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Newsletter - October 2026

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to have made such a positive start to the new school year, with both staff and pupils enjoying the opportunity to settle into their new classes and get to know one another. It has been wonderful to see how happily and confidently the children have settled in. Hopefully this encouraging start will set us up nicely for the year ahead.

Safeguarding

As always, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils continues to be at the heart of everything we do. Throughout the first few weeks of term, staff have been encouraging children to talk openly about any worries or concerns they may have. Each classroom has a reflective space where pupils can take a moment to pause, think about how they are feeling and share both positive and more difficult emotions. Alongside this, our computing curriculum starts the year with a focus on 'Online Safety', giving every class the opportunity to learn about age-appropriate ways to use the internet safely, responsibly and respectfully.

For further guidance on how you can help support your children and keep them safe, please regularly check the school and NSPCC websites.

<https://www.stantoninpeakschool.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=32>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Christian Value

Mrs. Wyer has been, and will continue to center her collective worships around our autumn term's Christian value – **Generosity**. Themes covered include loving others as we love ourselves (Mark 12.31); giving sacrificially (Luke 21.1-4); giving cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9.7); caring for creation (Genesis 2.15); and giving our time (Nehemiah).

Early Reading and Phonics Workshop for Parents

Thank you to everyone who attended Mrs Tierney and Miss McVeigh's Early Reading and Phonics Workshop last month. Should you have further questions or would like additional advice or guidance as to how you can support your child, please speak to either teacher during drop-off or pick-up.

Harvest Service

A reminder that you are all invited to our Harvest Service in Stanton Holy Trinity Church on **Thursday 1st October**. The service will begin at 2pm. As part of our service, we are encouraging children to bring non-perishable goods to school so that they can be delivered to local food banks.

Sport at Stanton

Our first two sporting events of the year got off to a flying start!

Football:

We entered three teams into the Year 5 and Year 6 football tournament at Tideswell, and each team was excellent in the way they performed, supported one another and respected their opponents and the officials.

Our Year 6 boys and girls combined to create an all-star Year 6 team. It was great to see them all encouraging one another and, most importantly, enjoying themselves. They grew in confidence with each game, worked incredibly hard and had big smiles on their faces throughout. Well done, Year 6!

Our Year 5 girls competed in an all-girls tournament and displayed some fantastic skills. A combination of great goalkeeping and defending, along with some fantastic goalscoring (they scored loads!), took them all the way to the final. Unfortunately, they conceded a breakaway goal after dominating the match for large periods. Well done, girls – what a fantastic achievement!

The Year 5 boys (and Ida and Raffy) also made their way all the way to the final. After playing incredibly well and knocking out Baslow and Great Longstone, they were held to a 0–0 draw against Tideswell in the final before eventually losing on penalties. The team were visibly devastated, but I am confident they will come back stronger than ever!

Cross Country:

It was brilliant to see our whole school competing in the cross-country at Bakewell. We had many fantastic runners, and it was great to see Stanton pupils leading the way as children from all the local schools took part in the competition. However, the most pleasing part of the afternoon was the way our whole school supported one another – there was such a strong sense of cohesion amongst all the pupils. Staff also commented on the determination and resilience that was shown by everyone – I hope they all came home feeling proud. Well done to Grace and Ida, who finished first and second respectively in the Year 5 and 6 race, and to Florence, who finished third in the Infant race.

Our Reception children all deserve a special mention. They were amazing! It was such a busy event, but they all showed great self-belief as they ran around the course, cheered on by the older Stanton pupils.

Every child in the school tried their best, and that's all we can ever ask for.

Our next sporting event is:

- **Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball**, and the **Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby** tournament at Bakewell Juniors (**DE45 1FR**) on Thursday 22nd October.

The pupils will travel by coach to the event, and we ask that they are **collected from the venue at 3pm**. As always, we encourage car sharing wherever possible. If anyone is struggling with transport, please don't hesitate to contact the school office and ask for help.

Thank you to those who have filled in the master permission slip already and stated who will be collecting your child from Bakewell Juniors after the dodgeball and tag-rugby. A copy of the permission slip can still be found on the bottom of this newsletter for anyone who is yet to return it to school.

