Staynor Hall Newsletter

"Excellence, Belonging, Opportunity & Respect"

Friday 23rd October 2026 Issue 7

Weekly Attendance

School Attendance up to 23rd October 2026

	Last Week	This Week
Year 1 - 6	**97.88%**	**97.76%**
Reception - Year 6	**98.02%**	**97.90%**

Weekly Attendance by Team 19th - 23rd October 2026

Tiny Steps	95.38%
Esk	94.19%
Nidd	98.15%
Swale	98.07%
Aire	100%
Wharfe	98.06%
Ouse	95.19%
Dove	95.07%
Derwent	95.71%
Foss	100%
Loxley	95.93%
Calder	95.19%
Humber	98.62%



A Message from Miss Towler

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final day of this half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderfully productive, vibrant and successful few weeks across the school. In this morning's assembly I felt immense pride watching the children celebrate in their achievements.

There has been so much to celebrate this half term. I am constantly impressed by the enthusiasm and focus our pupils bring to their learning. From design technology projects to competitive sports fixtures and fabulous school trips, our pupils have shown true dedication and school pride. Their hard work and positive attitudes set a wonderful tone for the rest of the academic year.

I would also like to extend a thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for this week's parents' evening appointments. It was a pleasure for our teaching team to meet with you in school to discuss your children's progress, achievements and targets. Strong partnerships between home and school are vital to supporting our children's growth and your continued support and positive feedback are greatly appreciated by our entire staff team.

As we head into the half term break, I hope our pupils take this opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of our school community. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back safely on Monday 2nd November for another term filled with opportunity and learning.
Wishing you all a wonderful and relaxing half term break!



Best wishes,
Caroline Towler
Headteacher

Important Dates

26th - 30th October
Half Term

5th November
Firework Display - Community Centre

12th November
Children in Need

13th November
Teacher Training Day

16th November
Odd Socks Day - Anti Bullying Week

17th November
Whole School Flu Vaccination Day

18th November
Everybody Dance Event

4th December
Rock Steady Christmas Concert

8th December
Key Stage 2 Pantomime Trip

14th - 16th December
Year 6 Residential to Peat Rigg

21st December - 1st January
Christmas Holidays

Feedback from Parent Coffee and Chat

On Tuesday 13th October, Miss Towler and Mrs Cowling held a parent coffee and chat morning which offered an opportunity for families to share feedback on how things are going at school.

These were the main headlines from the discussions:

What's going well:

- Effective communication through weekly newsletters, parents' evenings, coffee mornings and positive WOW phone calls.
- Good support from the SENDCo and SEND Hub.
- Positive feedback on teaching, phonics, Spanish, PE and learning activities.
- Enjoyable wraparound care activities and popular school events.

Areas for improvement:

- More personalised updates about children's learning, progress and wellbeing in Reception.
- Review behaviour management and emotional support offer
- Improve communication around Reception transitions and children joining the school.
- Review wraparound care snacks, activities and booking arrangements.
- Consider creating opportunities for parents and children to socialise when they are new to school eg. Reception families

Vacancies at Staynor Hall

Cleaner (2 Positions Available) - Apply Here
10 hours per week / £13.28 per hour

Teaching Assistant - Apply Here
18 hours per week / £11,125 - £11,482 / Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:45am - 3:15pm

Higher Level Teaching Assistant - Apply Here
32.05 hours per week / £23,575 - £25,521 / Monday - Friday 8:30am - 3:30pm

Morning Expectations

We have noticed that lots of children are arriving at school quite early and enjoying time together on the field, including playing football and using the areas around the trees and mounts. It is lovely to see the children enjoying being active and spending time with their friends, but we do need to make sure that they are safe while they are waiting for the school day to begin.

This is particularly important for some of our KS2 children who walk to school independently and may arrive without an adult.

We have also noticed that, when the school doors open, some children are taking a little longer to make their way in from the field. This has meant that a few children have been arriving at their classrooms after the start of the school day.

We would really appreciate it if you could remind your child that, when they arrive at school, they should wait on the playground or outside their classroom and be ready to come into school when the doors open.

