



# Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

*Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.*



'Serve one another through love.'  
**Galatians 5:13**

**Issue 2 – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy fortnight in school with so much excellent work being produced. The children have now settled in their new classes and have been working hard. This week, I had the pleasure visiting each class and observing their lessons. I am always delighted to see the children engaged in their learning and taking pride in their recorded work.

### **Bishop of Peterborough Visit**

We were delighted to welcome Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough and Peter Cantley, Diocesan Director of Education on Thursday morning. We gave them a tour of the school which was led by Neriah and Arabella in Year 6. Our visitors were extremely pleased with our wonderful school and praised the exemplary behaviour of our children. The Church Council and Mrs Ettridge delivered our collective worship linked to prayer. Finally, Bishop Debbie presented us with the Church School Excellence Award in recognition of all our continued hard work and standards. Our children were amazing, and we are so proud of them all. The bronze plaque will take pride of place in our main reception area.





### Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who donated for the recent non-uniform day. We raised just over £110 for the charity which is a tremendous effort! We will ensure the donations are sent to this worthwhile cause.



### Diary Dates (Autumn Terms)

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm  
Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2:30pm-4:15pm  
Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2:30pm  
Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October  
Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm  
Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm  
Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm  
Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December (am)  
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**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

PTFA Annual General Meeting – all welcome  
Peterborough Cathedral visit – Year 6 only  
Harvest Festival in school  
Mufti Day for charity fundraising  
Parent Consultations (details to follow)  
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Children break up for half-term holidays  
Children back to school  
Individual school photographs  
Rec and Year 1&2 Christmas Nativity  
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Years 3-6 Carol Service in church  
Christmas Pantomime at Kettering Lighthouse Theatre  
Love Food Christmas Dinner Day  
Children break up for Christmas holidays  
**School closed – Teacher Training Day**  
Children back to school



## St Peters Church Stanion

You are invited to join us for our

# ALL AGES SERVICE on the Third Sunday of each month

Music, Song, Story, Crafts, Prayers and  
a few thoughts. Fun with a meaning!

Revd Heather 07548 892020



### Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – Ava for trying really hard to join in with class discussion on the carpet.

Year 1 – Cooper for always working hard and showing integrity.

Year 2 – Dhrishay for his contribution to carpet discussion and in-depth answers to questions.

Year 3 – Arielle for her super understanding when rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Year 4 – Florence for lovely ideas when writing our independent piece of writing.

Year 5 – Blake for a real improvement in effort with his presentation and punctuation.

Year 6 – Lewis for his fantastic attitude towards all areas of learning.



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

Reception – Jack for being keen to learn and join in.

Year 1 – Gianna for her beautiful presentation and attention to detail.

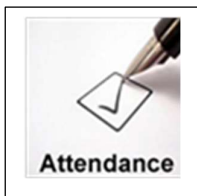
Year 2 – Charlie for his consistent contributions to all lessons and good listening skills.

Year 3 – Elsie for her great understanding and explanations in maths.

Year 4 – Alice for her super enthusiasm in all of our lessons.

Year 5 – Wren for always showing so much enthusiasm for learning.

Year 6 – Olly for his fantastic effort and understanding in Maths.



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	98.3%	0	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Year 1/2	99.6%	1	1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 3/4	97.4%	1	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Year 5/6	94.9%	0	4 <sup>th</sup>

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 97%, which meets our 97% target!

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.

### Awards and Certificates outside of school



<b>Charlie</b>	Kettering Rugby Football Club medal
<b>Fletcher</b>	Wolf Run 3km medal
<b>Lyla H</b>	Wilkinson Sword Swimming Competition Winners trophy
<b>Wren</b>	National Association of Dance – Street Dance Bronze trophy
<b>Daisy C</b>	National Association of Dance Orange – Street, Freestyle – Distinction
<b>Daisy C</b>	Step N Grooves – Street and Freestyle awards
<b>Arella</b>	National Association of Dance – Freestyle Violet Award
<b>Safia</b>	National Association of Dance – Freestyle Pot of Gold and Red Award

