



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another year at Stanton, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that we have achieved together. It has been another superb year for our school, filled with exciting developments, memorable experiences and, most importantly, happy and successful children.

One of the highlights of the year has been the continued development of our grounds and the expansion of our outdoor learning programme. We were delighted to celebrate this with our whole school trip to Puzzlewood a few weeks ago, which perfectly reflected our commitment to learning beyond the classroom. It is wonderful to see our children developing such a genuine love of learning and an appreciation of the many benefits that outdoor education can bring.

We have also seen the Playground Revolution grow providing children with even more opportunities for creativity, collaboration and active play. In Key Stage Two, the introduction of our new Media Literacy curriculum has been a great success, encouraging children to become thoughtful, critical thinkers who can confidently navigate the world around them.

We are incredibly proud of how well our new Reception children have settled into school life. A special thank you must go to our Year 5 children for being such outstanding buddies and for making our newest pupils feel so welcome as members of the Stanton family.

As you will see throughout the rest of this newsletter, it has been a very busy term packed full of enrichment opportunities. These experiences bring learning to life, broaden horizons and enhance the wide and varied curriculum that Stanton is so passionate about providing for every child.



There is certainly much to celebrate, including the fantastic achievements of our Year 6 pupils. We are extremely proud of their SATs results and, more importantly, of the resilience, determination and positive attitudes they have shown throughout their time at Stanton. We wish them every success and happiness as they move on to the next stage of their education.

At this time of year, we also say farewell to some valued members of our school community. Thank you to everyone who is leaving us for the friendship, commitment and support you have given to Stanton.

Finally, I would like to thank our entire school community: children, staff, governors, families and friends, for your unwavering support throughout the year. Stanton is a special place because of the people who make it what it is, and everything we achieve is very much a team effort.

Wishing you all a restful, happy summer break.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Matthews

Head of School

Goodbye to Mrs Harwood – Enjoy your retirement!

We would like to thank Mrs Harwood, whose contribution as a teaching assistant and ELSA has been truly invaluable. Her care, dedication and support for our children have made a lasting difference, and she will be greatly missed. While we will miss her enormously, we are delighted to know that she will be coming back to visit us.



END OF TERM WOODLAND WALK



As is our usual tradition, Stanton stomped their way up to the woods and spent a wonderful morning building dens, hunting for clues, and enjoying the great outdoors. It was a fantastic way to celebrate the end of term. A big thank you to Mrs. Breen for organising the event and to everyone who came along and made it so special!

House Points

HOUSE	ASH	BIRCH	OAK
OVERALL	3440	3388	3394

Congratulations to ASH House who are the winners for 2026!
Thank you to all our house captains for all their hard work this year.



End of term church service

This week we came together for our end of term church service. It was a wonderful celebration as the children thought about changes and how they help us grow. We enjoyed an array of musical performances, and a special thank you to Mrs Howarth and Mrs Plowright for leading them.



To mark the end of their primary school journey, Year 6 were presented with a wooden cross to help them as they take their next steps. Thank you to The Gauzebrook Group of Churches for their generosity and Becky Fisher for leading our service.

Year 6 Leavers

The Year 6 children enjoyed a special breakfast together before their leavers' assembly. Thank you Year 6, you have been a credit to the school. We will miss you but know you are ready for your next steps.



Each year we award cups the Dallyn cup for sporting achievements, the Parsons cup for contributions to music, the Pattison cup for effort & the Plumber cup for service to the community. Congratulations to this year's winners, very well deserved.



Key Stage 2 Production

Rhine class absolutely smashed their 'Star Warts' performance. They served up pure talent and aced every line. Every single child brought so much colour, talent, and personality to their roles. Well done Rhine Class!



CHOIR PERFORM AT CARE HOME & JOHN COLES PARK

Thank you to the choir who performed on a hot sunny afternoon at Athelstone House –the residents enjoyed the songs and your conversation. Thank you also to Mrs Howarth for leading the choir.



Our amazing choir also gave a brilliant performance alongside eight other local schools at John Cole's Park as part of a wonderful celebration of Songs of Friendship. It was such a lovely event to be part of and a great opportunity to celebrate music, friendship, and community together.



Sports Update

Wiltshire County Finals - School Games Competitions

This year, four of our sports teams managed to qualify for Wiltshire County Finals.

