Staynor Hall Newsletter

"Excellence, Belonging, Opportunity & Respect"

Friday 6th November 2026 Issue 8

Weekly Attendance

School Attendance up to 6th November 2026

	Last Week	This Week
Year 1 - 6	**97.76%**	**97.67%**
Reception - Year 6	**97.90%**	**97.76%**

Weekly Attendance by Team 2nd - 6th November 2026

Tiny Steps	93.75%
Esk	98.73%
Nidd	97.98%
Swale	95.12%
Aire	98.60%
Wharfe	99.23%
Ouse	98.89%
Dove	99.31%
Derwent	96.72%
Foss	98.93%
Loxley	97.41%
Calder	95.93%
Humber	98.97%



A Message from Miss Towler

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing half term break. It has been fantastic welcoming our children and families back into school this week, and the energy across the classrooms has been brilliant to see. Observing the pupils settling straight back into their learning routines with such enthusiasm has made for a truly great first week back.

A particular highlight of our week has been the Learn Through Week across the entire school. The focus has been 'Be the best version of you'. It has been inspiring to see the children engaged in such creative, hands on learning experiences and exploring topics with such curiosity.

Outside of the classroom, it was fabulous to see so many of you at the Staynor Hall Community Centre fireworks event yesterday evening! We had a wonderful turnout to mark Bonfire Night together, and it was lovely to celebrate as a community. A massive thank you goes out to everyone involved in organising, setting up, and supporting the event, as well as to all the families who joined us to make it such a memorable evening. I loved meeting so many of you last night and was absolutely blown away by the fireworks display which was phenomenal! I was incredibly proud of Mia from Team Derwent who designed the winning programme cover for the event. I know she loved going up onto stage with York Mix!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to another exciting and productive half term ahead! I hope you have all had chance to look at the Christmas dates now - it is my favourite time of the year and certainly look forward to celebrating with families in the coming weeks!



Best wishes,
Caroline Towler
Headteacher

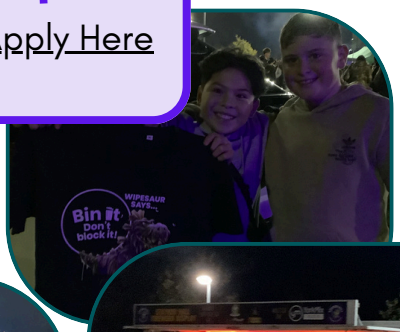
Vacancies at Staynor Hall

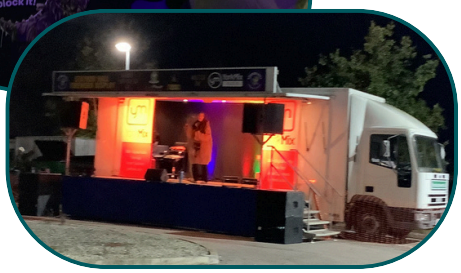
Cleaner (2 Positions Available) - Apply Here

10 hours per week / £13.28 per hour











Important Dates

9th - 20th November
School Council Campaigning

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
Year 5 Everybody Dance Event

25th - 27th November
School Council Voting

27th November
Opern Classrooms - 2:45pm - 3:15pm

3rd December
Tiny Steps/Nursery Session B & EYFS Christmas Performance - 2pm

4th December
Rock Steady Christmas Concert - 2pm

7th December
KS2 Carols at Selby Abbey - 2pm

8th December
KS2 Pantomime Trip

8th December
Tiny Steps/Nursery Session A & EYFS Christmas Performance - 9:30am

8th December
KS1 Christmas Performance - 2pm

10th December
KS1 Christmas Performance 9:30am

11th December
Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

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

14th December
EYFS Christmas Party - PM

14th December
Tiny Steps/Nursery Session A Christmas Party - PM

15th December
KS1 Christmas Party - PM

16th December
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party - PM (No Swimming)

16th December
Tiny Steps/Nursery Session B Christmas Party - PM

17th December
Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party - PM

18th December
Last Day of Term - No After School Club

21st December - 1st January
Christmas Holidays

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Poppy Appeal

Items are on sale in the School Office



Items for sale
(various guide prices)

- Poppies
- Pencils
- Bracelets
- Snapbands
- Stickers
- Keyrings

Guide prices from 50p – £2

Donations accepted ♡

Available to buy:

✅ Before School | ✅ Breaktimes | ✅ Lunchtimes | ✅ After School

ATTENDANCE

Be Here
Be Ready
Be Your Best!

Every Day Counts!

Small steps make a big difference!