<b>Jacob</b>	Rising Hope FC – Player of the week trophy
<b>Lilly</b>	National Association of Dance – Freestyle Yellow and Rainbow Award
<b>Eva</b>	National Association of Dance – Freestyle Green Award
<b>Edie</b>	Step N Grooves dance rosette
<b>Edie</b>	National Association of Dance – Freestyle Green and Distinction
<b>Maeve</b>	Highland Dancing certificates – Starlite Awards
<b>Tom</b>	Rising Hope Football – Star training player
<b>Lyla</b>	National Association of Dance – Freestyle Yellow Award
<b>Eleanor</b>	Associated Board of Music – Silver Music Medal (Violin)



### 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](http://www.stanionprimary.co.uk)

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### Class News



### Reception Class - (Kestrel)

This week we have been learning all about autumn. The children explored the signs of the season by going on a nature hunt around the school grounds and through Stanion village. They were excited to discover acorns, conkers, walnuts, and a wonderful variety of colourful leaves.

In maths, we have been focusing on sorting and comparing. The children have been organising a range of objects into different groups and creating sets. They also enjoyed

using pinecones and acorns on a tens frame, which helped them practise counting and recognising number patterns.

In literacy, we have been enjoying the story '*But Martin!*.' We explored the setting and characters before creating our own – the children came up with some fantastic ideas and showed great imagination. They have also been using chalk outside to practise writing letters they know and creating some CVC words.

### **Year 1/2 - (Falcon)**

In Year 1 and 2 this week, we have enjoyed:

- Representing numbers practically and using pictures in Maths and then comparing these numbers to pick out the greater than or less than numbers and using the symbols < and >
- Explore what changes in the place value of numbers when we add and take away from them.
- Identifying the subjects of a sentence - the noun which is doing the verb. We have played lots of games to practise this, and we have been writing sentences with accuracy focussing on our spelling, full stops and capital letters.
- We have learnt how to log in to the school computers and we have been playing games that have helped us practise our mouse and keyboard skills.
- We have been thinking about healthy foods that we could put into a salad. We have looked at root vegetables and tried some. We have investigated the skills needed to prepare a salad.
- In Music, we have been matching the pitch and our choice of instruments to play, to different animals.
- We have been working on our rolling and receiving skills in P.E.
- In History, we have investigated what life was like in the 1960s and thought about how it was the same and how it was different.

### **Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)**

This week in Red Kite class, we have been finishing our place value unit in Maths. We have thought about rounding a number to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. The children have used their knowledge of place value and a rounding rhyme to help them understand if a number rounds up or down.

In Literacy, we have been writing our independent pieces of writing. We have been watching a short clip called '*Adventures are the pits*' a short film about a boy who was feeling nervous about going down a slide into a ball pit. The boy fell into another world inside the ball pit before climbing to safety. The children have been retelling the wordless video in their own words using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, similes and conjunctions.

In Science, we have been learning about sound and have been able to understand that a sound occurs where something vibrates. We learnt how the vibrations travel to the ear and that they can travel through solids, liquids and gases. We then thought about the ear and the different parts, the inner ear, outer ear and middle ear. In our Art lessons

we have been thinking about perspective and using vanishing points and shading to make images appear as though they are in 3D. The children are really beginning to settle into their new year groups and are rising to the challenge. In R.E, we discussed the meaning of a covenant and looked at a Christian wedding ceremony and the wedding vows made between two people.

### **Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)**

The children in Golden Eagle class have been working really hard over the last couple of weeks. In Literacy we have been writing our biographies on Phillipe Petit. The children have really enjoyed researching him and building information for their texts and I have been so impressed with the quality of their writing during our assessed writing lessons. In Maths we have finished our place value unit of work and the children have shown excellent understanding this week of negative numbers. They have all been working incredibly hard in our arithmetic and reasoning bi-weekly tests too. In RE we have continued to consider what God's Kingdom would be like. The children have studied the parable of the forgiving servant and made links to God's Kingdom. We have also been researching the work of the charity Christian Aid and looking at how the work they carry out makes our world more like God's Kingdom. In Science we have continued to think about light. The children investigated how light travels in straight lines using torches and predicted which materials reflect light the best. We have also been studying the eye and found out about all of the different parts and how they help us to see. In our History work, we have been looking at how the Mayans were ruled and what evidence they left behind which helped us to know this. We have compared the ruling in Mayan times to the ruling in Ancient Egypt at the same time. The children have also really enjoyed our computing lessons and have been using the Co-Spaces website to design their own virtual reality worlds. In art they have enjoyed exploring different mistakes that people make when drawing faces and have considered how they can correct these mistakes in their own work.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team