

School Newsletter – May 2026

Thank You!

As we reach the end of a very busy first half of the summer term, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work shown by all the children. This has been especially true for those year groups who have completed their SATs or who are preparing for the upcoming phonics screening checks and multiplication checks after half term.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful staff team for everything they have done this half term. Your commitment makes such a difference to the children every day.

Whole School Updates

- **Attendance** Our whole-school attendance continues to remain above the national average each week. Thank you to all families for helping us maintain this positive trend.
- **Walk to School Week** Thank you to everyone who supported Walk to School Week. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this healthy challenge.
- **Book Fayre** We are delighted to share that we raised just over £200 from our Spring Term Book Fayre. Thank you for your support—this will be used to top up our school library.
- **Climbing Wall Experience** Children in Years 1–6 had a brilliant opportunity to develop their resilience this half term as they tackled the climbing walls during their special activity day.
- **Year 4 Residential** Year 4 had a fantastic time on their overnight residential at Caythorpe, learning new skills and taking part in exciting outdoor adventure tasks.
- **Young Carers** Following my recent letter, we have identified additional children who are eligible as Young Carers. We will be planning some enjoyable activities for them next term to celebrate the support they provide to their families.
- **Open Classroom Events** It was lovely to see so many families attending our open classroom events to look at the children's work and celebrate their achievements.
- **BMX Assembly** The children were amazed in assembly this week when Mike Mullen demonstrated some of his impressive BMX tricks. His message about perseverance and practising until you improve was inspiring.
- **SATs Congratulations** A huge well done to both Year 2 and Year 6 for completing their SATs so positively. Thank you to Miss Dixon and all staff involved for supporting the children, providing breakfast each morning, and organising a wonderful end-of-SATs celebration. Year 6 will be bringing home their leavers' hoodies today - they are very excited!
- **Friends Committee** Thank you to the Friends Committee for their hard work, including the ever-popular doughnut sales. Frozen Friday will continue to the end of the summer term.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to share some staffing news for September:

- We will be welcoming two new teachers: Miss Goodliffe and Mrs Hayden.
- Mrs McEwen-Tardew will be joining us as a permanent member of staff following her excellent work covering maternity leave this year.
- Mr Parnwell, who has also been with us as a maternity cover teacher, will be heading abroad for a new adventure. We wish him every success.

Further staffing updates, including class allocations for next year, will be shared after half term once everything is finalised.

School Lunches

Please ensure all meals are paid for in advance. Accounts in arrears will not be able to book further hot dinners until outstanding balances are cleared.

Year 7 Transition Days

(A small number of secondary schools have not yet released their dates online)

- Stanground Academy and Nene Park Academy – 1 & 2 July 2026
- City of Peterborough Academy (CoPA) – 1 & 2 July 2026

PE Days - Summer Term (Second Half)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Reception Year 4 Year 6	Reception Year 2 Year 3 Year 5	Year 1 (dance) Year 2 (dance) Year 3 (cricket) Year 4 (cricket) Year 5 (cricket) Year 6 (cricket)	Year 1 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5

Warmer weather

Please ensure that during the upcoming half term children bring in a water bottle every day.

We will be relaxing our current 'water only' rule for water bottles. Children may now bring flavoured water or water with a very small amount of juice to drink throughout the day. We have made this change because some children are reluctant to drink plain water, and we want to ensure everyone stays properly hydrated.

As we are not able to provide juice in school, please ensure your child brings a bottle that contains enough drink for the day, unless they are happy to top it up with water later on.

Children may still bring a juice carton to have with their packed lunch if they wish.

Suncream should be applied before school on any days that may require it.

Sunglasses are not permitted in school for health and safety reasons but children are welcome to wear a sunhat outside (please avoid hats that have dangling strings around the neck area).

Advanced notice

From September 2026, all children in Reception to Year 4 will be required to bring a book bag to school instead of a rucksack. We have noticed a significant number of reading books becoming damaged when carried in rucksacks. Many of our books cost £6–£8 each, and after only a few days in a rucksack the covers often become bent or creased, making them less appealing for other children to read. Using book bags will help us protect our resources and keep cloakrooms tidier. Book bags with the school logo can be purchased directly from our uniform supplier, Chroma Sports, for £9.00. Children are welcome to bring a plain book bag (ideally red) if preferred.

Please ensure that water bottles are not placed inside book bags, as books can become water-damaged if bottles leak.

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 may continue to bring a rucksack, as they are more likely to travel to school independently by bike or scooter. However, we ask that rucksacks are kept as small as possible.

Diary Dates

June

- 1st – School reopens
- 3rd onwards – Year 6 Top-Up Swimming (whole class)
- 5th – Year 1 trip
- w/c 8th – Year 4 Multiplication Checks
- 9th and 10th – Year 1 (and identified Year 2) Phonics Screening Check
- 9th – PSP Meetings (by invitation) from 3.30pm
- 9th – Year 3 visit from The Drama Hut – Ancient Greece
- 9th – Year 5 visit from The Drama Hut - Tudors
- 11th – Hands on Science Workshop
- 12th – Reception trip
- 15th – Year 5 Class Assembly (9.00am)
- 16th – Father's Day Breakfast (8.45–9.45am)
- 16th - Key Stage 1 Interhouse competition
- 17th – New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting (5.15pm)
- 18th – Year 4 Class Assembly (9.00am)
- 19th - Year 2 trip
- 19th – Key Stage 2 Interhouse competition
- 22nd – Year 3 Class Assembly (9.00am)

- 23rd – Break the Rules Day
- 25th – Year 2 Class Assembly (9.00am)
- 25th – Year 5 trip
- 29th – Sports Day and picnic
- 30th – Reserve Sports Day (no picnic if this date is used)

July

- 1st - Move Up Afternoon
- 2nd – Year 1 Class Assembly (9.00am)
- 3rd – Summer Fayre (3.30–5.30pm)
- 6th – Reception Class Assembly (9.00am)
- 6th -Year 4 trip
- 7th – Field Events Day (Children to come in P.E. kit, n.b. This is not a parent event)
- 10th – Year 6 trip
- 15th – Reports sent home
- 15th - New Reception children in school 9.00am-12.00pm
- 16th – Rock Steady concert 2.30pm
- 17th – Year 6 Prom.
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- 20th – Last Day of Term & Leavers Assembly

Wishing you a wonderful half term!

Thank you for your continued support throughout this busy and productive half term. I would like to wish all of our families a restful break and a lovely holiday.

Good luck to Year 1 and Year 4 with their upcoming phonics and multiplication checks - keep practising little and often over the break to keep everything fresh.

Kind regards

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