



# **Stanbury Village School**

**Newsletter**  
**11.05.2026**

# Message from Mr Robinson



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This week, our Year 6 pupils will complete their KS2 SATs, and we would like to wish them all the very best of luck. These assessments are not simply a reflection of their time in Year 6, but a celebration of all the learning and progress they have made throughout their journey at Stanbury Village School. We are incredibly proud of every single child and know how hard they have worked. Most importantly, SATs do not measure the many wonderful qualities that make our children so special – their creativity, kindness, resilience, humour, and individuality. Each child is unique, and all we ask is that they try their very best.

We are also very excited for our upcoming High Adventure Residential, which promises to be a fantastic experience full of teamwork, challenge, and unforgettable memories. We will be sharing updates and photographs on our Facebook page throughout the visit, so please keep an eye out! Meanwhile, Class 1 are enjoying their trip to Skipton Castle on Friday.

Finally, we would like to celebrate our EYFS children following their recent visit to Woodbank Garden Centre. The staff at the garden centre were full of praise for the children's excellent behaviour, attentiveness, and manners throughout the visit. Moments like these remind us what a wonderful school community we have at Stanbury, and how proud we should all be of our children. Their behaviour and attitudes continue to be a credit to our school.



STANBURY VILLAGE SCHOOL

## SUMMER *Fair*

**Save the date!**  
More details to come soon!

**Sunday  
28<sup>th</sup> June  
10am-12**



# After School Clubs

## Summer 2



**LEGO Club – External  
Provider (Tuesday)**



**Running Club  
Mr Parkin and Mrs Chotai  
(Wednesday)**



**Karate Club – External  
Provider (Tuesday)**



**S Club – Matthew  
(Thursday)**

**Please see individual letters relating to each club for more details.**

Our extra-curricular clubs continue to be a real strength and unique offering at Stanbury Village School. Following research into a number of schools across Bradford, including schools significantly larger than our own, we are incredibly proud to say that Stanbury offers both a wider range and a higher number of clubs for pupils to enjoy. From sports and gardening to music and creative opportunities, these experiences help enrich our children's learning far beyond the classroom and allow them to develop confidence, teamwork, and new skills.

A huge thank you must go to all of our dedicated staff who generously give up their time, not only after school but also during lunchtimes, to run these clubs and provide such valuable opportunities for our pupils. Our staff consistently go above and beyond for the children at Stanbury, and as a school community we are extremely grateful for their commitment, enthusiasm, and care in helping make our school such a special place to be.

# 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.



# Staffing Update



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I would like to share a staffing update with you and some exciting developments for our school community.

Firstly, I am delighted to confirm that our recent advert for a Class Teacher position generated a huge amount of interest, with over 40 prospective candidates visiting the school and more than 35 applications received for the role. Following a rigorous interview process, I am pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed a new teacher to join our team.

Similarly, our Deputy Headteacher vacancy attracted significant interest, with over 25 applications received. This level of interest truly reflects what a wonderful school community we have at Stanbury Village School, and something we should all be very proud of. After two full days interviewing assessing candidates' suitability for the role, we are delighted to have appointed a new Senior Leader who will bring their own experience, expertise and enthusiasm to our school.

We will share further details on both appointments, including which class they will teach, once all appropriate safeguarding and recruitment checks have been completed.

It is also with mixed emotions that we share that Mrs Atkins has decided to take on an exciting new opportunity. Whilst we are naturally very sad to see her leave Stanbury Village School, we are incredibly excited for her as she begins this new chapter in her career.

Mrs Atkins has been a valued member of our school community and will be greatly missed by pupils, families and staff alike. She will leave Stanbury at May half term, and I know you will join me in wishing her every success and happiness in her new role.

To ensure continuity for our families, Miss Bobby and Mrs Roberts will be taking on Mrs Atkins' Out of School Club responsibilities. This will ensure our children continue to benefit from the excellent Wrap Around Care provision that Mandy and Mrs Atkins have provided over the years. As our children already know Miss Bobby and Mrs Roberts very well, we are confident this transition will be seamless and positive for everyone involved.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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# Proud Moment!

We are delighted to share the outcomes from our recent Local Authority Teaching & Learning Review (March 2026), which recognised the tremendous hard work, commitment and care shown by staff, pupils and the wider school community at Stanbury Village School.

The review highlighted the warm, nurturing ethos that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow. Advisors commented that:

**“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 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 our staff work so hard to create each day. The report commented that:

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

# Proud Moment!

At lunchtime and during less structured parts of the day, advisors observed that children:

**“Follow routines and expectations – even ‘when no-one is looking!’”**

The review also recognised the positive impact of development work undertaken over the past 18 months, acknowledging that curriculum planning has been significantly strengthened and that staff have responded positively to recent changes. Advisors commented that:

**“Teachers have embraced recent changes and adopted new curriculum plans.”**

The report also recognised the considerable work that has taken place to improve the learning environment across school, noting that:

**“Much work has been done to declutter and improve the learning environment over the last 18 months.”**

We are incredibly proud of this feedback, which reflects the dedication of our staff team, the wonderful attitudes of our pupils, and the support we receive from our families and community every day.

Thank you for your continued support as we continue striving to provide the very best education and experiences for all of our children.



# Library Development



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Wednesday 6th May 2026

### **Exciting News - Library Development!!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share that our exciting library development and refurbishment is now complete!

A huge thank you to all our families for your support with the sponsored reading event, which raised vital funds to make this transformation possible. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to Mr Cousins (Caretaker) for the many hours spent decorating and working tirelessly on the refurbishment to benefit our children.

