



Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

“Love your neighbour as yourself.” (Matthew 12:31)

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vineyard keeper.’ **Issue 9 – Friday 31st January 2025**
John 15:1

Our Christian Value for the Spring Term 1 is –
Courage



Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we are only two weeks away from half-term and the halfway point of the school year, where is the time going? We look forward to seeing everyone for the upcoming parent consultations w/c 10th February where you will have the opportunity to look at some of your child’s work. The children work extremely hard in school, and we are always proud of their achievements.

SATs Results 2024

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 leavers from last year and all the staff for the outstanding SATs results they achieved. We were the top performing primary school in North Northants for reading and we achieved the second highest combined outcomes out of all the North Northants primary schools, a tremendous achievement!



Diary Dates (Spring Terms)

Friday, 7 th February	Mufti Day for Children with Cancer charity
Tuesday, 11 th February	Parent Consultations (details to follow nearer the time)
Thursday, 13 th February	Parent Consultations (details to follow nearer the time)
Friday, 14 th February 3:30to 4:30pm	Year 1&2 Parent Consultations
Friday, 14 th February	Break up for half-term
Monday, 24 th February	Children back to school
Thursday, 6 th March	World Book Day – dress up as book character
Friday, 7 th March at 2:45pm	Year 5/6 class assembly for parents
Wednesday, 12 th March	Class photographs
Friday, 14 th March at 2:45pm	Year 1/2 class assembly for parents
Friday, 21 st March	Year 1/2 trip to Burghley House (details to follow)
Friday, 21 st March at 2:45pm	Year 3/4 class assembly for parents
Thursday, 27 th March at 2:45pm	Reception class assembly for parents
Thursday, 3 rd April at 9:15am	Easter Bonnet Parade (weather permitting)
Thursday, 3 rd April at 2:30pm	Easter assembly for parents
Thursday, 3 rd April	Children break up for Easter
Friday, 4 th April	Training Day – School closed
Tuesday, 22 nd April	Children back to school



Head Teacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children from this week:

Reception – Lora for making great progress with her reading and writing.

Year 1 – Kelbie for his super writing about the Great Fire of London.

Year 2 – Noah A for his excellent work on money.

Year 3 – Archie for his superb understanding of fractions.

Year 4 – Edie for her brilliant ideas in her writing.

Year 5 – Neriah for showing excellent control when performing inverted movements in P.E.

Year 6 – Lucas for writing a well thought out persuasive letter in Literacy.



Head Teacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children from last week:

Reception – Iyra for being so sensible inside at playtimes this week.

Year 1 – Caius for consistent hard work, especially in Maths.

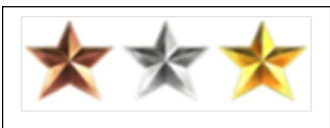
Year 2 – Polly for always being keen to contribute and works well with a talk partner.

Year 3 – Isla for her super understanding of mixed number fractions.

Year 4 – Jacob for making a real effort to include apostrophes and commas to his writing.

Year 5 – Arabella for showing a huge increase in confidence in all lessons.

Year 6 – Roux for her amazing perseverance in our SATs Booster lesson this week.

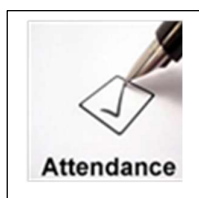


Merit Badge Awards

The following children have been working exceptionally hard and have achieved their merit awards.

Bronze Award (50 Merits): Ella, Jamie Joy, Jake T, Marley, Zara, Emmanuel, Lucas, Isla H, Jake L

Silver Award (100 Merits): Samuel, Shay



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	94%	2	4 th
Year 1/2	96.8%	5	3 rd
Year 3/4	97.5%	4	2 nd
Year 5/6	98%	3	1 st

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 95.9%, which is still well below our 97% target!

We continue to see a rise in the number of children arriving late. Children must be at school for **8:50am** when the bell rings. We do monitor this, and letters will be sent to families who are persistently late.

Please remember that holiday requests **cannot** be authorised and parents risk receiving a fixed-penalty fine from the Local Authority. The school has a statutory duty to inform the Local Authority of any holiday requests for 5 or more days. It is important that the children attend school every day to avoid falling behind their peers.



PTA - Lucky Stars Draw, January

Congratulations to Mrs Carley Dobbing who wins a £29.50 cash prize with Lucky Star #44. Well done Carley, enjoy spending your winnings.



