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Newsletter - November 2025

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of our first half-term, it has been wonderful to see all our pupils settle so well into the new school year. From our youngest children in Reception to our oldest in Year 6, the enthusiasm, kindness and positive attitudes shown across the school have been fantastic. Pupils have worked hard in class, embraced new routines, and enjoyed a variety of enriching experiences, including Forest School sessions and sporting events that have highlighted their creativity, teamwork and respect.

Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and family members for their support during our recent SIAMS inspection. Your contributions, feedback, and ongoing encouragement helped to showcase the strong sense of community and shared values that make Stanton such a special place. We are extremely proud of the outcome and grateful for the part you played in it.

It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we are already looking forward to everything that the next half-term will bring.

Christian Value

Mrs. Wyer has been, and will continue to center her collective worships around our autumn term's Christian value - **Thankfulness**. Themes covered include thanking God for people who help us (Philippians 1.3); praising God in creation (Psalm 148); remembering to say thank you (Ephesians 5.20); giving thanks even when times are difficult (Acts 16.16-end); counting your blessings (1 Thessalonians 5.16); living fruitful lives (Mark 4.3-9).

Safeguarding

Cyber Security Awareness Month ran throughout October and children continue to learn about keeping safe online whilst in their classes. Should you wish to learn together at home – the fun, informative and interactive game that we shared with you last year (and which was very popular with the children) can still be accessed using the link:

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/training/ncsc-cyber-security-for-young-people-english-scorm-v2/index.html>

Swimming

A reminder that the Juniors will resume their swimming lessons after half-term. Their first of 5 consecutive lessons will begin on **Wednesday 5th November**. Once again - thank you to everyone who has volunteered for our swimming rota. A new rota for the spring term will be sent out in December. Your support really helps and is very much appreciated.

School Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will take place in school on **Monday 10th November**. Any families that wish to bring younger or older siblings to be included in the photos will be able to do from 8am – please inform the school office if this applies to you. If you have more than one child at school, please let us know if you would like them to be photographed together, individually or both. Carole, our usual school photographer has recently retired – this year will be our first year working with Capture Photography.



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OUTSTANDING CHURCH SCHOOL



Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be held in school on **Thursday 13th November**. Appointments will last for 10 minutes. Parents' evening is an opportunity for all parents to discuss the wellbeing of their child along with their academic progress. Whilst it is important that parents' evening appointments stick to the 10-minute timeframe, parents are reminded and encouraged to speak to their child's class teacher whenever they have a worry, concern or general interest in their child's progress/wellbeing. Rest assured that class teachers would also contact parents directly if they had any concerns. Our general philosophy is that *'there should never be any surprises at parents' evening.'*

Please complete the parents' evening slip attached to the newsletter and return it to school after the half-term holidays. We will do our best to ensure everyone has an appointment as close to their desired timeslot as possible.

Christmas Decorating Afternoon

We are delighted to continue our tradition of inviting families into school for our Christmas Decorating Afternoon on **Thursday 27th November**.

The festive activities will begin at **1:15pm**, where families can enjoy making Christmas decorations together with their children and staff. The school day will finish at the usual time of 3:10pm; however, parents are welcome to take their children home earlier if they wish

We look forward to welcoming many of you to school for this event

EYFS New Starters 2026-2027

Both pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children and their families to our recent open day. We'd like to thank everyone who came along to visit our school. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Year 6 Bikeability

Well done to our Year 6s who completed their Level 1 Bikeability last month. They will continue their training in Spring.

Sport at Stanton

Cross – Country

Miss McVeigh and Miss Calder were incredibly impressed with the infants and how they participated in the cluster schools' cross-country competition in Bakewell last month. Running around the fields at Bakewell Junior School isn't easy and can feel like an awfully long way – especially for our reception children who all tried exceptionally hard during their race. All of the children should feel very proud of themselves for their efforts.

Our next sporting event is the Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics in January.

Edale Residential

Yet again, our autumn residential to Edale lived up to its expectation.

After we had arrived and had eaten our lunch, we set off on our hike up Mam Tor. By the time we had reached the summit, it was clear that this year's trip was going to be a good one – all of the children displayed great attitudes, and there was a real sense of achievement as we meandered back down towards the Peak Centre. Bed-making, time to explore, and some free time followed before we ate our evening meal and then headed outside for some stories, songs and marshmallows around the campfire. Never have the children sat so intently and listened to one another's stories.

The perfect day was wrapped up with (my personal favourite) hide and seek in the dark. The relationships we build with the children throughout their time at Stanton enable us to enjoy activities like this, and just like previous years – they all proved that they were capable of having lots of fun, whilst sticking to the rules and keeping themselves and others safe. Because of their fantastic behaviour, we stayed out later, and enjoyed more games than ever before.

