



We are kind - We show respect - We work hard - We are honest

Newsletter Autumn 1 2025 - No. 2

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Dear families,

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the Autumn Term! The past few weeks have been full of learning, laughter, and lots of exciting activities. Everyone has settled back into school life brilliantly, and it's been lovely to see children trying their best, supporting one another, and showing our school values every day.

From creative classroom projects to special events, there's been so much to celebrate already — and we're only halfway through the term! As the weather turns cooler and the leaves continue to fall, we're looking forward to even more learning, fun, and festive moments in the weeks ahead. A big thank you to all our pupils, families, and staff for making the first half of the term such a positive time.

Attendance

Good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their best at school. When pupils attend regularly, they build strong learning habits, keep up with classwork, and develop positive relationships with their teachers and friends. Every school day provides valuable opportunities for learning, growth, and confidence-building.

We understand that children may need time off when they are genuinely unwell, but aiming for consistent attendance makes a real difference to their progress and wellbeing. Our school's target is 96% attendance, and every day really does count — missing just one day every two weeks adds up to nearly two weeks of lost learning across the school year.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure your child is in school, on time, every day.

Open Days

Throughout November we will be hosting a series of open days for any parents that have children who will start in Reception in September 2026. Any child who turns five between September 2026 and August 2027 begins school in September 2026. The times and dates of the open days are listed below. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a slot on one of our open days.

Reading

At Standhill Infants' School we believe that reading is an important lifelong skill. Please read with your child regularly, at least three times a week. Please record any reading your child does in their reading diary.

Smart homework – Key Stage 1 – Classes 2,3,4

We're excited to introduce new Smart homework challenges, which will be sent home midway through each term. Each Smart homework will include a range of activities linked to your child's topic.

Children choose one challenge to complete over the half term break. When they return to school, their completed work will be celebrated in a special assembly, giving everyone a chance to share their amazing work with the whole school.

Keep an eye out for the Smart Homework challenges – we can't wait to see the creative ideas our children come up with!

Parking

The school car park is for staff and visitors only. If you bring your children to school in the car, please park in the road (be mindful of pedestrians, zig-zag markings, double yellow lines and do not block drives). There is also a free car park at the end of Standhill Road.

P.E Kits

P.E days are on Wednesday and Friday every week. Please can children wear plain black or dark blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms with a white t-shirt. A plain black or dark blue hoodie can also be worn in winter too. Please no football tops or logoed t-shirts.

PTA

The parent-teacher association (PTA) have kindly organised two pub quizzes to raise money for the school. The first general pub quiz will be held on Tuesday 11th November at 8pm and the second family friendly music quiz will be on Sunday 23rd November at 4pm. Both quizzes will be at the Brickyard pub at the end of Standhill Road and will be run by the pub landlord. Thank you to the staff at the Brickyard pub for hosting and running these events.

Water bottles

Please continue to bring water bottles into school. Please can I remind you that bottles should be filled with water not juice or squash.

Kind regards,

Mr T Fennell,
Headteacher

Date	Activity
Friday 17th October	Last day of Autumn 1
Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October	School closed for two weeks-half term holiday
Monday 3rd November	<i>Inset Day school closed for all children</i>
Thursday 6 th November	Mr Pepper and F2 'Superheroes' film after school (letter to follow).
Friday 7 th November	Mr Pepper and KS1 'The Great Fire of London' film after school (letter to follow).
Tuesday 11 th November – 4pm	Key Stage 1 Indoor Athletics at Arnold Hill (letter to follow)
Thursday 13 th November – 3:30pm to 4:30pm	School Open Day for children starting Reception in September 2026
Tuesday 18 th November – 9:30am to 10:30am	School Open Day for children starting Reception in September 2026
Monday 24 th November – 1:30pm to 2:30pm	School Open Day for children starting Reception in September 2026
Tuesday 2 nd December	Peter Pan Pantomime visits the school (letter already sent out)
Thursday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas Nativity Play am and pm (letter to follow)
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Wear your Christmas jumper to school
Tuesday 16 th December	F2 Christmas Nativity Play am (letter to follow)

Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn 2
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	School closed for the Christmas holidays
Monday 5 th January	School reopens for Spring 1 2026

More dates will follow throughout the Autumn term when new events are organised.

Events happening in the local area

FREE

FAMILY FRIENDLY

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**HALLOWEEN PARK
IN THE DARK**

OCTOBER 31ST 4-5.30PM

KING GEORGE V PARK,
STANDHILL RD, PARK
ENTRANCE

PARK OPEN LATE, INCLUDES
TREATS FOR ALL AGES

**OPTION TO PURCHASE
TORCHES & BUCKETS**

**DONATIONS
WELCOMED**