Thank you, as always, for your support and for helping us to give all of our children a happy and positive start to their school day.

Allergy Aware School

We are an allergy aware school.

Nuts are prohibited on school site, and should not be put in children's packed lunches or brought in as a playtime snack.

Including school trips and events.

Thank you



Smoking/Vaping

As a reminder to all parents, carers, visitors and staff, our school site is a **smoke-free and vape-free environment**.

Smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on school premises, including the playground, outdoor areas and school entrances.

Medical Appointments

We know that arranging appointments isn't always easy, but where possible, please try to book routine medical, dental and optician appointments outside of school hours.

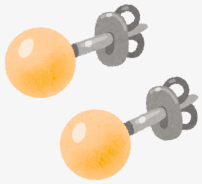
If an appointment during the school day is unavoidable, please let us know as soon as possible.



We really appreciate your support in helping your child make the most of every school day.

Jewellery Update

Just a reminder that children should wear stud earrings only.



Please can we ask that you make sure that your child doesn't wear hoop or dangly earrings for school.

We also ask that children don't wear any other jewellery to school including bracelets, necklaces and rings.



Thank you for your support with this.

A Little Reminder About Grapes

A gentle reminder to families about the importance of cutting grapes before sending them into school.

Whole grapes can be a choking hazard for young children, so please ensure grapes are cut lengthways into smaller pieces before being included in your child's lunch or snack.

Wear green for Glitch

Certificate of Thanks
Staynor Hall Comm. Primary Academy



Thank you for taking part in
Wear green for Glitch on PANS PANDAS Awareness Day 2026
Your generous support is very much appreciated

PANS PANDAS



FOSHA Fundraising Update

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Raise £20.26 fundraising challenge! Thanks to your fantastic support, we raised an incredible £639.19 in total.

A special well done to Team Wharfe, who raised an amazing £265.08! To celebrate their success, they will be rewarded with a disco during the coming half term. Well deserved!

We would also like to congratulate our top three fundraisers:
1st place: Gracie – Team Wharfe, raising £180.08
2nd place: Lilly – Team Loxley, raising £92.74
3rd place: Amelia – Team Nidd, raising £60.00

Well done to Gracie, Lilly and Amelia, and to everyone who took part and helped make the challenge such a success!

We have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead, with plenty more opportunities for families to get involved and support our school community.
As always, thank you for your continued support. If you're interested in joining the FOSHA committee, we would love to hear from you! Even an hour or two of your time can make a huge difference and is very much appreciated.

Thank you for helping us make a difference!

Staynor Hall Primary Academy

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Every day counts. Every minute matters.

BE IN SCHOOL, ON TIME!

Please make sure your child arrives by

8:45am

each morning.

A calm, on time start helps children settle, feel confident and be ready to learn.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

Call the school office on

01757 616428

before **9:30am** on **EVERY** day of absence.

Please tell us:

- your name
- your child's name
- their class
- the reason for absence.

HOW MUCH LEARNING COULD BE MISSED?

98% attendance	**4 days** missed
95% attendance	**10 days** missed
90% attendance	**19 days** missed

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that there is **NO entitlement** to additional holidays outside of normal school holiday times.

WE REVIEW ATTENDANCE

We review attendance and punctuality **every half term.** If we have concerns, we may contact you and send letters to discuss support and next steps.

Attendance below 90% will be brought to your attention. We understand illness and genuine circumstances happen, and will work with families to provide support.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

If your child is finding it difficult to attend school, please speak to their teacher or contact the school office.

Early conversations help us work together to support your child.

Working together for happy, safe and successful learners.

Be Here
Be Ready
Be Your Best!

ATTENDANCE

Every Day Counts!

Small steps make a big difference!

191 children are **ATTENDANCE HEROES!** with 100% attendance!



Class Attendance Leaderboard



Whole School Attendance

96.60%

National Average Attendance

95.40%

On Time, Ready to Learn

94.2% of children arrived at school on time!