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



Class Attendance Leaderboard

1	2	3
Dove	Wharfe	Humber
99.31%	99.23%	98.97%

Most Improved Teams

2	1	3
Team Dove +4.24% improvement	Esk +4.54% improvement	Team Ouse +3.70% improvement

Whole School Attendance

96.20%

National Average Attendance

95.40%

On Time, Ready to Learn

97.28% of children arrived at school on time!

296 children attended every day this week!



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

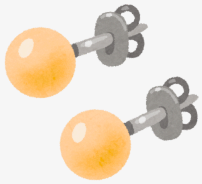
We know that arranging appointments isn't always easy, but where possible, please try to book routine medical, dental and optician appointments outside of school hours.

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.

Celebration

6th November 2026

Class	Star of the Week	Pride in Presentation
Nidd	/	/
Swale	/	/
Aire	Sidney	Nola
Wharfe	Ernie	Josie
Ouse	Jaxon	Dylan
Dove	William	Scarlett
Derwent	Ady	Ada
Foss	Cerise	Dalia
Loxley	Daisy	Max L
Calder	Kasper	Joshua
Humber	Theo	Rocco
Inclusion	Leonie - Team Dove	
Spanish	Charlie - Team Nidd	

WELL DONE

Young Voices News

What a fantastic week of music!

Although the children were given two weeks off from learning their songs, they clearly haven't been resting! They came back having not only refreshed their song lyrics but also remembered all the dance moves. They are looking and sounding absolutely amazing, and we are so proud of their hard work and enthusiasm!

Tickets and T-shirt Orders

A quick reminder that any further ticket and T-shirt orders must be placed by 15th and 30th November, respectively.

All orders that have already been placed through The Music Room have now been processed, so thank you for getting these in.

What's Next?

Next week, we will be moving on to the first three songs from our Calypso Medley. We can't wait to get started and see the children bring these songs to life!

Hello and Welcome – ¡Hola y bienvenidos!

EYFS

Our new topic is counting to 10 in Spanish! We will be learning two fantastic songs, including our ever-popular Numbers Disco, which is always great fun. With Pudsey Bear making a special appearance for Children in Need, and Christmas just around the corner, there will be plenty of opportunities to practise counting!

Key Stage 1

We are revisiting familiar numbers and learning some new ones, with Year 1 working up to 20 and Year 2 up to 30. Our Numbers Disco will be making another appearance, alongside lots of phonics work to develop pronunciation and spelling accuracy. Year 2 will also be using their numbers to talk about how old they are as we introduce a first look at verbs.

Lower Key Stage 2

We are continuing our food topic and working towards our independent writing. This will be a particularly exciting milestone for Year 3, as it will be their very first independent piece of writing in Spanish! We are also introducing adjective agreement, taking things step by step through fun games and activities.



Upper Key Stage 2

We are continuing to explore where we come from, the languages we speak and where we live. We are now tackling adjective agreement in the plural form and preparing for our independent writing. Year 5 will be writing the first chapter of their Spanish book, which they will continue developing through to the end of Year 6, while Year 6 will be adding their fourth chapter!

What's Cooking?

This week I have finished cooking with Team Derwent and continued making Chicken Stew with Team Foss 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. We also chatted about fruits and vegetables and how we eat either the root, stem, leaves or flowers of these plants/trees.



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. The standard of learning this week has been amazing and I have awarded several WOW awards so a special well done to you all.

Tiny Steps

Tiny Steps have had a lovely first week back after half term! It's been wonderful to welcome everyone back and see the children settling back into their routines, exploring, playing and making memories together. We're looking forward to another exciting half term full of fun, learning and adventures!

Next week, we will be exploring the concept of size throughout our provision. We'll be encouraging the children to use mathematical language such as big, small, bigger and smaller as they explore and discover.

Each day, the children will also have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of songs and rhymes, supporting their language development, listening skills and learning through music.

This week, our learning will focus on two important occasions: **Remembrance Day** and **Children in Need**. The children will have opportunities to explore these themes through a range of age-appropriate activities, creative experiences, stories, songs and discussions.

For Remembrance Day, we will be introducing the children to poppies and exploring the importance of remembering.

For Children in Need, we will be celebrating kindness, friendship and helping others. Children are welcome to come wearing something spotty, bear like or multi-coloured!

Following the success of our play library in The Baby and Toddler Group last year which was launched in partnership with FOSHA. The opportunity has been extended to our Tiny Steps children. We are incredibly grateful for FOSHA's support and for the positive feedback from families. Throughout the year children will be able to borrow specially designed play bags filled with exciting resources, from stories and games to imaginative play activities. We hope the bags bring lots of fun, laughter and discoveries for our Tiny Steps Children and their families.

Nursery – Team Esk

Phonics – Sound of the Week: a

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 a.

You can support your child at home by encouraging them to listen for the /a/ sound in words, practise saying the sound, and spot things around them that begin with a, such as apple, ant and alligator.

