



Year 3 Autumn 1 Newsletter

September 2026



Welcome to Class 3!

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you have had a lovely summer break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We are delighted to welcome the children back to Stanningley Primary School as they begin an exciting new chapter in Key Stage 2.

Year 3 is an important year for children as they make the transition into Key Stage 2, and we have lots of exciting learning, activities, events and experiences planned throughout the year. Alongside their academic learning, we will place a strong emphasis on developing the children's confidence, independence and personal development, helping them to become enthusiastic, resilient and successful learners.

As shared in our recent letter, Mr Carney will not be returning at the start of the school year while he continues his recovery. In the meantime, we have put a familiar and experienced team of Stanningley staff in place to ensure that the children have a positive and settled start to Year 3. The class will be taught by Mrs Stott-Moore and Ms Powell, with Mrs Davies also teaching the class for part of the week. Miss Hudson will be based in Year 3 throughout the week, providing an important sense of consistency for the children.

During the first few weeks, our priority will be getting to know the children, establishing clear routines and expectations, building positive relationships and helping everyone to feel secure, happy and confident in their new class. We recognise that starting Key Stage 2 is an important transition, and we want every child to feel that they belong, are valued and are ready to learn.

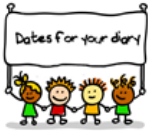
At Stanningley Primary School, making sure that every child is nurtured, cared for and supported is at the heart of what we do. We will continue to carefully consider the individual needs of every child and provide appropriate support and challenge so that all pupils can make progress and achieve their potential.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children throughout the year and to sharing all of the exciting opportunities that Year 3 has to offer. We hope this newsletter provides you with useful information about the year ahead and helps you to feel informed and involved in your child's learning and experiences at school.

We are looking forward to a happy, successful and exciting year together!

Who will be working with my child in Class 3?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Ms Powell	Ms Powell	Ms Powell	Ms Powell	Mrs Stott-Moore
PM	Mrs Davies	Mrs Davies	Mrs Stott-Moore	Mrs Stott-Moore	Mrs Stott-Moore
ALL DAY	Miss Hudson	Miss Hudson	Miss Hudson	Miss Hudson	Miss Hudson

Don't Forget...	Important Dates
What should my child bring to school? Children should come to school wearing the correct school uniform, with suitable outdoor footwear and a warm coat. Your child will also need a pair of indoor pumps to keep in school. We recommend pumps as these are suitable for wearing indoors and can also be used if needed for activities such as fire drills.  Children should bring their book bag and reading book to school every day so that reading books can be changed and reading records can be checked as appropriate.  If your child brings a packed lunch, please ensure that sandwiches and other food are kept in a suitable lunch box. Please ensure that all items of clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This is particularly important for jumpers, coats, PE kit and footwear, as it helps us to return lost items to their owner.	 - Thursday 1st October 2026 - Individual photographs - Thursday 22nd October 2026 - Harvest Festival at St.Thomas Church (9:30) - Thursday 22nd October 2026 - Discos (TBC) - Thursday 22nd October 2026 - Break up for Half-term  - Friday 23rd October 2026 - TRAINING DAY
Learning	
<u>What will my child be learning during the first half-term?</u> Respect and Pride Respect and Pride is our school motto, and you will have noticed the signs that display this motto around school. The children will closely at the purpose of these words as well as establishing class rules. Autumn 1 is all about pupil voice, developing the new class environment and establishing class and school expectations giving the children a strong sense of belonging. In English, we are learning about fiction and non-fiction. We are reading Pugs of the Frozen North, a sled race adventure set in the North Pole with an amazing cast of characters, and we will be using it to base our writing on. We are also reading lots of non-fiction around the same topic- about real	

polar explorers, arctic animals and life in cold climates. We had a great start to our term with a classroom full of clues to help the children predict what the story might be about.



In Maths this half term, we will be developing our understanding of place value and numbers up to 1,000. Children will learn to read, write, represent and partition three-digit numbers, identifying the value of hundreds, tens and ones. They will also compare and order numbers, find 1, 10 and 100 more or less, estimate on number lines and practise counting in 50s.

We will then build on this knowledge through addition and subtraction, developing children's ability to use mental strategies and mathematical representations to solve calculations and problems. Children will be encouraged to explain their thinking, use mathematical vocabulary and develop their confidence in solving problems in different ways.

When will my child do PE?

Year 3 will have two PE sessions each week:

- Tuesday – Swimming
- Thursday afternoon – Real PE

For Real PE on Thursdays, children should come to school wearing their Stanningley PE kit and will remain in their PE kit throughout the school day. They therefore do not need to bring their usual school uniform to change into.

Our school PE kit consists of:

- Plain black jogging bottoms
- Plain white, round-necked T-shirt
- School jumper/cardigan, for warmth if required
- Trainers

For swimming on Tuesdays, children will need to bring their swimming kit to school. Further information regarding swimming arrangements will be provided separately.

Please ensure that earrings are removed at home on PE days. Children must not wear earrings during PE or swimming, and staff are unable to remove or cover earrings in school.

PE days may occasionally change due to school activities, events or other circumstances. We will inform parents and carers of any changes to the usual arrangements.

In Science, Year 3 will be learning about Rocks. Children will explore different types of rocks and learn how they are formed. They will investigate and compare the properties of different rocks, carry out simple investigations and develop their understanding of how rocks are used in everyday life.

In History, our topic will be The Stone Age. Children will explore what life was like during the Stone Age, learning about how people lived, hunted and gathered food, the tools they used and how their way of life

changed over time. They will use a range of historical sources to develop their understanding of the past and begin to place key events and periods on a timeline.

FAMILY COOKERY CLUB



Stanningley Primary School
Monday 1:30–3pm
Starting 7th September

For only £1 a session:

- Learn lots of new recipes together
- Get excited about cooking healthy meals, snacks, and desserts
- Get your kids to try new foods
- Spend quality time together

Finally we are delighted to share a fantastic opportunity for our Year 3 families to take part in a special 6-week Family Cookery programme here in school – a chance for you and your child to cook together, learn together, and take home a delicious meal every week!

This experience will be delivered in partnership with our amazing friends from Flourishing Families, who are passionate about helping families build confidence in cooking healthy, affordable meals.

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- Takes place Monday afternoons
- Parents/carers arrive at 1:10pm, ready to begin cooking with children at 1:30pm
 - A 6-week commitment – 1 adult and 1 Y3 child from each family
 - Just £1 per week
 - Bring along a container each session
 - Learn new cooking skills using fresh ingredients
 - Take home a full meal every week to enjoy together
- Fun nutritional learning, including smart food shopping and planning

This is a wonderful chance to spend quality time with your child in school, learn lifelong skills, and support family wellbeing – all whilst being guided by experts who make cooking fun and accessible! We are planning to start the first group of 6 sessions on Monday 7th October 2026 and spaces will be limited.

If you are interested in taking part, please email the school office – school.office@stanningleyprimary.com to express your interest and we will be in touch with further details. We look forward to seeing lots of our Year 3 families getting involved in this exciting opportunity! 🌟