



Stanhope Primary School

Newsletter – Autumn 1

Issued 17th October 2025



Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd November – Back to school

Wednesday 5th November – [Community Fireworks Display](#) @ Cambridge Primary School

Monday 10th November – NHS Nasal Flu Vaccinations at school

Friday 28th November – Parent Phonics Workshop & Stay and Play Session, 2pm

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th December – Parents Evenings (information about bookings to come)

Thursday 11th December (afternoon) – Reception Christmas Nativity Performance

Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day

Thursday 18th December – School Trip to Aldershot Pantomime @ Princes Hall (late finish at 4.30pm)

Friday 19th December – Last Day of Autumn Term, finish at 3pm

Monday 5th January – INSET day (no children in school)

Tuesday 6th January – Children back to school

A Message From Mrs Kennedy

A wonderful first term | What a fantastic first term at Stanhope! The team and I are incredibly proud of how the children have embraced starting school, settled into school life, and shown such resilience and pride in their learning – even as the end-of-term tiredness has crept in!

I'd like to take a moment to thank you, our parents. You've worked with us, understood the challenges that come with opening a new school, supported your children through this term, and embraced being part of our inaugural parent body. Thank you.

Parent WhatsApp groups | I've been made aware that some of you are connecting on WhatsApp, which is wonderful! These groups can be a great way for parents to support each other and share helpful reminders about school events and activities.

If you've set up a WhatsApp group for your child's class, please let us know. This means we can point other parents in the right direction if they'd like to join.

WhatsApp groups should be used positively and respectfully. Please don't discuss individual children or share concerns about incidents or upsets on these groups. If you have any worries or concerns, please bring them to the school first so we can discuss them with you individually, rather than publicly.

This approach helps us address any concerns properly and ensures we can support both you and your child effectively.

Looking ahead to next half-term | Next half-term is shaping up to be an exciting one! We'll be hosting an official school opening ceremony (18th November) for the construction team and Hampshire delegates who were involved in designing and building Stanhope. The Lord Lieutenant, Nigel Atkinson, will officially open

the school and the children will be contributing to this special occasion by learning a song and burying a time capsule containing their self-portraits to mark this historic moment.

And of course, we'll be getting ready for Christmas! We'll try to contain the excitement to just the few weeks before Christmas, but we know how magical this time is for the children. We'll include you in the festivities as much as we can, and we can't wait to share our first school Christmas performance with you all. We'll share more details about both events closer to the time.

Attendance matters | This half-term our school attendance has been **93.9%**, which is below the national average of **95.4%**. We understand that children have been suffering with colds and temperatures this term – it's been that time of year! However, let's all make an effort together to get that percentage up next half-term. **Every moment counts.** We want to give children the best chance we can by being at school every day. Please help us by:

- Avoiding booking holidays during term time
- Scheduling appointments outside of school hours wherever possible
- Only keeping children at home when they are genuinely unwell

Good attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, make progress, and be part of our school community. Thank you for your support with this.

Thank you | I'd like to finish by thanking both you as parents and the children for making this first half of the autumn term such a tremendous success. Your support, enthusiasm, and partnership have made all the difference as we've established Stanhope together.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and restful two-week half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for an exciting second half of term!

A Plea for Parking

I wanted to send a gentle reminder about parking arrangements around Stanhope Primary School. As you know, our school was designed as a green school with the intention that children and families would park further away and walk in. I appreciate this isn't always ideal and can make drop-off and pick-up more challenging for families, but this is the situation we're working with.

I've been in discussion with local residents and Wellesley, and they understand the parking situation. They have no issue with parents parking on the roads and in public spaces around the school. However, it has come to my attention that some parents are:

- Parking in residents' parking bays
- Parking inconsiderately on the road, which blocks or partially blocks residents' driveways

Please be mindful of where you park and ensure that:

- You avoid residents' designated parking bays (please look carefully and if in doubt, do not park there)
- You don't block or partially block driveways
- Any interactions with residents are respectful, as I have asked them to be with you

We all want the same thing – a safe, calm route to school for our children. Please can everyone do their bit to ensure this is the case. Remember, we're modelling behaviour for our children, and showing consideration for our neighbours is an important part of being a good community member. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

A Community Firework Display

The Cambridge Primary School, GU3 3DJ, host an annual fireworks display, which is supported by Grainger. It is a wonderful community event, with tickets at £3 per person. Gates open at 5pm and there are street vendors on site. The display usually starts around 6.30pm. We can highly recommend the event and would welcome you all to come along! [Click here for tickets and more information](#)

Applications for school places Sept 2026

We have started offering tours to parents who are looking at Reception places for September 2026. Please direct friends or families enquiring to our website, where they can find more information and book onto a tour!

Term dates for 2025-2026

[Click here to see term dates for 2026-2027](#)

Stanhope Primary School Term Dates 2025-2026

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 School Closed/Holidays

 INSET Day

 Bank Holiday