



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

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Dear families,

As we welcome the warmer weather, it has been lovely to see the sun shining and the children enjoying brighter days at school. The term has already been full of exciting events, including our celebrations for Comic Relief and a fantastic World Book Day, where the children looked amazing dressed as their favourite book characters. It has been a joyful and busy start to the season, and we are looking forward to all the fun and learning still to come.

General attendance

Regular school attendance is vital to children's learning, wellbeing, and overall development. Every day in school matters — not just for academic progress, but for building routines, friendships, confidence, and a sense of belonging. We understand that children will sometimes have minor colds, including coughs and sneezes, which are a normal part of growing up and seasonal changes. In most cases, these mild symptoms are not a reason to miss school, and children are much better supported by being in class, learning alongside their peers. We ask families to support good attendance so every child can thrive.

Holidays in term time

As we look ahead to the summer months, we would like to remind parents and carers of the importance of planning family holidays during the designated school holiday periods rather than during term time. Regular attendance plays a crucial role in children's learning, progress, and wellbeing, and time missed from school can have a significant impact.

Please note that, in line with updated Department for Education guidance, the school's attendance policy has been revised. As a result, holidays taken during term time will not be authorised, and a fixed penalty notice will be issued via Nottinghamshire County Council.

We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain high attendance and ensure that every child is able to make the most of their learning opportunities.

Wraparound Care

As you already know, I have appointed TB Sports to run our wraparound care from September 2026. If you haven't already, please fill in the parent survey so TB Sports can create the wraparound provision right for Standhill:

Link: [TB Sports](#)

Comic Relief

We raised £94 for comic relief, thank you to all those families who donated.

Relationships in School

We have recently noticed that some of the children have been referring to each other as "boyfriend" and "girlfriend." While we understand that this can be a normal part of children exploring friendships and relationships at this age, we are gently discouraging this language, as it can sometimes lead to misunderstandings or feelings such as jealousy. Instead, we are encouraging all children to focus on building positive, inclusive friendships with one another. We would greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home, helping the children to understand the importance of kindness, respect, and friendship as they continue to grow.

Neurodiversity Week

Our KS1 children had a wonderful time learning about and celebrating Neurodiversity Week in school. Through stories, discussions, and creative activities, they explored how everyone's brain works in unique and special ways. The children showed kindness, curiosity, and respect as they talked about differences and similarities, learning that being different is something to be celebrated. It was inspiring to see their growing understanding of inclusion and the importance of supporting one another in our school community.

The School Build

The school building project started this week. During this project, the car park will be used by contractors and will not be accessible, so families should use the main pedestrian gate. Work has begun in the basement, and some classes will temporarily move rooms, including Mrs Wardell's class relocating into the spare classroom while their classroom is redeveloped first. The project will continue in phases through the summer term, with different classrooms and areas of the school being updated, including the hall and other spaces during the summer holidays. Please see the letter sent out on the 20th March for more information. I will keep you updated as the building project continues.

Central Heating in School

Due to the building work and the installation of a new heating system, there will be no heating available in school for a while. As the weather is becoming warmer, we expect the building to remain at a comfortable temperature. However, please ensure your child brings a school jumper on days when it is particularly cold.

Friends of Standhill Infants' School

PTFA
Parent Teacher Friends Association



We are a very small but enthusiastic group of Volunteers, who collectively form the Parent Teacher Friends Association of Standhill Infants School.

We are at the very beginning of our Association, which we hope, with the passage of time, will blossom into a larger, vibrant group of Volunteers.

Our aim is to enhance the lives of the pupils by purchasing much needed additional outdoor and sensory equipment. This cannot happen overnight, and will be a costly exercise, but will be well worth it for the children, who are commencing their journeys through school life.

We are hoping that there may be readers of this Notice who would like to join our Volunteers, we are looking for individuals who can offer even a small amount of their time, and indeed their ideas, for fund raising activities.

Positive Thoughts Fuel Achievements.

Thank you so much for your time in considering this Notice. If you can help in any way, we would love to hear from you, and you may contact us on

standhillpta@gmail.com

Thank you

A special thank you to the following companies and people who donated to our Easter raffle prizes:

- Tesco Extra – Carlton Hill
- Tesco Superstore – Carlton
- Morrisons – Netherfield
- Louis's Mum and Dad in Class 1
- William's Nana and Grandad in Class 2

Thank you to the volunteers in the PTA for organising the Easter raffle too. You are all superstars!

Diary Dates

Date	Activity
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026	School closed for the Easter holidays
Monday 13th April 2026	School reopens for Summer 1 2026
Thursday 23 rd April 2026	KS1 Cross Country at Robert Mellors – letter to follow
Monday 27 th April 2026	Phonics ELS presentation – letter to follow
Tuesday 28 th April 2026	Road Safety Talk with all classes
Monday 18 th May 2026	Walk to School Week – letter to follow
Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026	School closed for half term break
Thursday 4 th June 2026	Whole class photos

More dates will follow as the term progresses.

Other announcements

Friends of Valley Road Playing Grounds (NG3 6HW) needs your help.

Save the date - our 2026 summer fair will be on Saturday 25 July.

We have applied for funding from Jigsaw Homes Foundation. Hopefully we will get to go to the residents vote sometime in April.

Please like this post / share with anyone you know who lives in a Jigsaw property near the park and ask them to follow this page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofvalleyroadplayinggrounds/permalink/1306108798025556/>

If you would like to volunteer at the summer fair, please email friendsofvalleyroadpg@gmail.com

Have a fun and restful Easter break,

Kind regards,
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Headteacher