



Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



‘All scripture is inspired by God.’
Timothy 3:16

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another term in school, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Our sincere thanks to everyone who kindly donated to our reading book scheme. You helped us to raise over £400 towards new books for the library – thank you so much!

We have a busy term ahead of us and the teachers have been planning some exciting lessons. Please can we remind you to check Tapestry to see what the children have been learning in school.

Parent Consultations will be our next big event for parents and details will be circulated nearer the time. Please see the Diary Dates below for other key events over the term.



Diary Dates (Spring Terms)

Tuesday, 10 th February, 3:30pm to 6:30pm	Parent Consultations (details to follow nearer the time)
Wednesday, 11 th February, 3:30pm to 5:30pm	Reception Parent Consultations (details to follow nearer the time)
Thursday, 12 th February, 3:30pm to 6:30pm	Parent Consultations (details to follow nearer the time)
Friday, 13 th February	Break up for half-term holidays
Monday, 23 rd February	Children back to school
Friday, 27 th February at 2:45pm	Year 5&6 class assembly for parents
Thursday, 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday, 6 th March at 2:45pm	Year 3&4 class assembly for parents
Wednesday, 11 th March	Class photographs
Friday, 13 th March at 2:45pm	Year 1&2 class assembly for parents
Wednesday, 18 th March at 2:45pm	Reception class assembly for parents
Wednesday, 25 th March	Years 3-6 Faith Tour in Bedford (details to follow nearer the time)
Thursday, 26 th March at 9:15am	Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday, 26 th March at 2:30pm	Easter assembly for parents
Thursday, 26 th March	Children break up for Easter holidays
Friday, 27 th March	Teacher Training Day
Monday, 13 th April	Children back to school



Head Teacher's Awards

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

- Reception – Monty for his fantastic effort with his writing.
- Year 1 – Sabrina for working hard in Literacy and writing an engaging introduction.
- Year 2 – Sonny for great effort in his handwriting and presentation.
- Year 3 – Lyla for fantastic effort and confidence in our maths lessons.
- Year 4 – Lyla-Flo for fantastic progress in her writing and spelling.
- Year 5 – Kate for her fantastic progress in our maths lessons working so hard.
- Year 6 – Safia for creating some beautiful pieces of writing in Literacy



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

- Reception – Charlotte for her great imagination and creations in all drawing club sessions.
- Year 1 – Shay for his concentration and application of knowledge in all lessons.
- Year 2 – Arabella for her attention to detail and pride in her work.
- Year 3 – Noah G for his amazing focus and effort in all of our lessons.
- Year 4 – Archie for his fantastic understanding of area in our maths lessons.
- Year 5 – Edie for putting lots of effort into all of her learning and showing confidence.
- Year 6 – Ella for being a really good friend and helping others within class.



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	99.3%	0	1 st
Year 1/2	98.7%	1	2 nd
Year 3/4	97.9%	1	3 rd
Year 5/6	96.3%	1	4 th

Our attendance for the academic year is currently 95.5%, which is below 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

- Verity** Dexterity School of Dance – Highflyer and Junior contemporary award
- Nova** Kings School of Dance – gold medal
- Edie** Oundle Otters Swimming – Level 7 award
- Max L** Little Kickers – all rounder badge
- Zach** EGA Gymnastics Christmas Show Award

Leo
Grace
Caius
Wren

Football trophy and medal – St George’s Park Tournament 2025
Swim England, Learn to Swim Award – Stage 1, 2 and 10m distance
Oundle Otters Swimming – Level 2
Step N Grooves SNG Show Winners – Street Smalls



Merit Badge Awards

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

Bronze Award (50 Merits): Daniel, Eva H, Huey, Charlotte, Eddie, Grace, Caius, Omari, Zara, Monty, Kayla, Percy, Harry, Zach, Grayson, Matilda, Ava, Leo, Edie, Max, Isla, Noah A



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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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

Class News



Reception Class - (Kestrel)

Last week, we were lucky enough to return to school to a sprinkling of snow. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing on the sledge and exploring how they could make themselves go faster. We discovered some very thick ice and had great fun experimenting with different ways to melt it using salt, sugar, and hot water. This week, we have been learning about freezing water and created our own ice hangers. In Literacy, we shared the story Lost and Found. The children loved acting out the story and deciding which creature might arrive at our door. In Maths, we have been exploring capacity in the sand area, predicting which containers would hold the most. We have also been focusing on different representations of numbers and spotting numbers in our environment.

Year 1/2 (Falcon)

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

- Reading Leo and the Octopus and writing facts about Octopuses in Literacy.
- Practising our adding and subtracting skills by using number bonds to make the calculation easier mentally - e.g. $48 + 2$ - we know $8 + 2 = 10$

- Focussing on our best presentation in our books and using our handwriting skills in every lesson.
- Learning how to set a background and a character for an animation in ICT.
- Practising some yoga poses and putting together yoga flows in PE.
- Exploring different fabrics and their properties in DT.
- Learning some Spanish nursery rhymes.

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week in Red Kite Class we have been learning about length and perimeter. We have spent this week looking at measuring using millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres. The children have been converting the measurements to understand how many centimetres make one metre. We have looked at comparing lengths using greater than, less than and equals.

In Literacy, we have been working from our book 'Varmints'. We have finished the book this week and the video clip that accompanies it. The children have loved this story and have produced some lovely writing in the process. We have been writing diary entries and letters to The Secret Gardener.

In Science, the children have planned their own experiment. We are hoping to find out how liquids behave and more specifically, which liquid is the runniest. The children have thought about how to make the test fair and what equipment is needed. In our Computing this week, we have been starting our animation unit and creating an animation of an aeroplane flying through the sky. In R.E the children discussed Baptism and considered the differences between infant and believers' baptism.

The children have worked really hard this week and are looking forward to next week.

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

Since returning to school after Christmas, the children have continued to impress us with their hard work and dedication to learning. In Maths we have been learning how to multiply and divide fractions in a number of different ways as well as through both arithmetic and problem solving. In Literacy we have started our new unit on 'Paradise Sands' which is a dystopian novel in which the main character enters into a bargain with a character called 'The Teller' - the children have really enjoyed putting themselves into the different character's shoes and thinking about what they would do. They have produced some lovely letters, diary entries and descriptive pieces of writing so far.

In RE we are thinking about what Jesus did to save us. The children have studied the stations of the cross and analysed Bible readings and artwork to gain an insight into the events surrounding Jesus' death. They have used this information to decide who was responsible for Jesus' death. Our Geography lessons have centred around the water cycle and rivers and the children have shown excellent understanding of the different parts of both of these. In Science we have had lots of fun learning about electricity. The class loved having all of the equipment out this week to investigate the different

components. Our PE units this term are lots of fun. The children have enjoyed learning how to serve and return serves in badminton as well as how to disco dance in our Friday lessons.

A really fantastic and fun couple of weeks!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team