

Stanway Primary School

Weekly Bulletin



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MONDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 2025

Diary Dates

Mon

10.2.25

Construction Club
3:15pm - 4:15pm
French Club
3:15pm - 4:15pm
Homework Club
3:15pm - 4:15pm
Year 5/6 Football
Club
3:15pm - 4:15pm

Tues

11.2.25

Safer Internet Day
Rocksteady
9:00am-11:00am
Parents Evening
(4:00pm-7:00pm)

Wed

12.2.25

Year 1/2 Football
Club
3:15pm - 4:15pm

Diary Dates

Thurs

13.2.25

5 Rauf
Forest School
Colouring Club
3:15pm - 4:15pm
Cancelled
Netball Club
3:15pm - 4:15pm
Cancelled
Parents Evening
(3:30pm-6:30pm)

Fri

14.2.25

Rocksteady
8:30am - 11:00am
Break up for Half
Term

Looking Ahead

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th February

Children return to school

Thursday 27th February

Bikeability Course 1
(9:45am-2:30pm)

Friday 28th February

Bikeability Course 1
(10:00am-2:30pm)

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day
Bikeability Course 2
(9:45am-2:30pm)

Friday 7th March

Bikeability Course 2
(10:00am-2:30pm)

Letters Home

Wake Up Wednesday Guide all Parents via Arbor In App 5.2.25

SEN Surgery with Mrs Pook all Parents via Email 7.2.25

Messages



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Parents, we need YOU!

Next half term, we will be celebrating all things STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) during the week beginning 10th March. We have several things planned for the children to enjoy and discover during the week, but we need your help! If you have a career that is directly connected to STEM, we would love for you to come in and speak to the children about your job. It may be that you speak to your child's class, several classes or even do an assembly - whatever you feel comfortable with!

If your job isn't connected to STEM, fear not! At various points during the rest of the half term (from 24th February - 4th April) the children will be looking at a range of careers, so if you would like to share what you do, then we would happily welcome you into school too.

If you think you can help us, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Many thanks in advance.

Thursday 13th February

Please note that due to Parents evening on Thursday Colouring club and Netball Club are cancelled.

Free School Meal Changes

From April 2025 there will be some changes coming into effect in relation to free school meals. Since 1 April 2018 and until 31 March 2025, all existing and new free school meals claimants have continued to receive free school meals for 6 years or until the end of their current school phase (primary or secondary), regardless of any changes to their eligibility criteria. This is known as Ever6 FSM.

All pupils in receipt of free school meals (FSM) are also eligible for Pupil Premium Funding (PPG) which is extra funding received by the school to support pupils.

From April 2025, Ever6 FSM is coming to an end.

This means that:

- Existing claimants who no longer meet the eligibility criteria will continue to receive FSM until the end of their current school phase (primary or secondary)
- New claimants will only receive FSM while meeting the eligibility criteria

PPG will mirror this

To check whether your child may be eligible for free school meals, please click [here](#) to complete an application. The [Department for Education's document on free school meals](#) outlines the criteria. We would strongly advise that you do this prior to **31 March 2025** so that your child can benefit from the Ever6 FSM scheme before it ends.

If your child is already registered for free school meals, there is no further action for you to take.

I hope this information has been of help to you and I would encourage any families who are eligible for free school meals to register their child for this benefit.

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World Book Day

World Book Day is on 6 March 2025. This year's theme is **Read Your Way** as research shows that children feel reading is something they have to do, rather than something they choose to do.

With this in mind, the following events will be taking place in school:

- We will be asking each child to design a Book Nook for the sensory garden, which will be installed later this year;
- Children can come into school, on the day, dressed as their favourite book character. Please note that there is no obligation to do so. We are attaching the following guides to help with ideas for dressing up: Low-cost dressing up ideas; Dressing-up Ideas for Parents.
- Children can bring in photographs of them 'reading their way'. This could include reading in their favourite place or even in an unusual place! These will be used to create a wonderful new reading display.
- There will be a 'Drop Everything and Read' session which the children will share with their buddy class. They may wish to bring in a blanket or a pillow so that they can get cosy!