We are thrilled to announce that our refreshed library now includes over 700 new books suitable for all ages, a brand-new audiobook player with a selection of titles to get us started, and fresh new seating that creates a welcoming and engaging space. The staff are incredibly excited, so much so that a few are already hoping to spend their planning time in the library!

We would be delighted to invite you to help your child choose their first library book before school during the week commencing 18th May 2026:

- **Foundation Stage – Tuesday 19th May**
- **Class 1 – Thursday 21st May**
- **Class 2 – Friday 22nd May**
- **Class 3 – Wednesday 20th May**

The library will be open from 8:25am on each of these days. Please access the library via the external door located just before Foundation Stage, up the slight ramp.

Moving forward, each class will have a dedicated weekly library session to change their books. We will share further details about these days at the start of Summer 2.

Thank you again for your continued support. We are so proud to share this wonderful new space with our families.

Kind regards

Mr A Robinson  
Headteacher

# Sports Day



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Tuesday 21st April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are absolutely delighted to share some exciting news with you, this year's Sports Day will be taking place at Keighley Cougars Ground in Keighley on Thursday 25th June 2026!

This is a fantastic opportunity for our children. Having access to such a large outdoor space allows us to plan a much more substantive and engaging Sports Day than we would ordinarily be able to host at Stanbury Park. The additional space and facilities mean we can broaden the range of activities on offer, particularly for our older pupils, who will now be able to take part in more age-appropriate events such as shot put and long-distance running.



We are also incredibly grateful to Keighley Cougars for their support. As part of their community engagement work, they will be helping to run the events on the day, supported by their Young Sports Leaders. This will add a real sense of occasion and provide a wonderful experience for all involved.

Transport has been arranged for all children to travel to the ground for the afternoon. We are aiming to arrive around lunchtime and we warmly invite families to join us for a picnic lunch alongside your child on the field before the events begin. Sporting activities will then start at approximately **1:00pm–1:15pm**.

Please note that **all children will need to be collected from Keighley Cougars Ground at the end of the event**, as there will be no transport returning to school. Additionally, there will be **no Out of School Club running on this date**, any bookings already made will be fully refunded.

I'm sure you will be just as excited as we are about this wonderful opportunity for our children. We wanted to share the date and timings with you in advance so you can make arrangements to attend, support your child, and plan for collection.



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# Sports Day

We will, of course, send further details closer to the time, but for now, please do add **Thursday 25th June 2026** to your diary!

Kind regards,

Mr A Robinson  
Headteacher



# Summer Topic



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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Summer Topic – Save the Dates!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some exciting key dates for the upcoming summer term and to invite you to take part in our engaging Summer Topic.

As part of this topic, we are delighted to offer parents and carers the opportunity to come into school and spend either a morning or afternoon working alongside your child. Together, you will take part in a range of fun and creative activities—so please make sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting a little messy!

Please find the dates and times for each class below:

- **Foundation Stage:** Thursday 4th June in the morning
- **Class 1:** Thursday 11th June in the afternoon
- **Class 2:** Tuesday 9th June in the afternoon
- **Class 3:** Thursday 4th June in the afternoon

We understand that work and other commitments may make it difficult for some parents and carers to attend. If this is the case, you are very welcome to arrange for another family member—such as a grandparent, auntie, or uncle—to join us instead. We will share confirmed timings nearer the time but we will endeavour to tie these in with drop off and pick up times.

To ensure the best experience for all children and to manage space within the classroom, we kindly ask that **only one adult attends per child**.

Finally, we are pleased to invite **all parents and carers** into school on **Thursday 18th June from 2:15pm** to celebrate our Summer Topic. If you are unable to attend at this time, there will also be an opportunity to come in after school and see what we have been working on until **4:00pm**.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you into school and sharing this special learning experience together.

Kind regards,

Mr A Robinson  
Headteacher



# Upcoming Events



Please find below a list of upcoming dates for this term. We always aim to keep these dates fixed wherever possible; however, there may occasionally be circumstances where changes are unavoidable. We appreciate your understanding should this happen.

Regular Events		
Date	Event	Who
Monday	Swimming Lessons	Year 5
Wednesday	Coding Club	KS2
Thursday	S Club	KS2 (Y2 Siblings)
Friday	Modern Foreign Languages Club	Class 1

Trips, Visitors, Class Events		
Date	Event	Who
11/05/26 until 14/05/26	KS2 SATs	Year 6
18/05/26 until 20/05/26	Trip: High Adventure Residential	Class 2
19/05/26	Fluoride Varnishing	Foundation Stage and Year 1
19/05/2026	Library Open for Parents – 8:25am	Foundation Stage
20/05/2026	Library Open for Parents – 8:25am	Class 3
21/05/2026	Library Open for Parents – 8:25am	Class 1
22/05/2026	Library Open for Parents – 8:25am	Class 2
20/05/26	Outdoor Learning	Class 3
20/05/26	Parent Showcase – 2:45pm	Class 1
22/05/26	Class Photos	Whole School
May Half Term – Close Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026 reopen on Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026		
04/06/26	Parent Session – Summer Topic – Morning	Foundation Stage
04/06/26	Parent Session – Summer Topic – Afternoon	Class 3
09/06/26	Parent Session – Summer Topic – Afternoon	Class 2
11/06/2026	Parent Session – Summer Topic – Afternoon	Class 1
18/06/2026	Summer Topic Celebration – 2:15pm	Whole School
25/06/2026	Sports Day – Cougar Park	Whole School

# School Uniform Policy



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## 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.



# 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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