



Stanbury Village School

Newsletter
12.09.2025

STANBURY VILLAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Welcome Back!

Dear Stanbury Families,

It is wonderful to be back at school and to see all our pupils returning with such enthusiasm and positivity. A very warm welcome to all our new families and children joining us this term, especially those starting in Foundation Stage. We are equally delighted to welcome new pupils joining us further up the school. We hope you feel part of our family already!

Our transition back to school has been smooth and positive. It's been heartening to see happy children settling quickly and getting straight back to learning. During our first assembly, we took a moment to reflect on what we had missed about school over the summer break. The first and most popular response was "routine" – a sentiment I'm sure many of you share, as routine provides structure and comfort for all of us.

Over the summer, we were busy running our Summer School. A huge thank you to all the families who attended and supported this initiative. The children's behaviour was exemplary throughout, which made the experience even more rewarding. Special thanks go to Mrs Atkins and Joe for their dedication and hard work in organising Summer School. You can find pictures and more information about Summer School later in this newsletter. And, hot off the press – we are exploring the possibility of running something similar again during the Christmas break, so watch this space!

We also want to extend our gratitude to all the families who helped with our recent Maintenance Day. The school looks fabulous thanks to the gardening efforts, new LED lighting installations, and freshly painted classrooms and offices. It was truly a community effort, and we appreciate everyone's time and support in making our school environment so welcoming.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting year planned! There will be curriculum enhancements, new trips for the pupils to enjoy, and the introduction of a brand-new reading scheme for Key Stage 2. We are confident this year will be a fantastic one for everyone involved.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mr Robinson – Headteacher

★ Y6 PENISTONE MOOR VISIT ★

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic time out on Penistone Moor, immersing themselves in the stunning wild uplands display and taking part in a collaborative art project alongside other local schools. This visit provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to connect with nature, deepen their understanding of our local landscape, and express their creativity as part of a wider community effort. The shared artwork they contributed to celebrates the beauty and biodiversity of the moorland, perfectly aligning with the spirit of Bradford City of Culture 2025, which encourages community engagement and cultural appreciation through the arts.



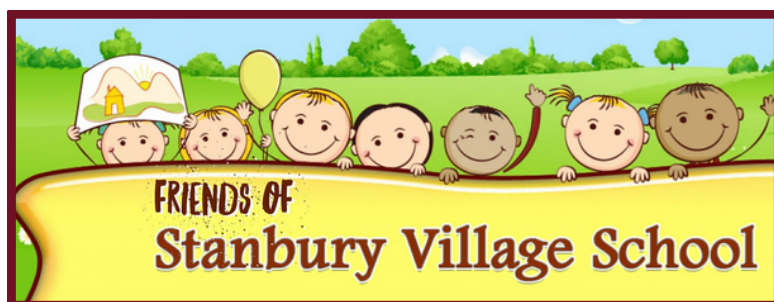
Throughout the morning, the pupils demonstrated excellent collaboration and teamwork, working harmoniously with peers from different schools. Their positive attitudes and cooperative spirit were a real credit to Stanbury Village School, reflecting the values we hold dear. It was inspiring to see them support each other and contribute thoughtfully to the project, showing maturity and enthusiasm beyond their years.



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!



Governor Update

Governors play a vital role in shaping and developing Stanbury Village School. This voluntary position is crucial to the successful running of our school, providing strategic oversight, supporting school leadership, and ensuring that we continue to deliver the best possible outcomes for our pupils. Our Governors bring a diverse range of skills and experiences, working closely with staff to uphold the values and vision of our school community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Russell Brown, whose term as a Governor has come to an end after many successful years of dedicated service at Stanbury. His commitment and valuable contributions have made a lasting impact, and we wish him all the best for the future.

In the coming weeks, we will be launching a campaign to recruit a new Governor to join our Governing Body. If any parent is interested in this important role, please do get in touch with Andrew Farley, Chair of Governors, or Catherine Shutt, Vice Chair, to express your interest and learn more about the process.



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 starting in September 2025, 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.



MAINTENANCE DAY

With an awesome team effort during the summer holidays, we managed to tick off many maintenance jobs ready for an exciting fresh start in September!

Our fantastic volunteers, including parents, staff, and local residents, worked together to prune and weed the garden, smarten up the planters and fencing, tidy the greenhouse, paint the school office and Class 1, refresh the play areas, complete electrical jobs, and sort through what felt like 50 years' worth of cellar items! Phew! What a list!

We also placed the first of our new school signs in situ. A huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help during the holidays. Your support made our hearts sing, and we truly felt like a real Stanbury family pulling together to help keep Stanbury Village School the most treasured of places to be part of

Special thank you to Pennine Signs and CT Electrical for their generous time and support.



