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Dear Parent/Carers

2nd September 2026

Re: Welcome Back

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and enjoyed some time together as a family. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school and beginning another busy and exciting year at Stanhope.

The start of a new school year is always a special time, and staff have been working hard to make sure everything is ready for the children's return. We know there are a few changes to our usual arrangements this term, so please take a moment to read through the important information below.

Temporary Classroom

As you will be aware, following the flooding in school at the end of last term, a temporary classroom has been installed on the school yard for our Ruby class. Miss Wilson has worked so hard to make the classroom welcoming and will be there to welcome the children into their new classroom on the first morning back and help everyone settle into the new arrangements. For Ruby pupils, morning drop-off and home-time collection will take place on the school yard, directly outside the temporary classroom door.

We appreciate that the temporary classroom means things will look and feel a little different around school for a while, and we thank everyone for their patience and understanding while the necessary works continue.

Uniform

We would like to remind families that children should return to school wearing full school uniform. Children should also come to school wearing their correct PE kit on their designated PE days (see below). For safety reasons, children should only wear small stud earrings to school. No other jewellery should be worn.

As the temporary classroom has reduced the amount of playground space available, we will be making greater use of the school field half term, even in wet weather.

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We therefore ask that every child brings a named pair of wellies into school, which can remain in school ready for outdoor activities.

All children should also bring:

- A suitable school bag
- A named water bottle
- Wellies suitable for outdoor use

Please ensure that clothing, footwear, bags and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name wherever possible.

PE / Swimming Days

Children should come to school wearing their school PE kit on their allocated PE days. Our PE timetable for this half term is as follows:

Amethyst: Friday

Sapphire: Friday

Ruby: Thursday

Emerald: Monday and Tuesday

Diamond: Thursday

Swimming will continue to take place on Tuesday mornings, with Diamond class swimming during the first term, starting on Tuesday 8th September.

Diamond Class Teacher

Unfortunately, Miss Brew has been unable to start with us as planned. We appreciate that this may be disappointing for some of our Year 6 children; however, we are very pleased to welcome Mrs Darwin, who will be joining us as their class teacher for this half term.

Mrs Darwin has shared some information about photographs about herself so the children can familiarise themselves with her before tomorrow, which is attached to this letter.

Diary Dates

Dates for the school year are attached to this letter. As always, extra dates are added and will be communicated throughout the year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Green

Mrs A Green
Acting Head Teacher

Stanhope Barrington CofE Primary School

Dates for Parents/Carers throughout the Year

Correct as of 6th September 2026

NB: These dates are subject to change and further dates and events will inevitably be added during the year.

Further details of ALL events will be posted on our website, calendar and noticeboard. Reminder texts will be sent nearer the time of each event.

Date	Time	Event	Learning Zone
08.09.26	8.45am	Diamond start swimming lessons	Diamond
16.09.26	All Day	National Fitness Day	ALL
25.09.26	2.30pm	MacMillan Cancer Coffee Event	ALL
30.09.26	All Day	Flu Vaccinations in school	ALL
02.10.26	2pm	Harvest Festival	ALL
09.10.26	All Day	World Mental Health Day	ALL
12.10.26	All Week	Black History Week	ALL
14.10.26	All Day	Individual photos	ALL
22.10.26	All Day	Halloween Day including fancy dress & scary lunch	ALL
22.10.26	3.25pm	Break up for Half Term	ALL
02.11.26	8.50am	Children return to school	ALL
09.11.26	All Week	War Week	ALL
11.11.26	All Day	Remembrance Event in school	ALL
13.11.26	All Day	Children in Need Day	ALL
16.11.26	All Week	Anti-Bullying Week	ALL
16.11.26	All Day	Odd Sock Day	ALL
23.11.26	All Week	Parliament Week	Ruby, Emerald & Diamond
26.11.26	All Day	Bake Sale	ALL
27.11.26	TBC	Light up the Dale	ALL
30.11.26	All Week	Parent/Carer Appointments	ALL
02.12.26	10 am	Christmas Pantomime	ALL
07.12.26	3:15-6pm	Christmas Shopping evening	ALL
10.12.26	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day	ALL
15.12.26	2pm	KS2 Christmas Performance	Diamond and Emerald
16.12.26	2pm	Ruby and Sapphire Christmas Performance	Ruby and Sapphire
16.12.26	12noon	Christmas Lunch in school	ALL
17.12.26	2pm	EYFS Christmas Performance	Opal & Amethyst

