



Friday Flyer

Stannard
school

Be kind - Try your best - Thrive



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Date: Friday 28th June 2024

Edition 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every fortnight, we will be sending home a 'Friday Flyer'. This is an opportunity for us to communicate and share all of the wonderful things that have happened and are upcoming.

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had.

This has included further visits from prospective pupils who will be starting with us in September. Feedback from visitors have been extremely encouraging, with one prospective pupils saying she wants to stay here all the time! In fact, it is not uncommon for our pupils to want to stay here longer when they are on a transition-in timetable.

Our sensory garden continues to flourish. Our pupils take great pride in maintaining it. Forest School lessons are now on the timetable and classes are receiving two sessions per week. Within Forest School, pupils learn about the importance of nature, entwined with conventional subjects from the national curriculum.

All pupils have been engaged in their reading. All pupils are baseline assessed for Reading at Stannard, and this information helps us identify how to help our pupils' reading skills, including blending sounds, fluency or inference. Pupils have two reading slots a day at school and have regular opportunities to visit our library, to read for pleasure.

Snowdrop Class

Snowdrop class is working amazingly well. We've been planting and will soon be studying wild and common plants for Science. This week we built our own den.



Den building in Snowdrops class

The class is succeeding in number bonds to 10, both adding and subtracting.

In English this week, we focused on reading and writing about caterpillars and butterflies.

For History, we're working on understanding past and present societies, including, with adult support, starting a fire using flint.



Snowdrops safely lit a fire using flint stones.



In DT, Snowdrops showcased their fine-motor skills by making monsters.

Bluebell Class

We have had a great fortnight in Bluebell class. In Science, we have been studying plant structure and function. We even created toxic plants! In Maths, we have been working on addition of three-digit numbers – using Maths lottery balls!



Bluebell class enjoying paying Maths lottery!

In English, we have been looking at non-fiction texts and creating personal profiles. Our highlight has been learning how to safely create a fire. We have undertaken risk assessment training, risk assessed the fire pit and collected kindling to prepare a fire. We have then lit the fire by ourselves, using flint stones.



Bluebell class risk-assessed, prepared and independently lit a fire.

Feature: Anti-Racism week 1st July – 5th July

Next week, we are highlighting the importance of anti-racism in schools and our community. Activities will include assemblies, PSHCE lessons and activities.

We have access to resources from this website.

[Primary \(KS1 and KS2\) lessons — Anti-Racism Education \(antiracism.education\)](https://antiracism.education)



As parents, you can help us to remind our young people that all forms of racism are unacceptable in Stannard School and in our community.

June Value: Resilience

Each month, we celebrate a 'value' in school. In June, the value has been resilience. As our pupils prepare for the end of the academic year, pupils are encouraged to be resilient and to keep on living our Stannard motto:

Work hard, try your best, thrive.



Final Thought

As we leave June behind, we continue to see lovely friendships flourish and confidence in our young people grow.

The learning experiences in the classroom are complemented by outdoor learning. As our pupils continue to grow, we are always seeking ways to improve in helping our learners flourish.

Remember, we are only a phone call or an email away, so if you do need to speak with myself or a member of the team, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,
Michael Davis
Headteacher

Term Dates



2024

Spring Term 2024

First day of term: Wednesday 31st January

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February

Last day of term: Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 2024

First day of term: Tuesday 16th April

Bank holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Last day of term: Friday 19th July