

STANLEY CROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

To try our best, to tell the truth, to look after each other and our community

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Summer Term Diary Dates

1/5/25	Embracing Difference Workshops
5/5/25	School closed
6/5/25	Donaldson & Cherry STEM Workshops
8/5/25	VE Day Celebrations—picnic lunch
16/5/25	Wear something Green
21&22/5/25	Yr 6 Bikeability
23/5/25	Yr3/4 Tri Golf Competition
23/5/25	School closes for half term
2/6/25	School reopens
4/6/25	Morpurgo Beamish Museum
6/6/25	Yr5/6 Athletics Competition
9/6/25	Yr 5/6 Rounders Festival
10&11/6/25	Fathers' Day Lunch
12/6/25	Cherry Beamish Museum
17/6/25	KS2 Ultimate Frisbee
17/6/25	Donaldson Grab a Grown Up Event
18/6/25	Donaldson & Cherry Auckland Project
18&25/6/25	KS2 Djembe Drum Workshops
20/6/25	Yr 4/5/6 Football Competition
23/6/25	Morpurgo Maths Café
25-27/6/25	PGL Residential visit
26/6/25	Donaldson Maths Café
30/06/25	Yr 6 Prevention Carousel
30/6/25	Soundar Maths Café
10/7/25	Sports Day (backup 14/7/25)
11/7/25	Cowell Maths Cafe
15/7/25	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
18/7/25	School closes for summer
3/9/25	School reopens for children

Website

Please don't forget to keep checking our website:-
<https://www.stanleycrook.durham.sch.uk>

Extra-curricular After School Clubs

The summer term after-school clubs are:-
 Fun Multi-Sports Club—Monday for Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2
 Football Club—Wednesday for Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5 & Yr 6
 Martial Arts Club—Thursday for Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5 & Yr 6
 Golf Club—Friday for Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5 & Yr 6
 Places are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and should be booked via Arbor.

Game of Actual Life—GOAL

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils had a great day working with Simon Carson on the Game Of Actual Life. Children had choices to make such as what jobs they might do, what houses, cars and life-styles they might choose, all while receiving wages and bonuses, building up their savings accounts and avoiding fines. The children gained some valuable lessons for their futures.



Tri-Golf Festival

Team Soundar attended a Tri-Golf Festival at Crook Golf Club.



They had a great time in the lovely weather, learning new skills!

GOOD ATTENDANCE— Team Cowell had the best attendance in April at 97.5%

Easter Raffle



We made an amazing £157 for the Easter Raffle with children choosing their prize – chocolate eggs, cuddly toys, Easter cupcakes and Botanic Garden Season Tickets.

The money raised will help to buy bookshelves, beanbags and cushions for our reading cabin.

Thank you to all the parents, carers and children that supported this fundraiser.

Big Walk and Wheel

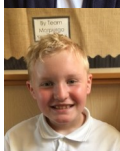
Children were encouraged to get healthy and join the "Big Walk and Wheel" where they either walked to school or came on their bike/scooters. We competed against other schools in the country on the number of journeys made and came 217th out of 1197 participating small schools! Children then enjoyed a fun day!



Playground Leaders



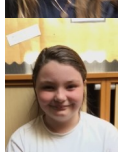
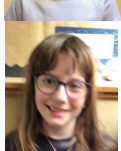
We're excited to share the news that a selected group of year 5 students have recently completed our Playground Leader Training program!



This initiative helps students develop their confidence, teamwork, communication and organisational skills, all while learning how to lead fun and inclusive games during break time.



Through interactive activities, our new playground leaders learned how to encourage fair play, promote good sportsmanship and include everyone. They are now ready to create a positive, active, and friendly playground environment for all.



Maths Café

We held our first Maths Café in April with a great turnout of parents/ carers of children in Team Cherry. Great fun was had by all playing games involving maths skills. Thank you for your support. The Maths café for all other teams are taking place during June and July.



Girls Football

Our girls' football team attended an Inter-School Football Competition. They did really well, against some stiff competition, winning all their games and making it to the semi- finals. Well done!

Mr Teasdale

Many of you may already be aware that Mr Teasdale will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. He has secured a new role as Head of EYFS and SEN Coordinator at another Durham County Council School. We wish him every success in his new role.

Online Safety

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility and with an ever-increasing use of technology children are exposed to external influences. This months attachment is related to 'FORTNITE'

Keep your child safe on Fortnite

- ⇒ Fortnite is an online video game made by Epic Games, where players play together in different ways. Some modes involve shooting and competition, but others are more relaxed and non-violent. Fortnite includes player-made content
- ⇒ Although (in some modes) players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, the brightly coloured and cartoon-style graphics, as well as the lack of bloodshed, mean Fortnite doesn't feel too gory or graphic
- ⇒ Fortnite has a [PEGI](#) age recommendation of **12 and above** (some modes do have lower recommended age ratings, like LEGO Fortnite and Rocket Racing). However, you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can do this easily
- ⇒ Fortnite **is free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch and Android devices (you currently can't download it on Apple devices in the UK)

What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about:

- ⇒ **Communication between players:** they can talk to each other via messaging or a headset and microphone. Children could speak to strangers or be at risk of cyber-bullying
- ⇒ **In-app purchases:** children can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying items like outfits and weapons for their character (known as 'skins')
- ⇒ **Player-made experiences:** these are activities and games made by other users, called 'islands'. Epic Games moderates these, but they aren't made by the people who make Fortnite itself
- ⇒ **Inappropriate content**
 - Players can wear skins of characters from pop culture that might not be age-appropriate for them, such as horror movie characters
 - Music in Fortnite can include songs already censored for explicit content (like swear words), but that may still be inappropriate for your child
- ⇒ **The game's addictive nature:** some children might have a hard time putting the game down, especially if they're on a winning streak or having fun with their friends

3 steps to take to keep your child safe

1. Use the parental controls on your gaming device

- ⇒ Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases**. Go to the website below for links to instructions on your child's device – it covers Fortnite, as well as devices like Nintendo Switch, PlayStation and Xbox:

[Ask About Games](https://www.askaboutgames.com/get-started/setup-parental-controls/) – <https://www.askaboutgames.com/get-started/setup-parental-controls/>

- ⇒ Fortnite has its own [Parental Controls](#), allowing you to set age limits for content, screen time limits and prevent unauthorised spending

2. Adjust your child's voice and text chat options

Speak to your child to make sure they understand how to use this feature safely. Use [Parental Controls](#) to limit who your child can talk or chat to. You can also [follow these instructions](#) to change text and voice settings in the game or block or mute individual players.

Encourage them to report any offensive or inappropriate chat or texts in the game. See the Fortnite FAQs on [voice and text reporting here](#)

3. Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

To **report** players or player-made experiences that make your child feel uncomfortable, follow the steps on [Epic Games' website](#).

What else can I do?

- ⇒ Download and play the game to help you understand it
- ⇒ Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them. See more guidance from the NSPCC about [talking to your child about online safety](#)
- ⇒ Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up