Y5/6 Dodgeball - On Thursday 4th June, we went to Chippenham Sports Dome to take part in the finals. The competition in this round was tough. They had to work hard to get a win and bounce back from a loss so they were ready to play again. The team managed to reach the medal matches, where they finished 3rd. Throughout the matches, they showed great determination and sportsmanship.

Y4/5 Orienteering - The first round of this competition took place at Lydiard Park on Tuesday 2nd June, where the children were taught how to navigate around two courses using a map. The team worked in pairs on a practise course before having to navigate a much larger course through woodlands and open land around the park. They worked well, achieving 3rd place in the competition and gaining the final qualifying spot for the Wiltshire County Finals. The same team attended Dauntsey's School for the County Finals on Tuesday 16th June. The pairs worked well to navigate a new course in very warm conditions and finished 5th overall.

Y4/5 Tri Golf - On Tuesday 30th June we made up two teams at Dauntsey's School. Each team competed in eight different mini golf games, trying to score as many points as they could. Some games focused on

accuracy and close control, whereas others focused on distance. All of the children enjoyed the activities, represented the school well and showed excellent teamwork.



Fortius PE Events

Y3/4 Quad Kids Athletics - On Tuesday 7th July a group of children went to Swindon County Ground Athletics Track to take part in a range of athletics events. Throughout the morning, in very warm conditions, they competed in a vortex howler throw, a standing long jump, a long-distance run and a sprint. It was a great opportunity for the children to put their learning in PE lessons into practise at a competition event.



Lacrosse Regionals

On Tuesday 9th June our lacrosse team went to Surrey Sports Park to participate in the Lacrosse Regionals competition. The competition was face-paced and tough but the team held their heads high, improving with each game they played. It was a great opportunity where the team could play in a high-level competition using fantastic facilities.

Sports Day

Our annual sports day was held on Friday 19th June which was filled with fun activities and races. In the morning we saw the year 5 and 6 children lead activities for the younger children which got everybody ready for the fun and competitive races that followed. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and it was a close competition between the houses - this year the sports day trophy went to Ash. It was great to see so many parents supporting their children throughout the day and joining in with the fun.



School Games Mark



At the end of each academic year, schools can apply for a school games mark which is a government-led award scheme that rewards and celebrates schools for their commitment to physical education (PE), school sport, and physical activity. It aims to help schools evaluate their sports provision, engage all student demographics, and ensure children are staying active.

This year, we achieved a **silver** award, which we are delighted with as it shows progress from last year's bronze award. We aim to continue improving our sport offer and will further encourage our children to be as active as possible both in and outside of school.

Thank Yous

As a school we have been very lucky to attend so many sporting events this year run by Fortius PE, School Games Organisers and Devizes Netball Club. Thank you to Mrs Matthews for letting us attend and represent the school at so many of these events. None of this would be possible without the tireless work that Mrs Edwards puts into ensuring that the parents and children have the correct information and can attend and get to the events. Finally, a big thank you to all the parents who have transported children to and from events this year so the school can be so well represented - it's great that we can work together as a community to make things happen.

Miss Hyde – Curriculum Lead for Sports

Dear School community

I find myself sitting in a heat wave, wondering how we got to the end of this academic year seemingly so quickly!

Another 6 terms have flown by but my goodness how much have the children, the staff and the school communities packing in to that time.

This has been another year of continued efforts and improvements in many areas of school life. The children have been brilliant with their attitudes not just to learning but also just as importantly, to one another and the wider environment and community.

I would like to say a huge thankyou to all the families for continuing to support children in school and the school itself. We have really benefited from families offering up time to help with reading, event organisation, transporting children, grounds work, sharing experiences with classes and much more. As ever, FOSS has been brilliant, organising lots of engaging fundraisers which not only help support ongoing projects but also provide even more enrichment for the children.

Of course, a massive thankyou to all our staff who work so hard to bring the curriculum to life and provide so many additional positive learning experiences to the pupils - learning is best when you don't even know you are learning because it is so much fun! We hope all the staff have a more than well deserved break over the summer.

We are saying goodbye from our governing board to Fiona Farquhar at the end of this term. Fiona has been on the governing board for 7 years which is a huge commitment to this voluntary role. Thank you for everything you have done to support our federation Fiona, we are so grateful and wish you the best for the future.

