



Stanion C.E (Aided) Primary School Newsletter

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

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



‘God who promised is faithful.’
Hebrews 10:23

Issue 9 – Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

We come to the end of another busy week in school and only two weeks left until the end of half term and the halfway point of the school year! Our new Reception intake tours have come to an end, and we have been amazed at the number of parents requesting a tour. Feedback has been extremely positive, and we now look forward to working alongside North Northants School Admissions to rank our successful applicants.

Thank you to everyone who has booked in a consultation for parents evening w/c 9th February. Years 1&2, 3&4, 5&6 will have consultations on Tuesday, 10th February 3:30pm to 6:30pm and Thursday, 12th February 3:30pm to 6:30pm. Reception class will have their consultations on Tuesday, 10th February 3:30pm to 5:30pm and Wednesday, 11th February 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Please speak with the school office if you have not yet booked your appointment.



Diary Dates (Spring Terms)

Tuesday, 10 th February, 3:30pm to 6:30pm	Parent Consultations – see times above.
Wednesday, 11 th February, 3:30pm to 5:30pm	Reception Parent Consultations – see times above.
Thursday, 12 th February, 3:30pm to 6:30pm	Parent Consultations – see times above.
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 (wear cosy clothes)
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, 27th March	Teacher Training Day – school closed
Monday, 13 th April	Children back to school



Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – Jack for his great contributions in class discussions.

Year 1 – Sabrina for her hard work and neat presentation in all areas.

Year 2 – Caius for his consistent efforts and outstanding work in Maths.

Year 2 – Octavia for her courage to start a new school and her answers

Year 3 – Matei for working hard to be independent and improving his handwriting.

Year 4 – Darcy for giving every task we do her very best.

Year 5 – Oliver for a fantastic rewrite of the book 'Paradise Sands' in Literacy.

Year 6 – Leo for consistently showing the right attitudes towards all areas of our learning.



Head Teacher's Awards

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

Reception – Huey for his fantastic writing with capital letters and full-stops.

Year 1 – Cooper for always listening carefully to instructions and doing his best.

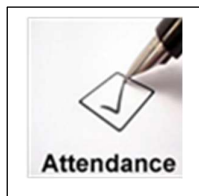
Year 2 – Kelbie for excellent understanding in science, linking materials to properties.

Year 3 – Isaac for working hard in every lesson that we do.

Year 4 – Jamie-Joy for working hard on his handwriting and trying his best.

Year 5 – Daniel for his enthusiasm for all areas of learning – you have fantastic knowledge.

Year 6 – Olly for his amazing improvements in confidence during our arithmetic sessions.



Class	Attendance	Late Marks	Position
Reception	96.7%	0	3 rd
Year 1/2	98.3%	1	1 st
Year 3/4	94.2%	0	4 th
Year 5/6	97.1%	0	2 nd

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

- Darcy** Swim England, Learn to Swim Award – Stage 7
- Jacob** Football – Trainer of the Week
- Arabella** Oundle Otters Swimming Award – Level 3
- Tom** Football – Star Training Player trophy



Merit Badge Awards

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

Bronze Award (50 Merits): Lyla-Flo, Eleanor, Blake, Daniel L, Freddie, Elsie, Imogen, Jack, Scarlett, Matei, Lyla H, Isaac

Silver Award (100 Merits): Cooper, Jacob, Nova, Abigail



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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PTFA - Lucky Stars Draw, January

Congratulations to Michelle McCracken who wins a cash prize of £27.50 with Lucky Star 18.

Well done to Michelle, enjoy spending your winnings.



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 explored freezing water and learned how it changes from a liquid into a solid. This led to some fantastic enquiry from the children, who wondered whether other liquids, like milk, would freeze too. So, we decided to make our own ice cream. We researched a recipe, created our own version, and put it in the freezer. The next day, we absolutely loved tasting it!

This week, our learning has taken us to the Arctic. We travelled there on Stanion Airlines, spotting different animals along the way and making sure we stayed hidden from the polar bears.

In Maths, we have been learning about the composition of numbers and different ways to represent them. The children have drawn their own part-whole models and used resources such as ladybirds and tens frames to support their understanding.

In Literacy, we have been exploring the story The Great Explorer. We arrived in the classroom to discover snowy footsteps and a message from Tom, explaining that he had lost his dad. Using our Drawing Club skills, we then broke the story down and explored it in more detail.

Year 1/2 (Falcon)

In year 1 and 2, we have been working hard and enjoying:

- Writing our Octopus fact files in Literacy. The children learnt so much about Octopuses and their writing was brilliant.
- Beginning to read Lost and Found as our next Literacy text and exploring how we can use adjectives to describe a character.
- Continuing to solve addition and subtraction problems using equipment and diagrams to cross over the tens boundary. Year 1 have been drawing their own tens and ones to add to or subtract from. Year 2 have been looking at how they can link this to mental calculation when not exchanging tens.
- Making our animations in computing and moving on to collecting data.
- Practising clapping and playing simple rhythms in music.
- Exploring different types of fabric and how we can join them in DT.
- Continuing to learn some yoga flows and dance sequences in PE.
- Creating our own weather recording equipment and carrying out field work to measure rainfall, temperature, cloud coverage and wind direction in geography.

Year 3/4 - (Red Kite)

This week in Red Kite Class, we have started our new writing unit. We are writing based on the story 'The Barnabus Project'. So far, we haven't even opened the book, and the children are producing amazing pieces of work. We have been thinking about the qualities of a good pet and which adjectives we could use to describe them. We then created expanded noun phrases about characters from the book before creating an advert to buy one of the pets. The children designed their page in the style of an advert to engage the reader. They were all so proud of their work.

In Maths, we have started our unit of fractions. We have been learning about the numerator and denominator, and we have been able to identify unit and non-unit fractions. They have shown great understanding so far and have been able to recognise how many parts make a whole.

In Science this week, we have been learning how to measure temperature. We were using thermometers to measure the temperature of different locations such as the playground, classroom, a puddle, a cold glass of milk and a hot cup of boiling water. In our Art session, we have been sketching a background ready to paint with water colour. We will then add a photograph to create a picture collage. In R.E we looked at the meaning and importance of Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies in the Jewish faith.

The children have worked hard this week, and I am very proud of their effort.

Year 5/6 - (Golden Eagle)

In Golden Eagle class over the last couple of weeks the children have been showing excellent understanding of decimal numbers in our maths lessons and really understand the place value of these numbers. In Literacy we have continued to enjoy

our 'Paradise Sands' books and the children have planned and written their own versions of the story - they have been fantastic to read and have been presented so beautifully. In our RE lessons, we have focused on the term sacrifice and discussed the ultimate sacrifice which Jesus made. We have also thought about the meaning behind a holy communion and what people believe when doing this.

In Science, the children have continued our work on electricity. We have spent time looking at how to draw circuit diagrams properly as well as investigating how the brightness of a bulb changes when the number of volts in the circuit changes. Our PE lessons have been lots of fun and the children have enjoyed dancing on a Friday with Mrs Marshall and learning about different attacking principles in Badminton with myself on a Thursday.

During our Geography lessons we have enjoyed using the atlases and computers to research different rivers around the world. Our art lessons have been great and have focused in on how charities use artwork to get people to support them. As part of our music, the children have continued to enjoy our topic on Reggae music and can't wait to share a song from this unit with you in our class assembly next half term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones and the Stanion team