

Newsletter Friday 13th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Mother's Day Stay and Play on Thursday 12th March in Amethyst Learning Zone. So many delicious snacks and it was really great to see everybody having a lovely time!



Parents' evening

We are holding parents' evening on the week commencing on Monday 16th March. If you have not managed to book an appointment, please contact the office and I can help you book it.

Red Nose Day-Comic Relief

On Friday 20th March, we will be supporting RND. Children can come into school wearing non uniform with something red to help celebrate the day. Children can bring £1 donation, and we have a collection bucket available in the morning for all donations

If you would prefer to donate directly online, please use the following link:

https://donation.comicrelief.com/?cartId=rnd26&_gl=1*_qgen8g*_qcl_au*MTQ2MDQ5MTg4OC4xNzczMzk5NzMw

Tennis Festival -Ruby LZ

Ruby Learning Zone will be attending a Tennis Festival next Tuesday 17th March at Parkside Academy.

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit and that they have a bottle of water.

The bus leaves at 9.00am so can you please ensure your child is in school for 8.45am to allow us time to take the register and walk down to the bus.

Children will return to school before lunchtime.

Rocksteady concert

We would like to invite all parents who have a child playing for Rocksteady band to attend the concert on Wednesday 18th March at 9:10am. We are looking forward to seeing you and enjoy the music from the band!

Stanhope Silver Band

Can we please ask if you have an instrument from Stanhope Silver Band to return by Thursday 19th March as they are coming to our school to collect them. Thank you so much.

Easter Childcare Fundraising Event

Gentle reminder that 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, or multiple children for £15. Please book your place on ParentPay.

STEM week

We have prepared lots of fun activities for our Science week. Children will be able to measure: which teacher is the loudest? What happens to a teacher's favourite biscuit when it meets water? Each learning zone has a different activity prepared. We will share all the fun we have in our Facebook page.

Stanhope's Got Talent

We are currently holding auditions for our ever-popular "Stanhope's Got Talent" competition. We will let parents know if your child has got a place in the final, and you will be invited to come on Friday 27th March at 2pm.

Increase in price of School Meals

This was mentioned on the previous newsletter, however, this is a gentle reminder of the price increase on school meals from £2.95 to £3.08 with effect from 20th April 2026. This price is fixed until 31st March 2027.

This is a decision across all schools in county Durham. For more information you can go to our website.

Dates for the Diary

Week commencing 16th March is Neurodiversity Celebration Week across school and Parents' evening.

Friday 20th March 2026 – Comic Relief

Monday 23rd March 2026 – STEM Week

Monday 23rd March 2026 - Easter Childcare event (3:15-6:30pm)

Thursday 26th March – Durham Fire Service assembly. Easter Arson campaign. All school

Friday 27th March: Stanhope's Got Talent: The Final

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

Best wishes,
Sofia Gurbillon
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