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Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has certainly had a more Autumnal feel and we have seen a change in the weather with more rainfall and lower temperatures. We like to get outside as much as possible during breaks and lunchtimes so please ensure pupils bring a waterproof coat to school to wear outdoors.

Pupils in all classes have continued their positive start to the new school year. I have been visiting lessons and been very impressed with the behaviour, enthusiasm and attitude to learning. Even our youngest pupils in Preschool approach their day with independence and a real 'have a go' attitude and it is lovely to see the older children in school supporting our younger pupils, leading by example and being fantastic ambassadors for our school.

We look forward to seeing you in school over the coming year and thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

The last 2 weeks in school

Early Years

In Early Years we are so impressed with how well the children are managing their new routines! Reception have already learnt the first 10 RWI sounds and have started blending them to make words. In Maths, we have been comparing size, mass and capacity using practical activities and great sentences to explain our reasoning. We have also explored a little bit of history, using words like then, now, past, present and remember as we looked at our super cute baby photos and talked about how we have changed over time.

In Preschool we have story mapped our new core book, Dear Zoo, to help us retell the story independently. In phonics, we have been focusing on sound discrimination by playing, 'What's the Sound?' We listened to different noises that were in the box and guessed what was making the noise. We have also practised clapping syllables in our names, as well as some trickier words such as o-rang-u-tan! Even though we are hardly into autumn, everyone in Early Years has been creating penguin-themed Christmas card designs-they look amazing! A highlight has been our brilliant Class 4 buddies joining us for some games and storytelling. They were so kind and lots of fun, so we made them beautiful bookmarks to say thank you!

Class 2

In class 2 the children have thoroughly enjoyed our class book, 'The storm whale' by Benji Davies and have created some wonderful descriptive sentences about the scenes Noi and his dad would have encountered on their fishing boat. They have also enjoyed learning all about the world around us, discovering where they are located in Europe and finding out all about our artist for this half term 'Yayoi Kusama'. Next week, we will be making head bands in the style of her work. We are so proud of all of the children in class 2 who are working extremely hard in all their subjects so far this year.

Class 3

It's been another exciting few weeks in Class 3, full of fun, learning, and new adventures! Our swimming lessons have been going brilliantly – the progress has been amazing to see! From building confidence in the water to trying out new strokes, everyone has worked so hard and had a great time. After reading *Esio Trot* by Roald Dahl in our English lessons, the children have been busy writing their own fabulous adventure stories – and they've really let their imaginations run wild! We've had everything from criminal tortoises to new friendships with other aquatic animals and even some tortoises being chased by cows. Their creativity has been incredible. PE with Mr Thompson continues to be a firm favourite! Whether it's team games, new skills, or just a chance to burn off some energy, the children have loved every session. Great teamwork, great attitudes, and lots of fun! Fab work Class 3!

Class 4

In Class 4, we have started our new Science unit on 'Materials'. We have re-capped lots of scientific vocabulary (transparent, translucent, opaque, evaporation, condensation etc) and we will be using this in the coming weeks when we carry out a series of investigations in class. In Maths, we have continued our work on place value, looking at numbers to 10,000,000 and how they would be shown on a number line. We have also looked at patterns when numbers become 10 times bigger / smaller.

In Computing, we have looked at appropriate / inappropriate content and we have now started our unit on 'Self-Image and Identity'. We understand the importance of staying safe online and know who we can talk to if we see something that upsets us. In Art, we have started to explore the work 'Banksy' and have looked at some of his work in preparation for completing our own pieces in the coming weeks.

Exciting News

We are delighted to share some exciting news with you all. Mrs Black and her husband James are expecting their second baby in January 2026 and I know that Charlie is very excited about the prospect of becoming a big brother. Congratulations from everybody at Stamfordham!

We will share updates regarding staffing nearer the time.

Thank you

Thank you to everybody involved with / who attended the 'Car Show' at the end of August. This event, ran by people in the local community, was a huge success and a generous donation from the proceeds of £2000 has been made to school. We are extremely grateful.

A huge thank you also goes to the Swinburne Arms and everybody involved with the Leek Show. This fantastic community event has also brought additional funding into school which will benefit all of our pupils.

We are so lucky to be at the centre of such a supportive and generous community and we really are grateful for your support. Our pupils benefit greatly from your efforts.

School Lunches

Week commencing 22nd September 2025 – Week 1

Week commencing 29th September 2025 – Week 2

The dinner menus are available on the school website.

Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:

Monday 22 nd September	
Tuesday 23 rd September	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 24 th September	PE with Mr Thompson Year 6 Sports Leader Training – further information has been sent separately Craft Club – Year 5 and 6 (1 of 4) Tag Rugby – Year 1, 2 and 3 (2 of 6)
Thursday 25 th September	Yoga - Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 (2 of 5)
Friday 26 th September	Music with Mr Radford

Monday 29 th September	
Tuesday 30 th September	Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 1 st October	PE with Mr Thompson Craft Club – Year 5 and 6 (2 of 4) Tag Rugby – Year 1, 2 and 3 (3 of 6)
Thursday 2 nd October	** No Yoga Club **
Friday 3 rd October	Music with Mr Radford

Upcoming Dates:

Date	Event
Friday 10 th October	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Friday 24 th October 2024	School closes for half term
Monday 3 rd November	Teacher Training Day – school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 4 th November	School re-opens for all pupils