

Newsletter Friday 20th February 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to wish everyone a really great half term holiday! See you back in school on Monday 2nd March 2026.

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day and to celebrate we would like our children to come to school dressed in their Pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story book with them.

In addition, we will be holding a 'Book Swap' where children can bring in books they no longer want and can swap them for new books. There will be lots of fun activities taking part in learning zones across the school.

Hip Hop Dance Workshop for Ruby Learning Zone

On Wednesday 11th March our Year 3 & 4 children in Ruby will be taking part in a Hip Hop Dance workshop delivered by Highlights. Please ensure your child is wearing their PE kit and suitable trainers.

Mothers' Day Stay & Play

Our EYFS team would like to invite parents/carers to attend a Mothers' Day Stay and Play session, including afternoon tea on Thursday 12th March at 2pm.

Residential Trip to York

Mrs Green is holding a briefing session for parents/carers on Thursday 12th March at 5pm. Please come along to learn more and ask any questions about the residential.

Easter Childcare Fundraising Event

Following the success and popularity of our Christmas Childcare Fundraising Event, we are offering an Easter themed Childcare event on Monday 23rd March from 3.15pm till 6.30pm at a cost of £10 per child. Please book via the school office as soon as possible.

Stanhope's Got Talent

We will be holding the final Stanhope's Got Talent competition on Friday 27th March 2026 with auditions being held in the two weeks prior to that date. We all love this annual event as

it showcases some amazing skills and talents of our children and helps to develop their confidence and resilience. We can't wait!

Increase in price of School Meals

Please see letter on website from Durham Local Authority outlining the increase in school meals from £2.95 to £3.08 with effect from 20th April 2026. This price is fixed until 31st March 2027.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day

Thursday 12th March: Briefing for Residential trip to York parents

Week commencing 16th March will be parent/carer parent appointments – dates will be sent out after half term.

Week commencing 16th March is Neurodiversity Celebration Week across school

Friday 20th March 2026 – Comic Relief

Monday 23rd March 2026 – STEM Week

Easter Childcare event (3:15-6:30pm)

Friday 27th March: Stanhope's Got Talent

If there is anything you would like to discuss, do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,
Sofia Gurbillon
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