Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2026

Thank you to all the parents that attended the PTA meeting on Tuesday 20th October, they came prepared and had so many good ideas for this year. If you want to be part of the group, please join us on Tuesday 3rd November as we will be discussing all things Christmas and future events!

Ruby Learning Zone

We're pleased to share that the flood repair and refurbishment works will be completed during the half-term break, ready for the children to return to their learning zone after the holiday.

It will be lovely to welcome the children back into their newly refurbished classrooms and get them settled back into their usual space.

From the first day back, Ruby children should be dropped off through the main door next to the Ruby Learning Zone, where Miss Wilson will be there to greet you!

Unscripted Portraits

As mentioned on previous newsletters and emails, if you did not sign up for the gallery with Unscripted, you will only receive an individual photo of your child, regardless of if they have siblings in school.

Cards with QR code will be sent and emailed after half term.

Save the date – Christmas Afternoon Tea

This year, with support from the Friends of Stanhope Barrington, we are very excited to be hosting our very first Christmas Afternoon Tea! This will take place in school on Thursday 3rd December, starting at around 2pm. We'd love you to join us, but if you're unable to attend, you are very welcome to invite someone special to come along in your place.

We're still finalising the details, but tickets will most likely be £10 per person and will include a lovely festive spread of 0% mulled wine, sausage rolls, pies, sandwiches, scones and cake or cupcakes.

To make the afternoon extra special, the children will be serenading our guests with Christmas carols, while you sit back, enjoy some festive treats and soak up the cosy Christmas atmosphere.

More information, including how to book, will follow once everything is finalised.

Christmas Shopping Day

Our Shopping Evening was such a success last year that we're bringing it back! On Monday 7th December, children can stay at After School Club until 6.30pm, giving you a bit of extra time to shop, wrap presents or simply get organised for Christmas.

Even better, it's National Slime Day, so the children will be making some festive slime to sell during the week, with the money raised helping towards our Christmas performance outfits.

We'll add all the details to Arbor after half term, where you'll be able to book a place.

After school clubs

Thank you to all parents that are booking breakfast and after school club. Please note that you must book clubs before your child attends them.

Collection from Afterschool Club will be back to the usual place in the Topaz Learning Zone.

Clubs for next Autumn 2 half term are as follows:

Tuesday (starting from 10th November until 8th December): Cooking Club for KS1 and KS2

Thursday: Dodgeball Club

Attendance

Regular attendance is really important in helping children feel settled, confident and connected to their learning and friendships in school. Even small amounts of time away can add up and make it harder for children to keep up with their learning.

You can check your child's current attendance on the Arbor app. After the half-term break, we will be contacting parents and carers of children whose attendance is below 92% so that we can work together to support good attendance wherever possible.

Parents Evening W/C 9th November 2026

All dates area available to book on Arbor, please go to "Guardian Consultation" and you can book yourself the most suitable date.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 22nd October	Halloween day & meal
	Last day of Autumn 1
Monday 2nd November	1st day of Autumn 2 Term
Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th November	Parents Evening
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Monday 16th November	Odd Sock Day
Tuesday 24th November	Zoo Lab in School
Tuesday 24th November	Scholastics book Fair
Thursday 26th November	Cake Sale
Friday 27th November	Light up the Dale Parade from School

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

Best wishes,
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