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Newsletter Autumn 2 2025 - No. 3

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Dear families,

I can't believe how quickly the term is moving and how much we have already done in the school. I have really enjoyed getting to know you all and the Mr Pepper performances on the hall screen was a real highlight for me. This newsletter contains a little more information about upcoming changes and events.

Redevelopment of the school building

As you may be aware via online press articles the school will be receiving a substantial amount of money to modernise the building. The development of the building will include a new boiler, heating system, bin shed, re-decoration, carpets, lights and lowered ceilings. I will let you know more information in the new year.

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. If your child reads three times in a week, they will receive a sticker for their bookmark and a raffle ticket. The raffle ticket will be placed in box and if your child's name is pulled out of the box, at the end of the week, they will receive a small prize.

Behaviour System

We will soon be introducing a new behaviour system, please keep a look out for a letter explaining our new behaviour system and how it works.

Pantomime

The Peter Pan Pantomime show will be visiting Standhill on 2nd December. If you have not yet made your contribution, please do so via Scopay—any voluntary donation is greatly appreciated. Due to the limited size of our school hall, we are unable to accommodate all pupils, staff, and performers. Therefore, the pantomime will now take place at St John's Church on Standhill Road. The children will walk to the church, enjoy the performance, and walk back to school afterwards. They will return before the end of the school day.

Cake Sale

The cake sale was a wonderful success, raising over £140 for the school. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed—whether by baking, donating, helping on the stall, or simply enjoying a treat. Your support made the event truly special.

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.

Nativities

The children are busy rehearsing for their nativity performances. This year, there will be one performance for class 1 (Foundation Stage) and three performances for classes 2,3 and 4 (Years 1 and 2).

In class 1, there is one performance, and each family may request up to two tickets per child.

In classes 2, 3 and 4 there are three performances, each family may request up to two tickets per child. These tickets may be used for the same performance or split across any of the three performances.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Children in Need ‘wear something spotty’ day. We raised £86.50 for the charity.

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.

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
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 already sent out)
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – Wear your Christmas jumper to school Added performance: KS1 Christmas Nativity Play pm (letter already sent out)
Tuesday 16 th December	F2 Christmas Nativity Play am (letter already sent out)
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Party
Friday 19th December	Last day of Autumn 2
Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd 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.