Please click [here](#) for the World Book Day 2025 Low-cost dressing up pack.

We will be sending home the World Book Day 2025 Book Tokens today.

Puddle Magazine for Early Years and Primary Schools – Winter Wellbeing Issue

This issue, Essex Museums feature, educational and fun days out, local events, ACL Essex learning spotlight, expert parenting advice, seasonal wellness articles, crafts, recipes and more. Click the Link for the latest issue – [Puddle Magazine](#).

Attendance

Well done to 1 Blake and 4 Jackson who had the best attendance last week at 97.2%!

The winners of the Attendance Bears are 1 Blake, 4 Jackson and 5 Shakespeare.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance % Present</u>
R Hendra	92.7%
R Rosen	95.2%
1 Blake	97.2%
1 Donaldson	93.6%
2 Bond	96.8%
2 Dahl	89.6%
3 Morpurgo	95.6%
3 Wilson	90.0%
4 Jackson	97.2%
4 Zephaniah	94.8%
5 Rauf	95.8%
5 Shakespeare	96.1%
6 Rowling	92.0%
6 Tolkien	94.5%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING TERM 2025

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 4 th	5 Rauf Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Thursday 6 th	5 Shakespeare Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Friday 7 th	PTA Doughnut Sale (3:15pm)
Tuesday 11 th	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 th	Parents Evening (4:00pm-7:00pm)
Thursday 13 th	Parents Evening (3:30pm-6:30pm)
Friday 14 th	Break up for Half Term
Monday 24 th	Children return to school
Thursday 27 th	Bikeability Course 1 (9:45am-2:30pm)
Friday 28 th	Bikeability Course 1 (10:00am-2:30pm)

MARCH

Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Thursday 6 th	Bikeability Course 2 (9:45am-2:30pm)
Friday 7 th	Bikeability Course 2 (10:00am-2:30pm)
Monday 10 th	Science Week
Friday 14 th	Maths Mantle
Tuesday 18 th	3 Morpurgo Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Wednesday 19 th	Bikeability Course 3 (9:45am-2:30pm)
Thursday 20 th	Bikeability Course 3 (10:00am-2:30pm)
Thursday 20 th	Year 4 Trip to Colchester Castle
Thursday 20 th	3 Wilson Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Monday 24 th	Yr 6 Respect Assembly – Essex Fire Service (11:00am-11:30am)
Monday 24 th	6 Rowling Cyber Safety – Essex Fire Service (1:30pm-2:30pm)
Wednesday 26 th	Year 2 Trip to Colchester Zoo
Wednesday 26 th	Bikeability Course 4 (9:45am-2:30pm)
Thursday 27 th	Bikeability Course 4 (10:00am-2:30pm)
Thursday 27 th	Year 3 Parents Dinner (tbc)
Friday 28 th	PTA Event – Mother's Day
Monday 31 st	6 Tolkien Cyber Safety – Essex Fire Service (1:30pm-2:30pm)

APRIL

Tuesday 1 st	2 Bond Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Wednesday 2 nd	Year 4 Production (3:45pm-4:45pm)
Thursday 3 rd	Year 4 Production (6:00pm- 7:00pm)
Thursday 3 rd	2 Dahl Class Assembly (2:45pm)
Friday 4 th	Break up for Easter Holidays

SUMMER TERM 2025

APRIL

Tuesday 22nd Children return to school

MAY

Wednesday 7th

Throughout the month – KS1 SATs

Reception Trip to Hasty's Adventure Farm

Monday 12th – 15th

KS2 SATs

Thursday 15th

Census Day

Monday 19th

Art Mantle Week

Tuesday 20th

R Rosen Road Safety Session - with parents (9:00am-9:45am)

Tuesday 20th

5 Rauf Road Safety Session (9:45am-12:00pm)

Tuesday 20th

1 Blake Class Assembly (2:45pm)

Wednesday 21st

Class Photos

Wednesday 21st

R Hendra Road Safety Session - with parents (9:00am-9:45am)

Wednesday 21st

5 Shakespeare Road Safety Session (9:45am-12:00pm)

Thursday 22nd

1 Donaldson Class Assembly (2:45pm)

Friday 23rd

Art Exhibition

JUNE

Thursday 5th

New Intake Meeting (5:00pm-6:00pm)