Celebration

23rd October 2026

Class	Star of the Week	Pride in Presentation
Nidd	/	/
Swale	/	/
Aire	Reggie	Alvin
Wharfe	Laura	Mara-Rose
Ouse	Arthur P	Amelia
Dove	Olivia	Freddie
Derwent	Jacob	Helena
Foss	Xander	Noah
Loxley	Lexi-Mae	Reggie
Calder	Abi	Zuzanna
Humber	Bridget	Oscar
Inclusion	Team Swale - Rox	Team Nidd - Maisie
Spanish	Team Ouse - Edric	
Cook School	Team Derwent - Helena	

WELL DONE

A Star in the Spotlight!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Ada's (Team Derwent) exciting achievement as she takes on the leading role of Matilda at Leeds Carriageworks this February!



Ada will be performing as Matilda in the evening performance on **Saturday 6th February** and the matinee performance on **Sunday 7th February**.

What an amazing opportunity to shine on stage and showcase her talent!

Everyone at school is delighted by this wonderful news and we would like to wish Ada the very best of luck with her performances.

Tickets are now available to book using the link below:
Matilda Jr - Leeds Carriageworks February 2027



What's Cooking?

This week I have continued working with Team Derwent making Chicken Stew.





This ties in perfectly with their learning of prehistoric Britain as this is a similar food to what would have been eaten many years ago. The children had the opportunity to practise their peeling and cutting skills. They also had the opportunity to safely use the hob to cook (boil and simmer) their stew.



The children were involved in many discussions relating to the ingredients and they were able to place them correctly on the EatWell Guide. We also chatted about seasonality and keeping ourselves safe when we are cooking with raw meat.

Well done to all the children that have visited cook school this week, your stew looked amazing and I hope you were able to share it at home.



After the half term break, I have one more group to work with from Team Derwent and then I will be working with Team Foss.

Football

These fabulous Year 6s did such a great job of representing Team Staynor at a football tournament this morning at Selby High!



Their team spirit, determination, kindness and confidence really shone through and they were a credit to our school.

Special shout out to our Year 6 girls who came 1st out of 8 schools!







So proud of them all!

Tiny Steps

What a Fun-Filled Week We've Had!

Tiny Steps have had a wonderful week enjoying all things pumpkin!

This week the children have enjoyed:

- Carving pumpkins
- Using the pumpkin seeds to craft with
- Enjoying the story We're Going on a Pumpkin Hunt
- Re-enacting the story with musical instruments

A Farewell Message from Mrs Muggleton:

It is my last day in Tiny Steps. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and children for a very enjoyable year - it has been a pleasure. I will still be around school and nursery. I hope you make wonderful memories over the half-term break.

Please join us in welcoming back Mrs Coulson after half term.

Nursery – Team Esk

What We Are Learning Next Week

We have another exciting week of learning ahead in Team Esk! We will be busy exploring sounds, numbers, songs and, most importantly, learning more about what makes each of us special.

Phonics - Sound of the Week: S

For the rest of the school year, the children will be learning a new sound each week as part of our phonics learning, following the Little Wandle phonics scheme.

We will be focusing on listening to the sound each letter makes and beginning to apply this knowledge by segmenting (breaking words into individual sounds) and blending (putting sounds together) to read simple words.

This week's sound is s!

You can support your child at home by encouraging them to listen for the /s/ sound in words, practise saying the sound, and spot things around them that begin with s, such as sun, sock and snake.

Little and often is a great way to help your child build confidence with their phonics!

Maths

In Maths, we will be focusing on numbers 1-5 through fun and familiar number songs.

Our songs this week are:

Five Cheeky Monkeys

Singing these songs helps us develop our understanding of numbers, counting and number sequences in a fun and memorable way.



Topic

Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day

After the holiday, we will be learning about Bonfire Night through lots of fun and creative craft activities! The children will have the opportunity to explore the colours, sights and sounds associated with Bonfire Night while expressing their creativity.

We will also be looking at Remembrance Day, helping the children to understand, in an age-appropriate way, why we remember and honour those who have helped to keep us safe. We will explore the significance of the poppy and take part in activities to mark this special day.

Reception – Nidd & Swale





What a busy and fantastic first term we have had in Reception!

