



# Stamfordham Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I really can't believe that I'm writing the final newsletter of this school year – it only seems like yesterday that we were welcoming everyone back in September! Looking back, it's amazing to see just how much our children have achieved. They have worked so hard, grown in confidence, embraced every opportunity and made us proud in so many different ways. I would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your continued support throughout the year. We know that the best outcomes for our children come when home and school work together, and we are incredibly lucky to have such supportive parents and carers. Thank you for everything you do and for making our school such a wonderful community to be part of.

Last week, our older pupils visited London for their residential trip and they had such an amazing time visiting lots of attractions such as The London Eye and Warner Bros Studios. The children behaved impeccably on the trip and this was noticed by staff and members of the public throughout the week. I have no doubt that they have made memories that will last a lifetime.

We also held our rescheduled Sports Day this week and it was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance. I am sure you will agree that it was a lovely afternoon and our pupils were outstanding in all the events, taking part with enthusiasm and huge smiles on their faces.

As the year ends, we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils Daisy, Edison, Evie, Freya, Isaac, Grace, Gracie-Lee, Rachel, Stanley and Willow who will join Ponteland High School in September. On behalf of everybody at Stamfordham, good luck for the next part of your journey, we will miss you!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Briddock and the team at Stamfordham Primary

## **The last 2 weeks in school**

### **Early Years**

What a fab and sunny couple of weeks! We had a fantastic time at our Teddy Bears' Picnic on the field. Luckily, the weather wasn't too hot or too cool—it was just right! The children loved sharing a picnic with their teddy bears and spending time outdoors together.

Our Transition Morning was a great success. All of the children enjoyed spending time in their new classrooms, taking part in fun activities and getting to know their new teachers. We are delighted to share that the new teachers were full of praise and said the children were absolutely fabulous!

In Science, we have been learning all about worms and discovered lots of fascinating facts. We found out that worms are divided into segments, have no eyes or ears, and have a saddle, which is where they keep

their eggs. We then headed outside for a worm hunt, pouring water onto the ground in the hope that the worms would come to the surface. It was great fun seeing how many we could spot!

To make the most of the sunshine while staying cool, we have enjoyed lots of shorter sessions in our outdoor area. The children have loved cooling down with delicious ice lollies, plenty of water play, and even wiggling their feet in cold water—a perfect way to stay refreshed while having fun!

## Class 2

Class 2 have had a fantastic two weeks! We can't believe we're nearly at the end of the school year.

We have started our final core book of the year, the classic 'The Smeds and The Smoos'. The children have produced some fantastic descriptive writing, creating their own imaginative planets and aliens, as well as rewriting scenes from the story. Their vocabulary has been outstanding throughout, and they should all be incredibly proud of their hard work. In Maths, we recently completed our time unit, which is always a tricky topic. The children showed great confidence and perseverance as they learned to tell the time using *past* and *to* the hour. Their knowledge of counting in 5s and using fractions really helped them to understand *quarter past* and *quarter to*.

Finally, in DT, we completed our Healthy Snacks unit by creating our own fruit ice lollies, which were a very welcome treat during the hottest week of the year! This week, the children also enjoyed tasting a variety of dips and evaluating them using their senses, developing their ability to describe flavours, textures and preferences.

## Class 3

What a fantastic few weeks we've had in Class 3! A huge well done to all of the children for their brilliant effort and enthusiasm at Sports Day. We were so proud of the way they encouraged one another, showed great sportsmanship and gave every event their best. It was certainly a very hot last week in school, but the children were incredibly resilient and coped brilliantly with the warm weather. We've also been having lots of fun following the World Cup as part of our class sweepstake, with plenty of excitement as everyone cheers on their allocated teams! It's hard to believe we only have two weeks left together before the children move on to their next class. We're looking forward to making the most of our remaining time together and creating lots more happy memories.

## Class 4

Class 4 have had a truly wonderful and memorable couple of weeks, with the highlight being our amazing residential trip to London. We visited some fantastic museums, explored the brilliant Wonderlab at the Science Museum, enjoyed incredible views from the London Eye, spotted famous sights on our river cruise, and were completely wowed by *Matilda* at the theatre. A very special highlight was our magical visit to the Harry Potter Warner Bros. Studio Tour — we hope you enjoyed seeing the photos on Facebook! It was an absolute joy to take the children on this trip and see them making so many amazing memories together. We were so proud of how beautifully the children represented our school throughout; they were polite, sensible, kind to one another, and embraced every moment away from home with enthusiasm and maturity.

Back in school, we have started our new English core book, *Cogheart* by Peter Bunzl, and have been analysing Lily's character by thinking carefully about her thoughts and feelings at different points in the text. In Maths, we have come to the end of our shape unit, looking closely at 3D shapes, and we will now be moving on to statistics. We have also begun preparing for our leavers' assembly, where the children

are looking forward to sharing some very special memories with you. We are excited to enjoy our final two weeks together and make the most of every moment.

### **Goodbye Miss Jefferson**

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Miss Jefferson last week who has been working with us on supply since January. Miss Jefferson will be taking a well-earned holiday before she commences her teacher training later in the year. Good luck Miss Jefferson, we will miss you!

### **Staffing for September**

As we look ahead to the new school year, our staffing team will be as follows:

**Early Years (Preschool and Reception)** – Mrs Tait (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Watson (Thursday and Friday)

Miss Phillipson (Preschool lead), Mrs Scott (Janice) and Mrs Black (on maternity leave until December 2026)

**Class 2 (Year 1 and 2)** – Mrs Charleton (Monday – Wednesday) and Mrs Gray (Wednesday – Friday)

Miss Hamilton (Teaching Assistant)

**Class 3 (Year 3 and 4)** – Miss McPherson

**Class 4 (Year 5 and 6)** – Mrs Watson (Monday – Wednesday) and Miss Briddock (Thursday and Friday)

Pupils spent time in their new class during our transition morning on Thursday where they got to meet their new teacher and become familiar with their new surroundings.

### **Attendance**

A huge well done to everyone for helping us achieve an excellent whole-school attendance figure of **96.9%**! This is something we can all be really proud of, as every day in school makes such a difference to children's learning, friendships and confidence. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in making attendance a priority. We really appreciate everything you do to help your children be in school, on time and ready to learn.

### **School Lunches**

Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Week 3

Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – Week 1

**The dinner menus are available on the school website.**

**Diary dates for the next 2 weeks:**

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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July    |                                                                                |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July   | <b>Volunteer afternoon 1.15-3pm</b>                                            |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>PE with Mr Thompson</b><br>Athletics Club (Year 1, 2 and 3) <b>(5 of 5)</b> |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July  |                                                                                |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July   | <b>Music with Mr Radford</b>                                                   |

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| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July    | <b>Leaver's Service at St Mary's Church 9.30am</b>                                               |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July   | <b>Year 6 Leaver's Assembly pm (time to be confirmed)</b>                                        |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July | <b>Early Years Graduation (pm)</b><br><b>PE with Mr Thompson</b>                                 |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July  |                                                                                                  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July    | <b>School closes for the summer break 1.15pm</b><br><b>** No Kidzone session after school **</b> |

**Upcoming Dates:**

| <b>Date</b>                              | <b>Event</b>                         |
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| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026   | Teacher Training day – school closed |
| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026 | School reopens to all pupils         |