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



Maths

This week in maths, we will be encouraging children to use number names during their play. We will be practising counting objects as we play, such as toys, building blocks and other everyday items.

You can support your child at home by counting objects together during everyday activities, such as counting toys, steps, pieces of fruit or cars. Encourage your child to say the numbers aloud as they count. Making counting part of everyday play is a fun way to develop their confidence and early maths skills!

Topic

This week, we will continue our Remembrance Day activities, giving the children opportunities to learn about remembrance and why we take time to remember.

We will also be celebrating Children in Need! Children are invited to come to nursery wearing something spotty, bear-themed or brightly coloured to help us celebrate.

We will be celebrating on Tuesday 10th November and Thursday 12th November.

We look forward to a fun-filled week of learning, celebrating and supporting these special events!

Reception – Nidd & Swale





What a lovely first week back after half term we have had! The children have settled back into their routines beautifully, and it has been wonderful to see them ready to learn, play and explore.

PE with Coach Caitlin

The children absolutely loved their first PE lesson with Coach Caitlin this week! They had lots of fun using the hoops and developing their physical skills. We are looking forward to many more exciting PE sessions!

Reading and Phonics

We have been working really hard with our reading and phonics this week. It is lovely to see the children growing in confidence and developing their early reading skills.
A big thank you for supporting reading at home. Please continue to read with your child at least 3 times a week – your support really does make a difference!

A little reminder

Going forward, we will be changing the children's reading books every Friday.
Please remember to send book bags into school every day, so that we always have everything we need for reading and can change books when needed.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to another fun-filled week of learning next week!

Key Stage 1 – Aire, Wharfe & Ouse



The children loved Learn Through Week – Be the best version of you. We have looked at these questions:

What makes me special?
How can I understand my feelings?
How can I make a difference through kindness?
How can I keep learning and growing?





They have created lots of beautiful learning that we cannot wait to share with you. Please look at the important dates shared by Mrs Towler earlier this week to see when our Open Doors event is.
Next week we will be beginning our new topic of 'Where I am in the World and How I can help?' We will be beginning by looking at The Earth, UK, England and Selby.

Writing

In English, we will continue to focus on letter formation and handwriting. We will also be writing a non-chronological report all about ourselves. This follows our learning during our Learn Through Week, where we explored how to be the best version of ourselves.

Maths

Year 1: We will be looking at fractions focusing on what is a whole and what is a part.
Year 2: Next week, we will be learning how to solve problems using numbers. We will practise using addition and subtraction to work out answers and explain our thinking.

Homework

Thank you also for listening to your child read three times at home each week. Regular reading makes such a difference to their confidence and progress. A gentle reminder to please return your child's reading book so that they can receive a new one.

Lower Key Stage 2 – Dove, Derwent & Foss

It has been a lovely first week back after our half term break! The children have settled back really well into routine and have really embraced our Learn Through Week focus of being the best version of yourself and enjoyed looking at some inspirational people.

Reminder for next week - Friday is a teacher training day. School will be closed to pupils. Please can Reading Records and Maths homework be brought in next Thursday.



Creative Curriculum: We will be starting a new Geography unit looking at the question 'Can the community be your team?'
English: We will start a new genre of writing - Information Texts!
Maths: We will practice converting from mm to cm and vice versa, and then we will start looking at mass and explore using different scales to weigh items.
Y3 PSHE: To know what it means to be a witness to bullying (bystander) and to know why witnesses sometimes join in with bullying and sometimes don't tell.
Y4 PSHE: To be able to identify harmful behaviour in the wider community and to identify key people that I can share my concerns with.





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

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).
Maths homework books have been sent home this week. Children have until next Thursday to complete Workout 1. We will mark them on a Thursday.

Upper Key Stage 2 – Loxley , Calder & Humber

The children have had a fantastic first week back and have really enjoyed their art and DT days and produced some amazing work.

Next week we have our Remembrance Day Service at Selby Cemetery. **Please email the school office with consent if you haven't already done so.**





English: We will be starting our persuasive letter writing unit.
Maths: Y5 - We will be learning about multiplication
Y6 - We will be learning about fractions



Science: The children will be describing the movement of the Moon in relation to Earth
PSHE: Y5 -We will be discussing what homophobia is and the appropriate language to use.
Y6 -We will be discussing some of the warning signs of manipulative or harmful behaviour.
Curriculum: Children will be finding out about the role Britain played in world history and to describe aspects of physical geography.

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.

Maths homework will be set this week.
Please can your child complete Autumn term: Workout 1 in their Arithmetic Homework books.
Please encourage your child to return their maths booklet to school every Friday morning as we will mark them as a class.

Community News





