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Newsletter Summer 1 2026 - No. 8

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Dear families,

We would like to warmly welcome everyone back after the Easter break. We hope you all had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed a well-deserved rest with family and friends. It has been lovely to see the children return so positively last week—they have settled back in brilliantly and already seem ready and eager to learn.

General attendance

Regular school attendance is so important for every child's learning, progress and wellbeing. We would like to remind families that holidays during term time will not be authorised, and a fixed penalty notice will be issued via Nottinghamshire County Council.

We understand that children sometimes have minor colds, coughs or sneezes, but in most cases these mild symptoms are not a reason to stay off school. Children are often better being in class, learning alongside their friends and keeping to their usual routine. Thank you for supporting good attendance so that every child has the best chance to thrive.

Outdoor Classroom

Before school starts, we have noticed that some of the children are climbing through the holes in the plastic window sheeting in the outdoor classroom. Please can you ensure that your child does not climb through these holes as it is a health and safety risk and the holes are becoming worse. Please keep your child close by whilst you wait for school to start.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to the PTA who put on the Easter Raffle on the last day of the Spring term. We raised £167! Thank you to everyone who donated and for all those who contributed sweets and easter eggs for the raffle.

The School Build

The school building project began last week, and the builders have already made a great start. So far, the builders have completed a significant amount of work, in class 3, above head height and have now started work in the school car park. Please continue to use the main pedestrian gate at the front of the building to access the rear playground. The project is currently on schedule, and I will continue to keep you updated as work progresses.

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.

New School Website

We are excited to share that our new school website will be launching on 1st May. The new site has been designed to be more user-friendly, making it easier for families to find important information, news and updates. Once it goes live, we encourage all parents and carers to take a look and spend

some time navigating the website so you can become familiar with everything it has to offer. We hope you find it a helpful and useful resource.

Phonics Presentation

On Monday 27th April at 3:45pm, we will be hosting a phonics presentation in the school hall where you can learn about our new phonics programme, ELS. During this session, you will have the opportunity to learn more about how we teach phonics in school and gain a clear understanding of how the scheme works. We will also share practical ideas and guidance on how you can support your child's reading and phonics development at home.

If needed, childcare will be available during the meeting for children from Standhill, along with their older siblings from Portchester. Please note that children younger than Standhill age will need to remain with their parent(s)/carer(s) and be supervised throughout the session.

During the above meeting we will also discuss the upcoming phonics screening check for year 1 and some year 2 children. If your child is in year 1, it would be beneficial if you attended the meeting so you could learn about this important phonics check.

Friends of Standhill Infants' School



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

Diary Dates

Date	Activity
Monday 27 th April 2026	Phonics ELS presentation at 3:45pm in the school hall
Tuesday 28 th April 2026	Road safety talk with all classes – letter to follow with full details.
Thursday 30 th April 2026	Active travel audit and survey
Friday 1 st May 2026	New school website launch
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
Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	KS1 Football at Arnold View – letter to follow
Thursday 4 th June 2026	Whole class photos
Monday 8 th June 2026	Phonics screening check week 1
Friday 12 th June 2026	Whole school sports day
Monday 15 th June 2026	Phonics screening check week 2
Friday 26 th June 2026	Transition visit to Porchester for Year 2 – Walk around the school site/tour.
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Transition visit to Porchester – Year 2 – Letter to follow. Class swap day for the whole school.
Thursday 16 th July 2026	Summer picnic – Families are welcome on the field for a summer picnic – Letter to follow
Thursday 16 th July 2026	KS1 Quad Kids at Arnold View – Letter to follow
Friday 17 th July 2026	Reports are sent home.
Monday 20 th July 2026	Year 2 Leavers’ assembly will take place at 2:00pm outdoors, weather permitting. If the weather is wet, we will rearrange the assembly for Thursday 23rd July at 2:00pm. Letter to follow.
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Open afternoon at 2pm to look at your child’s books and to discuss the school report if needed – letter to follow

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 25th July.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mr T Fennell
Headteacher