Friday 13th

PTA Father's Day Event

Tuesday 17th

R Hendra Class Assembly (2:45pm)

Thursday 19th

R Rosen Class Assembly (2:45pm)

Thursday 19th

Year 2 Parents Dinner

Monday 23rd

New Intake Individual Meetings

Tuesday 24th

EYFS Multi-Skills Event at Rowhedge

Thursday 26th

Year 6 Transition Day at The Stanway School

Thursday 26th

Moving Up Day/Open Evening

Monday 30th

Year 6 Leavers Event at Leisureworld (6:30pm-8:00pm)

JULY

Tuesday 1st

4 Jackson Class Assembly (2:45pm)

Wednesday 2nd

New Intake Stay and Play

Thursday 3rd

4 Zephaniah Class Assembly (2:45pm)

Thursday 3rd

New Intake Stay and Play

Tuesday 8th

Year 6 Performance (time tbc)

Thursday 10th

Year 6 Performance (time tbc)

Thursday 10th

Meet The Teacher

Saturday 12th

PTA Summer Fayre (11:30am-2:30pm)

Monday 14th –

Year 6 Residential Trip to Bawdsey Manor

Wednesday 16th

Tuesday 15th

EYFS Transition

Tuesday 22nd

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Tuesday 22nd

Break up for Summer Holiday



READ YOUR WAY

For World Book Day on 6th March 2025, we would like the children to bring in a photo of themselves reading their books in their way! This could be in their favourite place to read, or in an unusual place!

An example could be at the top of a climbing frame or on a trampoline (children have been asked to be mindful of their safety and to check with an adult first).

The more creative, the better!

Children can bring in a hard copy of their photographs and give it to their class teacher.

All of the pictures will be added to a fantastic display of our children reading in a whole host of weird and wonderful places!

Thank you for your support.

Here are a few examples to help with ideas:



Dressing Up Ideas for Parents

Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)

Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

What if I/my child....

....doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

.... doesn't like dressing up?

Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

....aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.

Support
your child
to read for
fun...



PTA or Class Rep Member?

Can you support your school by:

- Organising a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up rails.
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.

FREE PACKED LUNCHES

STANWAY EVANGELICAL
CHURCH
CHAPEL ROAD
CO3 0PU

AVAILABLE
WEEKDAYS IN
THE LOBBY
PLEASE HELP
YOURSELF



10.30am-12.30pm

MON 17TH - FRI 21ST FEBRUARY



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**COMMUNITY &
FAMILY LEARNING**





World Hippo Day

Stanway Library

Saturday 15 February, 10am to 12noon

- **Come and join us as we celebrate World Hippo Day with a fun craft event**
- **Take part in our trail and see how many facts you can learn about these mud-loving mammals**
- **This is a fun free event aimed at families and children**



This survey will take around 5-10 minutes to complete & will help shape Jansma Park design options for future in person development consultations.
All responses will remain confidential.

Jansma Park, located next to the Westside Centre on London Road, is a newly acquired greenfield site, and Stanway Parish Council want to ensure it serves the needs of the community.

This survey will help guide the planning and development of the park, with a focus on nature, community projects, sports, youth facilities, and more. Your feedback will be invaluable in creating a space that reflects the needs of all visitors.

Please kindly return this survey by email or post to Stanway Parish Council, Victory Hall, Villa Road CO3 ORH

Further hard copies can be provided:
please call: 01206 542221

email: deputyclerk@stanway-pc.gov.uk

or collect from the letter box located at the entrance to Victory Hall, Villa Road, CO3 ORH

For more information and to complete online:

scan the QR Code

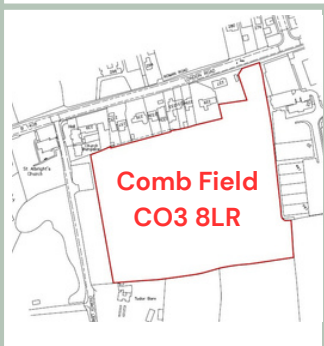
www.facebook.com/stanwayparish

<https://www.stanway-pc.gov.uk/>

Survey closes 10/03/2025



Jansma Park will be retained as a public open space for the residents of Stanway, thanks to the generosity of the late Mrs. Jansma, a respected local farmer and landowner. Mrs. Jansma bequeathed the **10 acre, Comb Field** to the Parish Council, ensuring that this beautiful green space would remain accessible to the community for future generations.