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18.12.26	3.25pm	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS	ALL
04.01.27	8.50am	Children return to school	ALL
01.02.27	All Month	LGBT History Month	ALL
03.02.27	All Day	World Read Aloud Day	ALL
05.02.27	All Week	Chinese New Year	ALL
08.02.27	All Week	Online Safety Week	ALL
09.02.27	3.15pm	EY/KS1 Valentine's Disco	Opal, Amethyst & Sapphire
09.02.27	All Day	Internet Safety Day	ALL
11.02.27	3.30pm	KS2 Valentine's Disco	Ruby, Emerald & Diamond
12.02.27	3:25 PM	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM	ALL
22.02.27	8.50am	Children Return to School	ALL
04.03.27	All Day	World Book Day	ALL
08.03.27	All Week	STEM Week	ALL
15.03.27	All Week	Neurodiversity Celebration Week	ALL
15.03.27	All Week	Parent/carer Appointments	ALL
19.03.27	PM	Red Nose Day	ALL
22.03.27	3:15-6pm	Easter childcare evening	ALL
24.03.27	All Day	Easter Raffle/competitions	ALL
25.03.27	2pm	Easter Service	
25.03.27	03:25	CHILDREN BREAK UP FOR EASTER	ALL
12.04.27	8.50am	Children return to school	ALL
10.05.27	All Week	Year 6 SATs Week	Diamond
28.05.27	3:25pm	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM	ALL
07.06.27	8.50am	Children Return to School	ALL
07.06.27	All Week	Y4 Multiplication Checks	Year 4
07.06.27	All Month	GRTSB Month	ALL
11.06.27	2PM	Colour Run	A
14.06.27	All Week	Phonics Screening Checks	Year 1 children & Year 2 retakes
17.06.27	2 days	Residential trip to Edinburgh	Emerald and Diamond
02.07.27	1:15pm	Summer Fair	ALL
08.07.27	9.30AM	Early Years & KS1 Sports Day	Opal, Amethyst & Sapphire
08.07.27	2PM	KS2 Sports Day	Ruby, Emerald & Diamond
09.07.27	ALL DAY	School closed. Staff training	ALL
12.07.27	3.15pm	End of Year Reports to Parents	ALL
21.07.27	3:25pm	BREAK UP FOR SUMMER	ALL

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All About Me: Mrs Darwin



Hello, my name is Mrs Darwin, and I am delighted to be teaching Year 6.

I absolutely love teaching and the children I work with bring me so much joy. I feel incredibly privileged to support children as they learn, grow and develop into confident, independent young people.

I constantly strive to provide the very best education for every child in my care. My aim is to create a positive, engaging and nurturing classroom where every child feels safe, cared for, valued and happy while they are at school.

I believe that children learn best when they feel secure, supported and encouraged to believe in themselves. I will work hard to help every child reach their full potential, celebrate their achievements and encourage them to embrace challenges with confidence.

I've been a teacher for over 13 years and have taught across many different year groups in Key Stage 2. My first job was in a school in Chester Le Street. Since then, I have taught in South Moor and Dipton before becoming a teacher at Stanhope Barrington. My favourite subjects to teach are English, Maths and Science. I love reading and telling stories.



Outside of school I like to keep fit. My son and I often go bike riding, and I enjoy going for walks around parks and woodlands. As a family we love spending time together riding bikes, going on holidays and camping adventures.