Thursday was jam-packed with activities including climbing, archery, pond dipping, orienteering and team building games. At 6pm, we all sat down to eat, and it was clear that the fresh air and busy schedule was beginning to (finally) tire us all out. This meant that a chilled evening on the beanbags whilst watching a movie before bed was a popular choice.

Alongside tidying their dorms and making their lunches, the children took part in one activity on Friday – T'ai Chi. An activity which almost nobody had tried before. It was a great experience and one which was thoroughly enjoyed – particularly once the swords were brought out!

During the coach journey home (once I'd come to terms with it arriving one and a half hours late due to an accident on the M1!!), I was filled with an overwhelming sense of pride. **All** of the children engaged so positively with everything that they were faced with. They each had their individual battles – for some it was staying away from home for the first

time, for others it was hiking 5 miles or allowing themselves to lean back whilst at the top of the climbing wall. Whatever their personal challenge, each and every child proved something to themselves during the residential – that they **can** do **anything** they put their mind to. I spoke with several children who were finding things difficult whilst we were away and reassured them that they will be able to draw strength from the personal obstacles they have overcome. It is hoped that the next time they are faced with something tough, their inner voice reminds them of all the things they are capable of.

And finally ...

Thank you for your continued support. Staff and pupils are looking forward to welcoming you into school throughout our Christmas run-in and wish you a happy half-term holiday. As always, if you have any worries, concerns, or general questions, please feel free to contact me by phone, in person, or via email at j.figg@peaktorfederation.co.uk, or by ringing or emailing the school office (01629 636 301 enquiries.stanton@peaktorfederation.co.uk).

Mrs. Wyer (a.wyer@peaktorfederation.co.uk) and your child's class teachers are also available to discuss any matters relating to your child's well-being or progress—either contact them directly or speak to them at the school gates before or after school.

Yours sincerely,

Johnathon Figg

Deputy Headteacher

2025-2026 TERM DATES	
Autumn 1	4 September 2025 to 24 October 2025 (37 days)
Autumn 2	3 November 2025 to 19 December 2025 (35 days)
Spring 1	5 January 2026 to 13 February 2026 (30 days)
Spring 2	23 February 2026 to 27 March 2026 (25 days)
Summer 1:	13 April 2026 to 22 May 2026 (4 May 2026 is a bank holiday) (29 days)
Summer 2:	1 June 2026 to 23 July 2026 (39 days)

REMAINING INSET DAYS (2025-2026 Academic Year)

Term 2 (Autumn 2) Monday 1st December 2025

Term 6 (Summer 2) Friday 19th June, Monday 22nd June 2026

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Who's Involved
November		
Monday 3 rd	Start of Autumn 2	Whole School
Wednesday 5 th	KS2 Swimming resumes (1 st of 5 consecutive lessons)	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 11 th	Flu Vaccinations	Pupils (with parental consent)
Thursday 13 th	Parents' Evening	Parents
Thursday 27 th	Christmas Craft Afternoon	Whole School Community
December		
Monday 1 st	INSET DAY	Whole School
Monday 8 th	Pantomime – Buxton	Whole School
Wednesday 10 th	Christmas Fair	Whole School Community
Thursday 11 th	Infant Nativity	Infant Parents and Pupils
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Party	Pupils
Thursday 18 th	Church Service	Whole School Community
Friday 19 th	End of Autumn 2	Whole School
January		
Monday 5 th	School reopens for Spring Term	Whole School
Thursday 22 nd	Sportshall Athletics	Year 5 and 6

Sporting Events 2025/2026

Year Groups	Sport	Date	Venue
January			
Y5/6	Sportshall Athletics	Thursday 22 nd	Graves Health and Tennis Club, S8 8JR
February			
Y5/6	Netball	Thursday 5 th	Longstone Primary DE45 1TZ
March			
Y3/4 Y5/6	Hockey	Thursday 19 th	Bakewell Juniors DE45 1FR
May			
Y5/6 R/Y1/2	Cricket	Thursday 14 th	Rowsley Sports Field DE4 2EE
June			
Y3/4 Y5/6	Rounders	Thursday 25 th	Youlgrave Sports Field DE45 1WN

Parents' evening is Thursday (13th November 2025).

Please indicate which time slot would be most convenient for you and return it to school after half term. We will do our best to accommodate.

Child's name: _____

12:00 - 1:00pm	Infant only
1:00 - 2:00pm	Infant only
2:00 - 3:00pm	
3:00 - 4:00pm	
4:00 - 5:00pm	
5:00 - 6:00pm	
6:00 - 7:00pm	

***Year 3 and 4, 5 and 6 appointments will start from 2:30pm**

“Life in all its fullness.” John 10:10