The children have already made so much progress and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. It has been an amazing start to their school journey, and it has been wonderful to see them settling into school life, making new friends and growing in confidence each day.

We're excited to let you know that after half term, the children will be starting their weekly PE lessons every Friday!

On Fridays, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit.

- Please make sure earrings are covered and no other jewellery is worn.
- Children should wear appropriate, comfortable footwear for PE.
- We are lucky enough to have our wonderful coach, Caitlin, to deliver our PE sessions up until Christmas who is looking forward to getting the children active and having lots of fun!

A big thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening. It was lovely to have the opportunity to share your child's progress and celebrate all the wonderful things they have been doing in school.

We hope you all have a fantastic October half term and enjoy some well-deserved family time together.

Please remember to have a look on Tapestry for some home-learning activities to enjoy over the holiday.
Have a lovely half term, and we look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term!

Key Stage 1 – Aire, Wharfe & Ouse



Reading

The children have been working incredibly hard to learn and remember their tricky words. We are encouraging them to recognise words more quickly and confidently to develop their reading fluency. We have been practising a strategy called 'scoop it up'. When children get stuck on a word, they segment and blend the sounds before rereading the phrase or sentence smoothly. This helps to develop automaticity, allowing children to read more fluently and focus on understanding what they read. You can support this at home by encouraging your child to reread sentences when they get stuck.

Maths

In Maths, Year 1 have been learning to use the greater than (>), less than (<) and equal to (=) symbols to compare objects and numbers. Year 2 have been focusing on developing their arithmetic skills, building confidence, accuracy and fluency with calculations. As shared during parents' evening, we will be introducing NumBots in school just before Christmas. The children have received their login details and are welcome to explore the programme at home in the meantime. Short, regular practice sessions are a great way to build number confidence!

Design and Technology

The children absolutely loved their DT day, learning new sewing skills and creating their very own puppets. They showed great creativity and perseverance throughout the day and are incredibly proud of their finished creations. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they developed new practical skills!





We are so proud of all the hard work and progress the children have made this half term. We hope you all have a wonderful, restful half-term break filled with fun and family time. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term of learning!

Lower Key Stage 2 – Dove, Derwent & Foss

Wow, we have made it to the first half term of the year! The children have had such a busy first 7 weeks of the school year, learning lots of new things, making some lovely progress and enjoying being back with their friends! They are definitely deserving of this week to rest, recharge and enjoy some Autumn activities!

It was also lovely to see so many of you at Parent's Evening this week! Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.

Coming up next week:

We will be completing our first Learn Through Week of the year! We will be looking at Being the Best Version of You! This will be a lovely way to come back together after a week's break.

Maths: We are practice converting from m to cm, cm to mm and vice versa. We will also be measuring from 0 in mm.



Homework:

Children have had the opportunity to change their reading books today and should have a new book.

Reading records will be checked on a Friday but please can children bring their reading book and reading record into school with them each day (their reading records have their logins in so they might need to use them in the classroom).



A message will be sent out at a later date about spelling and maths homework.



Upper Key Stage 2 – Loxley , Calder & Humber



It was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents Evenings this week – it's always great to be able to share the hard work your children have been putting in, and things they can work on to continue to be successful! We know that lots of the children are ready for the half term break after a busy half term, so we hope that you have a lovely and restful break.



We are straight back in with a busy week after half term, starting things off with Learn Through Week. This term, our theme is all about being the best version of ourselves. Our learning in English, Guided Reading and PSHE will be linked to this theme throughout the week.



We will also have our Art and Design and Technology days in the first week back. On Monday, we will have our Art day in all UKS2 Teams, and on Wednesday and Thursday, we will have our Design and Technology days: Wednesday – Team Humber and Thursday – Team Loxley and Team Calder.

Please note - Team Loxley and Team Calder's P.E will continue to be on a Wednesday and Friday due to the Year 5 Dance Festival. Team Humber's P.E will continue to be on Thursday and Friday.

Please encourage your child to read at least three times each week and sign their reading record. Books will be changed and reading records will be signed every Friday.

Community News



















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