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## Newsletter – January 2026

Dear parents and members of our school community,

### **Happy New Year!**

I hope you're all enjoying the festive break, spending plenty of quality time with your families and taking a well-earned rest.

We ended our autumn term on a real high. The children and wider school community took part in a whole host of Christmas events and activities. A special mention goes to our Infant class for their wonderful nativity performance in church, and a big thank-you to Stanton Holy Trinity Church for hosting both the nativity and our Christmas service. Their support truly helped bring the Christmas spirit to life.

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered and supported our events, and to our PTFA for all their hard work in making them such a success. Across the craft afternoon, nativity and Christmas fair, over £1,000 was raised for school - an amazing achievement!

The parents who run our PTFA give up their time, energy and enthusiasm and their events always help to bring our school community closer together. All of the children (and hopefully a lot of the adults as well) ended the autumn term feeling festive and excited for Christmas.

School staff would like to thank our PTFA immensely for their efforts and encourage more parents to get involved on event days if they can. Many hands make light work and can help ensure our PTFA continues to thrive and support our children's experiences throughout their time at Stanton.

As we step into a new calendar year, I hope you're feeling positive about the opportunities, challenges and experiences ahead. There is a great deal to look forward to in school.

Our spring term (made up of two short half-terms - totalling 11 weeks) is much shorter than the 15-week autumn term and provides a fantastic opportunity for pupils to focus and make strong progress across the curriculum. Class teachers have prepared their classrooms and topics ready for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January, when we're excited to welcome the children back.

### Stanton Star

Congratulations to Kristina who was awarded our Stanton Star during our Christmas service. Kristina's positive outlook, kindness towards others and genuine ability to celebrate other people's success were some of the standout reasons why everyone agreed that she was a worthy winner. Kristina is a great role model for her friends and classmates. We hope she is proud of herself.

### Christian Value

This term, our Christian value is '**Perseverance**'. During Mrs. Wyer's weekly collective worships, she will use Bible teachings centered around: running the race of life (Hebrews 12.1-2); keeping going against all the odds (Matthew 2.13-15); doing the

right thing (Jeremiah 38.1-13); meeting a personal challenge (Philippians 4.13); and encouraging others to keep going (Acts 11.24) to help guide the worships and support the children's understanding.

### **Safeguarding**

To mark **Safer Internet Day** on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Mrs. Wyer will be holding an online **Internet Safety Workshop for Parents** from 5pm. The workshop will highlight many of the risks and dangers that children may face whilst online. Strategies and preventative measures to help keep our children safe will also be discussed. We hope as many of you as possible will log on and attend. The link for the meeting will be sent out via ParentHub.

Classes will also engage in activities and discussions centered around keeping safe online during this day.

### **Swimming**

Swimming lessons resume on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**. For **Spring 1 term**, swimming lessons will be for **Year 5 and Year 6 pupils only**. For **Spring 2 term**, swimming lessons will be for **Year 3 and Year 4 pupils only**. There are still spaces on our rota (which is attached to the bottom of this newsletter) for parent volunteers to sign up and accompany the children. Once again - thank you to everyone who volunteers. Your support is essential and is very much appreciated.

### **Sport at Stanton**

Our next sporting event is the Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**.

For this event, the pupils will travel to and from the venue in Sheffield by coach and will arrive back at school between **3:30pm and 3:45pm**.

The Year 5s and 6s will also be competing in the cluster schools' netball tournament in Great Longstone on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February**. The pupils will travel by coach to and from this event. With the netball expected to finish at 3pm, the coach will arrive back in Stanton at approximately **3:30pm**.

### **Djembe Drums KS2 Concert**

The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils have been working exceptionally hard throughout the autumn term and will continue to do so on Friday afternoons in the lead up to their concert on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January**. Parents of KS2 children are invited to join us in school at **2pm**. The event will take place in the Year 5 and 6 classroom and the children are looking forward to performing the songs they have been practicing in class. We hope as many of you can join us as possible (parents will be able to leave school with their child after the event).

### **Arrangements for the Closure of School**

Now that the winter months are upon us and the likelihood of snow increases, please remember that any updates regarding school closures will be communicated via ParentHub. We will always aim to make an early decision to minimise disruption; however, please be assured that we will do our utmost to keep the school open wherever possible, while carefully considering the safety of our staff, pupils and their families.

### **And finally ...**

Thank you for your continued support - it makes such a difference to our school community. We look forward to a positive and productive half term ahead and to working together to help every child thrive.

As always, if you have any worries, concerns or general questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, in person or via email at [j.figg@peaktorfederation.co.uk](mailto:j.figg@peaktorfederation.co.uk), or by ringing or emailing the school office (01629 636 301 [enquiries.stanton@peaktorfederation.co.uk](mailto:enquiries.stanton@peaktorfederation.co.uk)).

Mrs. Wyer ([a.wyer@peaktorfederation.co.uk](mailto: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	
<b>Autumn 1</b>	4 September 2025 to 24 October 2025 (37 days)
<b>Autumn 2</b>	3 November 2025 to 19 December 2025 (35 days)
<b>Spring 1</b>	5 January 2026 to 13 February 2026 (30 days)
<b>Spring 2</b>	23 February 2026 to 27 March 2026 (25 days)
<b>Summer 1:</b>	13 April 2026 to 22 May 2026 (4 May 2026 is a bank holiday) (29 days)
<b>Summer 2:</b>	1 June 2026 to 23 July 2026 (39 days)

**REMAINING INSET DAYS (2025-2026 Academic Year)**

**Term 6** (Summer 2): Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

**Dates for your Diary**

Date	Event	Who's Involved
<b>January</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens for Spring Term	Whole School
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Swimming Resumes (1 <sup>st</sup> of 5 consecutive lessons)	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sportshall Athletics	Year 5 and 6
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Djembe Drums Concert	KS2 Pupils and Parents
<b>February</b>		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Netball	Year 5 and 6
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	End of Spring 1	Whole School
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School reopens for Spring 2	Whole School
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Swimming Resumes (1 <sup>st</sup> of 5 consecutive lessons)	Year 3 and 4
<b>March</b>		
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day	Whole School
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Hockey at Bakewell Juniors	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Service, 2pm	Whole School Community
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Bikeability	Year 6
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Show (morning)	Pupils
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Fair (afternoon)	Whole School Community
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	End of Spring 2	Whole School
<b>April</b>		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens for Summer 1	Whole School

**Sporting Events 2025/2026**

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

Y3/4 Y5/6	Rounders	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Youlgrave Sports Field <b>DE45 1WN</b>
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### Swimming ROTA – January - March 2026

If you can help with the swimming rota, please add your name and return the sheet. We will then compile a final rota and send it out

SWIMMING DATES	NAME:
Thank you for volunteering	Wednesday pm – swimming bus leaves Stanton at 1:00pm and returns approx. 2:30pm.
<b>Spring 1 – Year 5 and 6</b>	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	
<b>Spring 2 – Year 3 and 4</b>	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	

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