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### **Newsletter - November 2026**

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of our first half-term, it has been a real pleasure to see our pupils settle so positively into the new school year. From Reception through to Year 6, the children have shown enthusiasm, kindness and a wonderful attitude towards their learning. They have embraced new routines, risen to challenges and made the most of the many opportunities they have been given, both in and beyond the classroom.

Over the past few weeks, we have seen our school values come to life in so many different ways. From Forest School adventures and sporting events to everyday moments of learning, collaboration and friendship, our pupils have demonstrated creativity, resilience, teamwork and respect. It has been lovely to see them growing in confidence and taking pride in all that they do.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents, carers and wider families for your continued support. Your encouragement and partnership make such a difference to our school community, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive role you play in helping our children to thrive.

It has been a hugely positive start to the academic year, and we are very proud of everything our pupils have achieved during this first half-term. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back ready for another exciting and successful half-term together.

### **Safeguarding**

Each year, there is a national initiative focusing on Cyber Security Awareness. This ran throughout October - 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>

### **Christian Value**

Mrs. Wyer will center her collective worships around the Christian value **Compassion** after half-term. Themes covered include: noticing a need (Mark 6.34); being a good neighbour (Luke 10.25-37); putting on the right attitude (Colossians 3.12); having the courage to care (Exodus 2.1-10); and coming to the rescue (Luke 15.4-6). We will also celebrate Christmas through Luke 2.8-20 – God of the unexpected.



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## Sport at Stanton

### **Tag Rugby and Dodgeball Champions 2026!**

#### **Wow! What an afternoon of sport!**

All of our Juniors travelled to Bakewell to compete in the cluster schools' tournaments, with our Year 3/4 pupils taking part in Dodgeball and our Year 5/6 pupils competing in Tag Rugby.

Our formidable Tag Rugby team continued the school's impressive record of success, winning all their games on the way to the final. They then battled hard in a thrilling final, finishing the afternoon in style with a fantastic victory to lift the trophy!

Meanwhile, our Year 3s and 4s were putting on an equally impressive display on the dodgeball court! They ducked, dived and dodged their way to the final before producing an incredible performance to secure another trophy for Stanton!

With both teams bringing home the silverware, there was plenty to celebrate during our Friday Celebration Collective Worship. The whole school was jubilant, and we couldn't be prouder of all the children who represented Stanton so brilliantly. What a day to remember!

**Our next sporting event:** Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics at the Graves Health Club, Sheffield on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2027. Pupils will travel to and from the event via coach and we aim to arrive back at school at the slightly later time of 3:30pm.

## Swimming

The Year 3s and 4s will begin their swimming lessons after half term. Their first of 5 consecutive lessons will begin on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Once again - thank you to everyone who has volunteered for our swimming rota so far. A new rota for the next 5 lessons can be found at the bottom of this newsletter for those available to help out. Your support is essential and is very much appreciated.

As this will be the first time our Year 3s have participated in school swimming lessons, here is a reminder of what they will need to bring to school on Wednesdays: swimsuit/shorts, a towel, goggles (optional) and a swim hat (swim hats can be purchased from the Bakewell pool for a small fee).

Miss Birkin or Mrs. Wyer will accompany the children, and they shall be picked up at 1:00pm and travel by coach to the pool.

## Edale Residential

**Wow! What a trip!** 46 children, 4 year groups, 3 days full of activities, 2 nights and 0 hours of sleep (just kidding - we did manage to get some!).

Our annual trip to Edale never fails to deliver, and this year's residential was no exception. It provided our KS2 children with another fantastic opportunity to challenge themselves, step outside their comfort zones and take on a wide range of activities over three action-packed days.

By 4:30 pm on Wednesday, it was already clear that every child had arrived with a brilliant attitude and a willingness to push themselves. Every single one of them had completed the circular hike to the top of Mam Tor and back again. We always begin our Edale residential with this challenge, and it was wonderful to see so many children enjoying it. Some who had previously found the walk difficult now had springs in their steps and smiles on their faces. Meanwhile, some of our youngest and smallest Year 3s showed incredible grit and determination, keeping going until the very end.

Standing together at the top of Mam Tor was a special moment. Our Year 6s will remember it as their last time, while the rest of us can look forward to doing it all again next autumn.

That first hike set the tone for the rest of the week. Every child faced their own challenges, whether that was reaching the top of the climbing wall, spending a night away from home or working alongside different children. There were plenty of individual battles to overcome, and it was fantastic to see the children supporting one another and celebrating their achievements along the way.

