. As parents and carers, you should be very proud of your children too. They have achieved so much, and they continue to make Stanbury Village School a very special place to learn and grow.



I would also like to say a huge thank you to our staff team. They work incredibly hard day in and day out to give the children the very best experience possible. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated, caring and talented team, and it is a privilege to lead the school alongside them.

We are already looking forward to what the 2026–2027 academic year will bring. For now, though, we have a final week at school to enjoy!

Take care, and we will look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

Kind regards,

Mr A Robinson
Headteacher