**A reminder that unfortunately, parent spectators are not permitted at these events*

Edale Residential

The KS2 pupils are getting very excited about their residential at the Peak Centre in Edale this month. Thank you to everyone who has returned the corresponding forms and used ParentPay to complete their payments. As the trip gets nearer, staff will speak with the children about the trip, reminding them of our expectations and hopefully easing any nerves amongst those that are a little unsure. It is always a great trip and one that lives on in their memories forever.

School Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will take place in school on **Monday 9th November**. Any families that wish to bring younger or older siblings to be included in the photos will be able to do so from 7:45am – 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.

Homework

Now that classroom routines are established, it is a good chance to remind parents of some additional ways you can support your child at home.

Reading

With such strong correlations between reading for pleasure and academic attainment, reading with your child or listening to your child read is something that should be valued and encouraged. In the age of technology, reading is one thing that appears to have been pushed to the back of the line in many households. However, once established, reading at home can quickly become a time for families to enjoy and look forward to. Finding a quiet corner, brewing a warm drink and spending quality time with mum, dad, granny or grandad alongside an engaging book can be a special time for everyone.

We recommend the following:

Reception and KS1 children reading for approximately 10 minutes 5 times a week
Year 3 and 4 pupils reading for approximately 15 minutes 5 times each week
Year 5 and 6 pupils reading for approximately 20 minutes 5 times each week

High frequency words

Reception children will be given regular high frequency words or sound cards to practice at home. Year 1 and year 2 children may also be given these if required.

Spellings

Throughout Key Stage 1 and 2, a weekly spelling list will be given to your child at the start of each week. Whilst they will have designated times to look at spelling rules and learn their spellings in class, we strongly recommend spending some time with your child at home to help prepare them for their weekly spelling test at the end of each week.

Times-Tables

By the end of Year 4, pupils are expected to know their multiplication facts (tables 1-12). Pupils in Year 4 sit a statutory tables test in the summer term. Knowing their times-tables can have a huge impact on pupils' progression in mathematics, which is why pupils in KS2 have regular tests to help monitor their progress.

There are several ways you can help your child progress with their tables: quick-fire questions on the way to and from school; regular recitals; flash-cards and worksheets. Worksheets can be readily available within school for your child to take home. Please ask your child's class teacher for worksheets or further support with this should you require it.

Maths Homework

Pupils in KS2 have already established good habits and are completing maths homework (Monday-Thursday). The questions they complete are marked the following day and glued into the back of their maths books. It is expected that these questions should take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete. The aim is to provide children with daily practice of key mathematical skills; however, if your child is completing the tasks quickly and confidently and would like additional maths homework – extensions, linked to the work your child is learning in class, can be prepared and sent home with your child.

If you are struggling with homework

As a parent myself, I am all too familiar with the struggles that can occur at home whilst trying to get our children to engage with their homework. They've worked hard in school all day and often the last thing they want to do once home is more work. If you are finding it difficult and would like additional support with this – please contact school and we'll do our best to help you formulate a strategy that works for you.

Christmas Lunch

It feels far too early to start thinking about Christmas, but in the interest of being organised - please could any parents (whose children usually have packed lunches) complete the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and let the kitchen staff know if their child would like a Christmas dinner with the rest of the school on December 16th.

Contact Details

If any personal/emergency contacts/address etc. have recently changed, could parents/carers please drop off at the school office a written and signed note of the changes. Thank you

And finally ...

Thank you for your ongoing support. It is wonderful to see so many happy faces around school, with pupils in all three classes engaged and enthusiastic in their learning. 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

2026-2027 TERM DATES	
Autumn 1	4 September 2026 to 23 October 2026 (36 days)
Autumn 2	2 November 2026 to 18 December 2026 (35 days)
Spring 1	4 January 2027 to 12 February 2027 (30 days)
Spring 2	22 February 2027 to 25 March 2027 (24 days)
Summer 1:	12 April 2027 to 28 May 2027 (3 May 2027 is a bank holiday) (34 days)
Summer 2:	7 June 2027 to 26 July 2027 (36 days)

INSET DAYS (2025-2026 Academic Year)

- Friday 4th September
- Monday 7th December
- Friday 18th June
- Monday 21st June
- Monday 26th July
- ***Important change – Friday 4th December is no longer a school inset**

