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Newsletter Summer 1 2026 - No. 9

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Dear families,

I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather we've been having recently — it certainly makes a welcome change from the rain and chilly weather we have had recently. This half term has flown by, and it's hard to believe we are already approaching the final half term before the summer holidays. Please find below our latest news and announcements.

### **General attendance**

Thank you to all parents for ensuring that their children attend school regularly. Your continued support is making a real difference to our whole-school attendance, and we greatly appreciate your commitment. The class with the best attendance this half term is class 3. Well done!

Please remember that regular school attendance is so important for learning, progress and wellbeing. School 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.

### **Morning start**

Thank you to all the parents for supervising their children and keeping them close by before school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

As the playground can become very busy, we kindly ask that children avoid playing games or energetic play in crowded areas to help keep everyone safe and prevent accidents. Thank you.

### **The School Build**

The school building project is still progressing well. The builders have completed class 3 and have moved on to our spare classroom. They have also completed some work in the car park and work in the basement. 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.

### **New School Website**

Our new school website has now been launched, please take a look and familiarise yourself with the new format.

### **Phonics Screening Check**

From 8th June, our Year 1 children, along with some Year 2 children, will be taking part in the national Phonics Screening Check. This short assessment helps teachers understand how well children are developing their phonics and early reading skills by asking them to read a mixture of real and nonsense words. The check is completed in a calm, supportive environment with a familiar adult, and we encourage families to continue enjoying regular reading and phonics practice at home to help build children's confidence and fluency.

## **P.E kits**

Recently we have noticed that children are arriving in PE kit that doesn't follow our school policy. Please ensure that your child arrives for P.E in the following clothing:

PE  <b>Name everything!</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White t-shirt (with or without logo)</li><li>• Royal blue or black shorts</li><li>• Plimsols or trainers</li></ul> <p>For outdoors on colder days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long joggers/leggings preferably blue or black</li><li>• Long sleeved sweatshirt/hoody/zip up top preferably blue or black</li><li>• Royal blue drawstring bag</li><li>• All jewellery must be removed before any PE lessons</li><li>• Earrings can be covered with plasters/micropore tape if necessary (please provide your own and put in the PE bag)</li></ul>	Any major retailer or Just-Schoolwear / Schoolwear Solutions  School office or Just-Schoolwear / Schoolwear Solutions
Footwear	Plain black flat shoes	Any major retailer

## **Free fruit for schools**

We were delighted to receive a surprise delivery from Tesco this week. Standhill Infants had been nominated to receive free fruit for schools as part of a programme designed to provide schools with fresh fruit and vegetables, helping thousands of children enjoy more of their 5-a-day. Thank you to Tesco and the person who nominated us.



## **Year 2 leavers T-shirts**

Earlier this week, the office sent out a link for ordering Year 2 leavers' t-shirts. The form asks you to choose your preferred colour and size. If you haven't already completed it, please do so using the link that was sent to you. Please let the school office know if you can't access the link.

## **Non-school uniform day**

The PTFA have organised a non-school uniform day on Monday 15th June to celebrate the World Cup and raise funds for the school. Children are invited to come to school wearing a football kit or sportswear to join in the fun.

We kindly ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 to support the event. Thank you for your continued support.

## **T-Shirt for Maria**

As you know, Maria, our wonderful lollipop lady, will be taking part in the Robin Hood Half Marathon on Sunday 27th September 2026. She has chosen to run in support of Standhill Infants' School and raise money for the school.

A few weeks ago, we sent home a competition entry form inviting the children to design a picture for Maria's running t-shirt. If you have not already done so, please return the completed form along with a £1 entry fee to take part in the competition. The competition winner will be announced soon.

## Friends of Standhill Infants' School

PTFA  
Parent Teacher Friends Association



Parents, grandparents and guardians! We need your help, please.

We are currently in the process of organising some events, and are in need of items for raffles, teddy tombolas etc.

This is where you come in. Do you have any soft toys, particularly teddy bears, which are in good condition, that your child or children no longer play with?

Additionally, we are hoping that some of you may have second hand items of school uniform, in good condition, which we could sell.

The uniform sale and teddy tombola will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at Standhill Park (picnic in the park event)

In either instance, we would love to hear from you!

You may contact us via email at [standhillpta@gmail.com](mailto:standhillpta@gmail.com) or by telephone on 07405 019180. Alternatively, any donations may be delivered to the school, where Mrs Rickman or Mrs Street will be happy to receive them.



Thank you so much.

Friends of Standhill.



### Diary Dates

Date	Activity
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>School closed for half term break</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	KS1 Football at Arnold View – letter to follow
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Phonics screening check week 1
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Whole school sports day – letter to follow
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Phonics screening check week 2
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Non-School Uniform Day – please see details above.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Transition visit to Porchester for Year 2 – Tour of the school.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Transition visit to Porchester – Year 2 – Letter to follow. Class swap day for the whole school.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Summer picnic – Families are welcome on the field for a summer picnic – Letter to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	KS1 Quad Kids at Arnold View – Letter to follow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Reports are sent home.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 2 Leavers' assembly will take place at 2:00pm outdoors, weather permitting. <b><i>If the weather is wet, we will have the assembly in St John's Methodist church on Standhill Road.</i></b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> July.

If you would like to volunteer at the summer fair, please email [friendsofvalleyroadpg@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofvalleyroadpg@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful half term break.

Kind regards,  
Mr T Fennell  
Headteacher