St John's CofE Primary School

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Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Stanground Families,

Yesterday, our children enjoyed a visit to St John's Church, Stanground, for our Harvest Festival celebration. During the service, Vicar Tom Simpson shared a special message from the Bible, encouraging us to reflect on gratitude, kindness and helping others.

We would like to thank Tom for his support of our school community. We greatly value our links with St John's Church and the opportunities these provide for our pupils.Thank you also to our families who attended this important event. This is very much appreciated.

I would like to formally thank Friends of Stanground St John's and all of their dedicated volunteers for hosting such a successful Autumn Fair. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and commitment to our school community made the event a wonderful occasion for children, families, and staff to enjoy together.

Thanks to your efforts, the fair was filled with fun, laughter, and a fantastic community spirit. Events such as these not only create lasting memories for our children but also raise valuable funds that directly benefit the school and enrich pupils' experiences.

Important dates for your diary:

Monday 12th October - World Mental Health Day
Monday 19th October - Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st October - Parents Evening
Thursday 22nd October - Anti-Bullying Day
Friday 23rd October - INSET Day

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Steenkamp
Headteacher

Strong Foundation Survey

Thank you to all families who gave their views during our recent Strong Foundations Survey. The survey demonstrates a very positive start to the academic year. Parents particularly value the caring and supportive staff team, the strong sense of safety and belonging felt by pupils, and the high expectations for learning and behaviour.

Areas for further development include providing more information about curriculum expectations and home learning, continuing to strengthen communication around individual needs.

Attendance

Year To Date:	
Class	**Attendance percentage**
Reception	96.4%
Year 1	92.9%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	97.8%
TOTAL	**96.4%**

Week To Date:	
Class	**Attendance percentage**
Reception	91.9%
Year 1	93.6%
Year 2	93.2%
Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	94.3%
TOTAL	**95.2%**

Class	Lateness Percentage
Reception	9%
Year 1	2.3%
Year 2	0.4%
Year 3	1.4%
Year 4	0.3%
Year 5	0.7%
Year 6	1.3%
TOTAL	**1.1%**

Class	Lateness Percentage
Reception	2%
Year 1	4.4%
Year 2	0.7%
Year 3	2.0%
Year 4	1.1%
Year 5	1.8%
Year 6	0.6%
TOTAL	**1.9%**

Safer School Streets

Just a reminder to all families that the roads immediately outside the school are part of the Safer School Streets initiative. During morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times, access is restricted to most motor vehicles to help create a safer environment for all children and families.

Please follow the signage and restrictions in place and, where possible, consider walking, cycling, or parking a short distance from the school. Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.





Term Dates 2027-2028

AUTUMN TERM 2027

INSET DAYS: Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd September 2027
Term Starts: Friday 3rd September 2027
INSET DAY: Friday 22nd October 2027 **(Trust)**
Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October 2027
Term Ends: Friday 17th December 2027

SPRING TERM 2028

Term Starts: Tuesday 4th January 2028
Half Term: Monday 14th February 2028 to Friday 18th February 2028
Term Ends: Friday 31st March 2028

SUMMER TERM 2028

INSET DAY: Tuesday 18th April 2028
Term Starts: Wednesday 19th April 2028
Half Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2028
Term Ends: Friday 21st July 2028
INSET DAY: Monday 24th July 2028