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Thursday 22nd October 2026

Dear Stanground Families,

And just like that, the first half term of this academic year has come to an end!

It has been an incredibly busy but successful few weeks, with the children settling beautifully into their new classes, routines and expectations. We have loved seeing new friendships blossom, confidence grow and children embracing new learning opportunities with enthusiasm and determination.

From exciting lessons and creative activities to school events and special experiences, it has been wonderful to watch the children develop both academically and personally. Their hard work, resilience and positive attitudes have made us all incredibly proud.

Important dates for your diary:

Thursday 12th November - Kindness Day
Tuesday 8th December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play
Wednesday 9th December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity Play
Friday 20th November - Children in Need
Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December - Church Service at St John's
Friday 18th December - School Close for the Christmas Holiday
Have a restful weekend.

Thank you for the ongoing support as we build those foundations to ensure that children have successful features.

Have a great half term.

Kind regards,

Mr Steenkamp
Headteacher

Toys and personal items

We have recently seen an increase in children bringing toys, fidget spinners, trading cards and other personal items into school. Unfortunately, these items can cause distractions in lessons, lead to disagreements between children, and there is always a risk that they may be lost or damaged.

We would be grateful for your support in ensuring that toys and non-essential personal belongings are left at home. Please note that any personal items brought into school are done so at the owner's risk, and the school cannot accept responsibility for any loss, damage or breakage.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a calm and focused learning environment for all children.

Christmas Rag Wreath Workshop

Join The Creative Palette for a relaxed, creative evening making a beautiful Christmas wreath using fabric strips. With a wide selection of festive fabrics to choose from, you'll be able to create a wreath in colours and patterns that are completely your own.



No previous crafting experience is needed — just come along, choose your fabrics and enjoy a couple of hours of creativity!

🎄 All materials provided
🎄 Create your own unique Christmas wreath
🎄 Suitable for beginners
🎄 Take your finished wreath home with you

📅 Wednesday 2nd December
⏰ 6-8pm
📍 Stanground St John's Primary School
💷 £25 per person

Places are limited, so advance booking is required. Book your place today using the link below

https://rb.gy/hcznp4

Attendance

Year To Date:

Class	Attendance percentage
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	93.7%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	95.6%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	98.0%
TOTAL	**96.3%**

Week To Date:

Class	Attendance percentage
Reception	96.4%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	93.2%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	91.1%
Year 6	95.3%
TOTAL	**94.8%**

Class	Lateness Percentage
Reception	1.2%
Year 1	2.1%
Year 2	0.7%
Year 3	1.3%
Year 4	0.5%
Year 5	0.8%
Year 6	1.1%
TOTAL	**1.1%**

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Reception	1.4%
Year 1	1.4%
Year 2	0.0%
Year 3	0.7%
Year 4	0.8%
Year 5	1.3%
Year 6	0.8%
TOTAL	**0.9%**

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