

"Pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare is OUTSTANDING" (Ofsted, 2019)

Stanley Crook Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Notices

Year 6 Statutory Assessments (Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May)

The Key Stage 2 (Year 6) statutory assessments will take place from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May 2023. This year is only the second year of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments since the COVID-19 pandemic. I have included below a copy of the timetable for the assessments during that week:

- Tuesday 9th – English: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
- Wednesday 10th – English: Reading
- Thursday 11th – Maths
- Friday 12th – Maths

The current Year 6 cohort can all be extremely proud of their educational achievements in school this year. The children and teachers in Team Morpurgo have worked extremely hard to prepare for the end of Year 6 assessments and to ensure that transition to secondary school and the next phase of their education is as successful as possible.

Having gone through Year 6 assessments with my own daughter (albeit many years ago now!), I understand that some children find this period stressful and particularly difficult. Please reinforce our key message, which we always speak to the children about in school and which focuses around our school mission: 'Try your best'. As a school, we do not want any child to worry or feel under any pressure regarding these forthcoming assessments. I am sure that the children will all do very well and achieve the excellent results, which they so thoroughly deserve.

These statutory assessments are a part of the national assessment process and it is important that all Year 6 children are in school during SATs week. We want your child to achieve his/her very best and very much value your support.

During the week of the tests, Year 6 pupils are allowed to come straight into school each morning and enjoy a FREE breakfast. Children can arrive at Breakfast Club from 8:00am Tuesday – Friday and school will provide a free nutritious breakfast to boost energy levels (refunds will be provided to parents/ carers of children in Year 6 who may have already pre-paid for Breakfast Club for this week)! In previous years, this offer has also provided useful emotional and social support to children in Year 6, as they get to spend some 'down-time' with their friends before the assessments.

On the afternoon of Friday 12th – and to celebrate the end of 'SATs week' – children in Year 6 will enjoy a special SATs Party! The consensus appears to be Domino's Pizza!!!

Teacher/ Parent Consultations

A big thank you again to parents/ carers who took the time to meet with their child's class teacher on Monday afternoon for Teacher/ Parent telephone consultations. Once again, it was wonderful to hear such a wide range of positive feedback on provision in school!

New Starters—Reception 2023

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to school for our new starters, who will be joining school for the very first time in September.

Mr Teasdale and Team Donaldson staff are extremely excited to meet with each of our new Reception cohort, as they visit nurseries over the next couple of weeks.

Transition visits for new starters begin on Thursday 15th June, with three further visits planned throughout June and July.

Coronation of HM King Charles III

A reminder that there is a fun day planned in school on Friday 5th May, as we celebrate the forthcoming coronation of HM King Charles III.

For the day, children are invited into school wearing red, white and/ or blue and will participate in activity workshops (delivered by BigFoot Art Education) focused on the Coronation Ceremony, the Royal Family and King Charles.

A special 'street party' lunch is also planned, along with a visit to school by Richard Holden MP.

I am sure that the day will be enjoyed by all!

Bank Holidays

A reminder to parents that school will be closed for two Bank Holidays in May (Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May).

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!

Mr D Christie—Headteacher

For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

<https://www.stanleycrook.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to be taken straight to our school website!



Headteacher's T.E.A.M. of the Week

Team of the Week this week is...Team Walliams!

WOW! Well done, Team Walliams!

You have enjoyed an excellent week in school and I have been extremely impressed with your attitudes to learning. In particular, when visiting your Team this week, and then speaking with several of you, it became clear to me just how well you are all working towards meeting your targets. I was also impressed by your levels of maturity when meeting with me and discussing your learning, your current targets and your aspirations.

It was great to hear comments such as, 'I have definitely improved this year' and 'I know that I have learned a lot this year'. Equally pleasing was to hear your determination to 'keep going'! I know that you will!

Well done, TEAM Walliams!

Be proud!

Mr C



Weekly T.E.A.M.

Attendance Champions

Team Donaldson	95.7%
Team Dahl	99%
Team Cowell	95.6%
Team Walliams	92.8%
Team Morpurgo	91%

Congratulations to

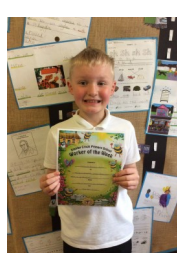
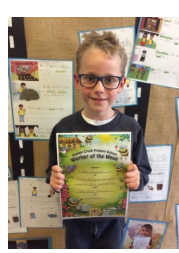
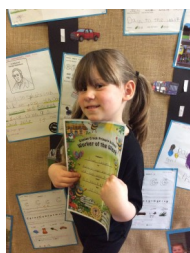
TEAM DAHL

This week's attendance trophy winners!



Children's Achievements in School!

Each week, one child is chosen as 'Headteacher's Star of the Week', 'School Values Champion' and 'Attendance Champion'. Staff also choose a pupil from each Team to be recognised for something special they have achieved during the week! This week's chosen children are:



Congratulations to all of our pupils for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

'Together Everyone Achieves More'

ONLINE SAFETY

A free online safety guide on OFCOM's Children & Parents: Media Use & Attitudes Report 2023.

Ofcom's annual 'Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes' report provides a comprehensive picture of how young people used and interacted with the internet in the preceding year. It's a fascinating snapshot of what games and apps young people are currently favouring, how long they spend online and how tastes change at certain ages.

While some of Ofcom's latest findings will probably come as scant surprise (YouTube being by far the most popular platform among under-18s, for instance), other conclusions may raise an eyebrow or two. This special guide presents some of the report's most eye-catching facts and figures in an accessible infographic format.

In the guide below you'll find statistics and trends such as the current most popular platforms for young people and the proportion of children in each age group who play online games.



SCHOOL
MEMBER



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...

97%

of children had access to the internet at home in 2022

89%

of children played video games

25%

played with people they didn't know

22%

talked to people they didn't know

POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by under-18s were ...



YouTube: 88%



WhatsApp: 55%



TikTok: 53%

Snapchat: 46%

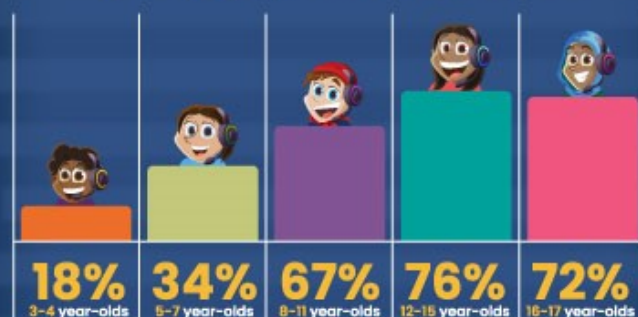


Instagram: 41%

LIVE

PLAYING GAMES ONLINE

Who's playing – and at which age?



TALE OF THE TECH

Devices most often used to go online:



75% of 3-4s use tablets



86% of 5-7s use tablets



70% of 8-11s use tablets



96% of 12-15s use phones



97% of 16-17s use phones

PARENTAL CONCERNS

Parents and carers most commonly worried about their child ...

75%

seeing age-inappropriate content

18 CENSORED

70%

being cyber-bullied online

70%

seeing pro-self-harm content

65%

giving out personal details to strangers

65%

having their data collected by companies



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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3 in 10

children had experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them on apps or platforms.

70%

of 12 to 17-year-olds were confident in their ability to identify a fake profiles. But 23% were unable to do so when tested.



£38

children's average monthly spend on video games