Clubs

We are pleased to offer a variety of clubs this Autumn term to enrich our pupils' experiences and interests. Currently, pupils can enjoy gardening, running, football, and S Club (music club).



In response to parent feedback, we have planned and published the clubs for the second half of the Autumn term (Autumn 2) well in advance, back in July, to help families plan ahead with ease.

A copy of the overview for the Autumn term, including clubs and events, can be found on our school website for your convenience.



SUMMER SCHOOL

Our Stanbury Summer School at Within the Wood has been a wonderful success, filled with a variety of engaging outdoor activities. The children enthusiastically took part in building dens, lighting campfires, axe throwing, archery, blacksmithing, and many fun games like capture the flag and fishing. It has been fantastic to see their creativity, independence, and teamwork flourish throughout the sessions, with plenty of happy, muddy faces to show for it!



We want to extend a huge thank you to our dedicated Stanbury staff, Joe (Within the Wood), and especially to Mrs Atkins for her incredible hard work and organisation behind the scenes that made this all possible. The outstanding behaviour of our children and the strong support from parents have made this summer school a truly memorable experience. We are proud of the unique qualities our pupils have shown and look forward to more exciting adventures next summer!



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.



LETTER JOIN - HANDWRITING

If your child is in Year 2 or above they should have brought home a letter about our new handwriting scheme. We're introducing this to help improve handwriting skills across the school, making writing neater, quicker, help with spellings and helping children become more confident. Good handwriting is really important because it helps children focus more on what they want to say and less on how to write it. The scheme follows the latest guidance and gives pupils lots of practice with forming letters correctly and fluently.

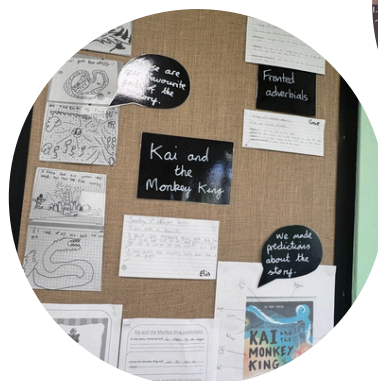
To make things even easier, we're using an app called Letter-join that you can download at home. It's a fun way for your child to practise their handwriting with interactive activities that match what they're learning in school. We encourage you to explore the app with your child and support their practice at home—it really helps build their confidence and skills. If you missed the letter or want to know more, please just ask or visit <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk/>.

The logo for the Letter-join app, featuring the text "Letter-join" in a black, cursive-style font, followed by a green pencil icon with a white eraser tip.

Curriculum Changes

We're excited to share updates on how we're teaching writing, handwriting, and some foundation subjects. We've recently updated our long-term plan with new, evidence-based approaches to ensure the best learning experience for your children.

Already, we're seeing great progress in the first few weeks back, and we're proud of the children's hard work and enthusiasm. These positive changes are making a real difference, and we thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to help every pupil succeed.





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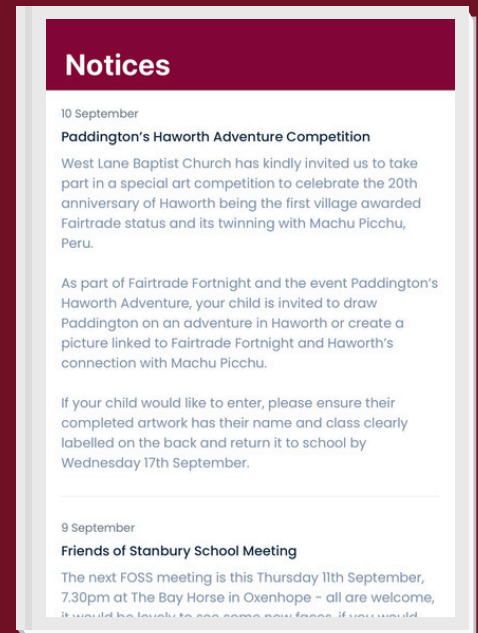
We would like to inform you that as of 8th September 2025, we have transitioned from using Jotter 2 to Jotter 3 for all school communications. A letter outlining this change was sent home to all families to ensure everyone is informed.

This new communication platform, Jotter 3, offers a more efficient way to stay connected with school life. One of the key benefits is the calendar feature, which allows parents to clearly see upcoming events and important dates happening in school. Additionally, letters and important notices are now easier to access, helping you stay up to date with all school information promptly.



If you require any assistance with downloading or using the Jotter 3 application, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We are here to support you in making this transition as smooth as possible.



Out of School Club

We are pleased to inform you that we have available **spaces at our Out of School Club on Fridays.**

If you would like to book a place for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school office for further details and to secure your booking. We look forward to welcoming your child to our club!



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 session on
Friday 19th September.

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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