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Sonny	Judo Club – White Belt
Wren	Corby Town FC – Player of the Match
Abigail	Animal lover badge
Neriah	Step N Grooves – SNG Show Winners
Max R	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 3
Grace	Teach Your Monster to Read Certificate
Dhrishay	Swim England, Learn to Swim – Stage 1



Safeguarding and Online Safety

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children, please contact the school and ask for Mr Jones, Mrs Findlay or Mr Forsyth (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

Please read our latest Online Safety Newsletter on the school website

www.stanionprimary.co.uk

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Class News



Reception Class - (Kestrel)

Last week we started a topic on 'Food and Cooking'. We used the stories 'Ketchup on your Cornflakes' and 'The Giant Jam Sandwich' as a basis for our literacy and creative activities.

We had a great time making and eating different breads, and making and eating jam sandwiches. The children told me that the bread they made was delicious!

This week we continued with the 'Food and Cooking' theme, using 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' as a basis for our literacy activities. We all loved making and eating pancakes.

In maths last week we have been thinking about the position of objects and the language we use to describe position ie next to, above, between etc. This week we have been working on time, telling o'clock times. We also continue to practice our counting, ordering and recognition of numbers up to and beyond 20, counting in 2's, and practicing recalling which numbers are one more/one less than a given number.

Last week we learnt the sounds 'ar', 'ur', 'or' and 'oo', and this week we have learnt 'ow', 'oi', 'ear' and 'air'. We're getting very good at blending sounds to read and segment words to write them.

For our science last week, we used our senses to explore a range of different breads, thinking about the smell, feel, look and taste. This week we were exploring mixing a variety of substances to see what happened, and we used our senses to smell and observe the results.

In R.E. last week we listened to the story of Zacchaeus, and thought about what it means to be a friend and care for each other. This week we have been looking at books and stories from other religions.

Year 1/2 - (Falcon)

This week, Year 1 and 2 have worked hard and have enjoyed:

- Finishing off our work on statistics by learning how to draw and interpret pictograms. Yr1 used a scale of 1:1 and Yr2 used scales that count in 2s, 5s or 10s.
- Writing about London in the past in Literacy. We have written a diary entry about the Great Fire of London, written to King Charles II for help and now we are enjoying writing fact files that compare London from the past and London now.
- Learning about why the church is important to Christians and what we might find in a church. Comparing this to a synagogue.
- Using the computer to make posters with text and images.
- Learning a pirate dance and tennis skills in PE.
- Playing the percussion instruments in music to keep time with the pulse and follow a conductor.
- Learning how to say my name is and how are you in Spanish.
- Learning about Tim Berners Lee in history and thinking about how inventions changed people's lives.

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week in Red Kite class, we have been working on fractions in maths. We have been thinking about equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions. The children have really impressed me with their understanding of what can be a tricky unit.

In Literacy, we have started out new book 'How to live forever'. We have discussed the title and thought about the positives and negatives of immortality. We have then thought about

different sentence types and how they can be used to persuade. We created a lost poster to convince somebody to return the book.

In History this week, we have been thinking about Boudicca and deciding whether we thought she was a hero or villain. We then moved on to think about how the Romans protected their land. In our PE, we have been learning how to roll, using forward rolls and then finishing in a balance position. The children created a sequence to show their understanding of transitioning from rolls to balances. In R.E we have been looking at the similarities and differences in Infant Baptism and Believer's Baptism.

The children have been brilliant this week and have worked really hard!

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

In Golden Eagle class the children have been working incredibly hard over the last couple of weeks. In Literacy we have continued to think about the Windrush generation - this has culminated in the children writing a persuasive pitch to the local council asking for a commemorative monument to be built. In Maths we have been looking at decimal numbers. The children have been thinking about the place value of these and how to round them in different ways.

In our RE lessons, we have been thinking about the idea of a soul and what this means to the children. We have also looked at the Hindu belief of reincarnation and the children have been finding out about the samsara cycle. In History we have continued with our work on crime and punishment. We have really enjoyed finding out about Roman and Anglo-Saxon crimes and punishments and the children have enjoyed learning about some of the gruesome ways that criminals were punished during those periods of history. Our Science lessons have continued to focus around evolution and inheritance. We have considered the work of Charles Darwin and begun to explore natural selection as well as think about the different characteristics we inherit from our parents.

In PE the children have been fantastic in working together to create a dance - they have been fantastic at giving feedback when watching others perform. We have really enjoyed our gymnastic sessions and have been practising inverted movements where our hips go over our heads.

We are really looking forward to continuing to work hard over the next couple of weeks in the lead up to half term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team