In all honesty, this year's trip felt harder than in previous years. However, as we made our way back to school on Friday afternoon, there was an overwhelming sense of pride on the coach. The children had done it!

For me personally, the trip was a powerful reminder of the importance of spending time outdoors. Our pupils truly thrived in this environment. Throughout the three days, they were happy, challenged themselves and discovered what they were capable of achieving.

I hope every child takes away those little wins - whether big or small - and carries them into the rest of the school year. Those moments of achievement are worth remembering. They should give the children the confidence to face new challenges, persevere when things get tough and believe in themselves.

They've shown us what they can do. Now it's time to take that confidence into the year ahead!

### **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.

### **Parents' Evening**

Parents' evening will be held in school on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.'*

Appointments can be made after the half-term break. **To book an appointment** – please contact the school office (either by phone or email) and let Laura or Hannah know your preferred timeslot. The appointment timetables for each class are in the office – staff will check each teacher's availability and confirm your appointment. Appointments are available throughout the afternoon from 1pm- 6:30pm.

### **EYFS New Starters 2027-2028**

Our pupils and staff were delighted to welcome prospective families to our recent Open Day. It was wonderful to meet so many families and have the opportunity to showcase our school.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to visit us. If you have any questions or would like any further information, please feel free to contact the school office.

### **Christmas Lunch**

A reminder for any parents (whose children usually have packed lunches) to 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.

### **Goodbye and Thank You**

As our half-term comes to an end, so does Miss Prystupa's time with us at Stanton. I'm sure our whole school community will join staff and pupils in wishing Natalie all the very best as she moves on to new challenges.

During her time at Stanton, Miss Prystupa has worked across all classes, starting in Reception when our current Year 4 pupils were just beginning their school journey. Since then, she has moved up and down the school, supporting and working with children in every class.

We will certainly miss her kind and calming nature. It was lovely to see the children giving her such a warm and heartfelt send-off in school. We wish Natalie every success and happiness for the future!

### **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](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**

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

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

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July
- **\*Important change – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December is no longer a school inset**

#### Dates for your Diary

| Date                          | Event                               | Who's Involved            |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>November</b>               |                                     |                           |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>        | Individual School Photographs       | Pupils                    |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>     | Parents' Evening                    | Parents and Carers        |
| <b>December</b>               |                                     |                           |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | Infant Nativity (2pm and 5pm)       | Infant Pupils and Parents |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>INSET DAY</b>                    | <b>Whole School</b>       |
| Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>       | Pantomime at Buxton Opera House     | Pupils                    |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>     | Christmas Craft Afternoon and Fair  | Whole School Community    |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Christmas Party and Christmas Lunch | Pupils                    |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>     | Christmas Church Service            | Whole School Community    |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>End of Autumn 2</b>              | <b>Whole School</b>       |
| <b>January 2027</b>           |                                     |                           |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>        | School reopens for Spring Term      | Whole School              |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>     | Sportshall Athletics                | Year 5 and 6              |

#### Swimming ROTA – November – 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

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| JUNIOR SWIMMING DATES                | 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. |
| Thank you for volunteering           |                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> November (Year 3/4)  |                                                                                                                                                         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> November (Year 3/4) |                                                                                                                                                         |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> November (Year 3/4) |                                                                                                                                                         |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November (Year 3/4) |                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> December (Year 3/4)  |                                                                                                                                                         |

**2026-27 School Sports Events**

| Year Groups        | Sport                            | Date                      | Venue                                        |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Spring Term</b> |                                  |                           |                                              |
| <b>January</b>     |                                  |                           |                                              |
| Y5/6               | Sportshall Athletics             | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> | Graves Health and Tennis Club, <b>S8 8JR</b> |
| <b>March</b>       |                                  |                           |                                              |
| Y5/6               | Netball                          | Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Great Longstone Primary <b>DE45 1TZ</b>      |
| <b>Summer Term</b> |                                  |                           |                                              |
| <b>April</b>       |                                  |                           |                                              |
| Y5/6<br>Y3/4       | Hockey<br>Dance                  | Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Bakewell Juniors <b>DE45 1FR</b>             |
| <b>May</b>         |                                  |                           |                                              |
| Infants<br>Y5/6    | Multi-skills<br>Cricket          | Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> | Rowsley Sports Field <b>DE4 2EE</b>          |
| <b>June</b>        |                                  |                           |                                              |
| Y3/4<br>Y5/6       | Tennis/Summer Sports<br>Rounders | Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> | Youlgrave Sports Field <b>DE45 1WN</b>       |

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**Christmas Lunch**

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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