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Who's Involved
October		
Thursday 1 st	Harvest Service	Whole School Community
Thursday 8 th	EYFS 2026 Open Day	Parents and Children
Wednesday 14 th -Friday 16 th	KS2 Residential – Edale Peak Centre	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 21 st	PTFA Fancy Dress Fundraiser	Whole School
Thursday 22 nd	Tag Rugby at Bakewell	Year 5 and 6
Thursday 22 nd	Dodgeball at Bakewell	Year 3 and 4
Friday 23rd	End of Autumn 1	Whole School
November		
Monday 9 th	Individual School Photographs	Pupils
Thursday 12 th	Parents' Evening	Parents and Carers
December		
Thursday 3 rd	Infant Nativity (2pm and 5pm)	Infant Pupils and Parents
Monday 7th	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tuesday 8 th	Pantomime at Buxton Opera House	Pupils
Thursday 10 th	Christmas Craft Afternoon and Fair	Whole School Community
Wednesday 16 th	Christmas Party and Christmas Lunch	Pupils
Thursday 17 th	Christmas Church Service	Whole School Community
Friday 18th	End of Autumn 2	Whole School

Swimming ROTA – September – December 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

JUNIOR SWIMMING DATES Thank you for volunteering	NAME: Wednesday pm – swimming bus leaves Stanton at 1:00pm and returns approx. 2:30pm. Helpers are welcome to wait in school until the end of the school day.
16 th September (Year 5/6)	
23 rd September (Year 5/6)	
30 th September (Year 5/6)	
7 th October (Year 5/6)	
14 th October (Year 5/6)	Edale Residential
4 th November (Year 3/4)	
11 th November (Year 3/4)	
18 th November (Year 3/4)	
25 th November (Year 3/4)	
2 nd December (Year 3/4)	

Christmas Lunch

My child _____ usually has a packed lunch. They would like a school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December (£3.25).

Signed: _____

STANTON IN PEAK PTFA

FANCY DRESS DAY

On Wednesday 21st October all pupils are invited to come to school in either fancy dress or non uniform. There is no theme for the fancy dress, but please avoid Halloween costumes.

There is a suggested donation of £1 which helps the PTFA to fund contributions to the School.

VEGETABLE CARVING COMPETITION

Pupils are invited to participate in the annual fruit and vegetable carving competition on Wednesday 21st October.

There are two categories: infants and juniors, with prizes for the top three entries in each. Please bring your entries to school on the morning of the 24th, alongside a small donation for the PTFA.

2026-27 School Sports Events Master Permission Form

Year Groups	Sport	Date	Venue
Autumn Term			
September			
Y5/6	Football	Thursday 17 th	Tideswell Bishop Purseglove SK17 8NE
All Pupils	Cross Country	Thursday 24 th	Bakewell Juniors DE45 1FR
October			
Y3/4 Y5/6	Dodgeball Tag Rugby	Thursday 22 nd	Bakewell Juniors DE45 1FR
Spring Term			
January			
Y5/6	Sportshall Athletics	Thursday 21 st	Graves Health and Tennis Club, S8 8JR
March			
Y5/6	Netball	Thursday 4 th	Great Longstone Primary DE45 1TZ
Summer Term			
April			
Y5/6 Y3/4	Hockey Dance	Thursday 22 nd	Bakewell Juniors DE45 1FR
May			
Infants Y5/6	Multi-skills Cricket	Thursday 20 th	Rowsley Sports Field DE4 2EE
June			
Y3/4 Y5/6	Tennis/Summer Sports Rounders	Thursday 24 th	Youlgrave Sports Field DE45 1WN

I give permission for my child/children _____ to participate in the listed sports events for 2026-27 academic year (please take note of the year groups taking part & the pick-up venues). They will be transported there via coach and collected by a parent or nominated adult at 3pm.

NB

**Children and staff will walk to events taking place at Rowsley.*

***Children and staff will return to school via coach from events taking place in Tideswell, Great Longstone and at the Graves Health and Tennis Club – approximate time of arrival back at school for these events is 3:30pm.*

Please advise below who is most likely to collect your child/children from the majority of the events. If there is another nominated adult that may also regularly collect your child/children please add that below (As always, we encourage car sharing wherever possible and if you are having difficulties arranging transport home from any event, please contact the school office for support.)

I _____ will collect my child/children from the listed sports events at 3pm.

I also give consent for:

to collect my children/children from the listed sports events at **3pm**.

If there is a change of plan and someone else will be collecting your child/children from one of the events, please notify the school office prior to the event.

Signed: _____