For our year 6's - good luck for the future, it has been a privilege for our school to watch you develop into the thoughtful and eager individuals you are. We hope your transition to your new schools is smooth and that new opportunities in both friendships and learning are abound.

All there remains to say, is we all wish you a joyous summer, we hope making great family memories along the way and look forward to seeing those of you returning, at the start of next year ready for lots more fun and learning.

Amber Batson
Chair of governors, LFSSQ federation

Darling Class Term 6

So, the end of the academic year is upon us and we want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for your continued help and support over this past year. We are really grateful for all you have done at home to support your child in their learning, it really has made a difference and is very much appreciated. We are so proud of the children and all they have achieved and we are excited for them to move onto the next stage in their learning.

It's been a busy term as usual but a few highlights include...

When we made a fruit crumble with Miss S and did a wonderful job of peeling, chopping, mixing, making the topping and following the recipe. We all tried some and most of us thought it was yummy and had seconds!



Our trip to Puzzlewood was a fantastic day out and we all had so much fun exploring, finding faces in nature and following the clues to find the magic key that would release Little Red Riding Hood's Grandma from the wolf's capture.



Reception have loved playing in the tuff tray and exploring the exciting things that have been set up.



We hope you all have a lovely summer and Mrs Hunter (along with Mrs Todd) very much look forward to seeing you all September. Mrs Breen will miss you all.

Amazon Class Term 6

What a busy (and very hot!) term it has been. Despite the soaring temperatures, the children have shown fantastic resilience, enthusiasm and determination throughout. We are incredibly proud of how well they have coped during the recent heatwave.

This term, we have immersed ourselves in all things **nature**. In English, we began by learning about **Sir David Attenborough** and his time studying mountain gorillas. This inspired some wonderful writing, allowing pupils to develop their descriptive and informative skills. We then turned our attention to **persuasive writing**, encouraging others to help save our planet. This linked beautifully with our class text, *Dear Earth*, and led to some thoughtful and creative descriptions celebrating our amazing planet.

In **Geography**, we have been busy using atlases to locate continents and countries within Africa. We explored both human and physical features, including major rivers, landscapes and height above sea level, developing our map-reading and geographical enquiry skills.

In **Mathematics**, we revisited fractions, building confidence and consolidating key knowledge ready for next year.



One of the highlights of the term was our fantastic trip to Puzzlewood. The children had a wonderful time exploring and learning outdoors, creating memories that I am sure will last for a long time.

We also enjoyed a very warm but thoroughly successful **Sports Day**. It was lovely to see the children giving their all, supporting one another and having fun. We even witnessed some impressive performances from a few grown-ups too—although I think the children may still have them beaten when it comes to speed and stamina!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to watch the children grow in confidence, knowledge and independence.

We wish you all a wonderful, restful summer break and look forward to welcoming the children back in September for another exciting year of learning.

Rhine Class - Term 6

What a fantastic term it has been for Rhine Class! We have packed so much learning, creativity and excitement into the final weeks of the school year, and the children should be incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

Our topic this term has been Space, and the children have loved exploring the wonders of our universe. A particular highlight was our visit from the Space Dome yesterday, where pupils were able to experience an immersive journey through space and learn more about planets, stars and galaxies.



In English, we enjoyed learning about the four remarkable women who played an important role in the Space Race. The children were fascinated by their achievements and created some fantastic fact files, combining research skills with informative writing.

Our work in Art focused on developing shading techniques. The children experimented with light and dark tones to create impressive space-themed artwork before using their new skills to produce some wonderful spacecraft pictures.

We also showed incredible teamwork and determination when preparing our production of Star Wars. In just a matter of days, the children worked tirelessly to learn lines, songs and staging, putting together a truly superb performance that they should be very proud of.

Another memorable experience was our fantastic trip to Puzzlewood, where the children enjoyed exploring the unique woodland environment and creating lasting memories with their friends.

Our Year 6 pupils have also been preparing for the next stage of their journey. They took part in Junior Good Citizens Day, learning valuable skills to help them stay safe and confident as they move into the wider world. We are incredibly proud of the maturity and enthusiasm they showed.

The children also enjoyed their transition days and moving-up morning, giving them the opportunity to meet new teachers, experience new classrooms and look forward to the exciting year ahead.

As the school year comes to an end, we would like to thank you for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence, resilience and independence throughout the year.

Well done, Rhine Class! We are so proud of everything you have achieved.