Her thoughtful donation allows the park to serve as a valuable resource for recreation, nature conservation, and community activities, enriching the lives of local residents and preserving an important part of Stanway's heritage.

Please note: Any development at Jansma Park is subject to planning consent, and no project can be guaranteed until appropriate approvals are obtained. Any development or changes may take time to complete, and the local council will prioritise projects based on community feedback, funding availability, and any other appropriate considerations. Additionally, any major developments may result in a local council tax increase, although Stanway Parish Council will diligently endeavour to limit this by actively seeking grants

1-3 Generic demographic questions

1 Age Group

Under 18
 18-24
 25-34
 35-44
 45-54
 55-64
 65+

2 Sex

Male
 Female

3 Do you live near Jansma Park or in the local area (e.g., near London Road or the Wyvern development)?

Yes
 No

Section 1: Nature and Environment

4 How important is it for Jansma Park to preserve natural areas (e.g., grasslands, trees, wildlife habitats)?

Very
 Somewhat
 Neutral
 Not very
 Not at all

5 Would you like to see areas of Jansma Park designed to encourage wildlife (e.g., wildlife corridors, ponds, or gardens with native plants)?

Yes
 No
 Maybe
 Not sure

6 What natural features would you most like to see in Jansma Park? (Select all that apply)

Wooded areas or trees for shade
 Wildflower meadows or grasslands
 Ponds, streams, or water features
 Environmental education spaces (e.g., interpretive signage)
 Community garden spaces
 Other (Please specify): _____

Section 2: Community Projects and Engagement

7 Would you like to see areas for community projects or activities at Jansma Park (e.g., planting trees, environmental clean-ups, community art projects)?

Yes
 No
 Maybe



- 8** Would you be interested in participating in community projects or activities at Jansma Park (e.g., planting trees, environmental clean-ups, community art projects)?
- Environmental conservation/clean-up projects
 - Community garden or allotments
 - Art installations or public art events
 - Educational programs about nature and sustainability
 - Workshops or volunteer programs
 - Other (please specify): _____

Section 3: Sports Grounds and Clubs

- 9** Would you like to see sports facilities included in Jansma Park?
- Yes No Maybe

- 10** What types of sports facilities would you most like to see in Jansma Park? (Select all that apply)
- Football or rugby pitches (please circle as appropriate)
 - Tennis courts
 - Basketball courts
 - Cricket pitch
 - Multi-use sports courts (e.g., for volleyball, badminton)
 - Other (please specify): _____

- 11** Would you like to see local sports clubs using Jansma Park for training or events?
- Yes No Maybe

- 12** What support or facilities would local sports clubs need at Jansma Park? (Select all that apply)
- Changing rooms and showers
 - Parking for players and spectators
 - Clubhouse or storage spaces for equipment
 - Spectator seating or viewing areas
 - Lighting for evening use
 - Other (please specify): _____

Section 4: Community Hub and Open Space

- 13** Would you like to see a community hub or gathering space at Jansma Park (e.g., a café, outdoor event space, or multipurpose building)?
- Yes No Maybe

- 14** What would you use a community hub for? (Select all that apply)
- Community meetings or events
 - Café or social spaces
 - Art and cultural activities
 - Educational programs or workshops
 - Renting for private events (e.g., celebrations)
 - Other (please specify): _____

- 15** How important is it for Jansma Park to provide open space for informal recreation (e.g. relaxation, walking, socialising areas)?
- Very Somewhat Neutral Not very Not At All

Section 5: Youth Facilities

- 16** What types of youth-focused facilities would you like to see at Jansma Park? (Select all that apply)
- Playground for younger children
 - Skate park or BMX tracks
 - Youth sports facilities(e.g.basketball courts, football pitches)
 - Teen hangout areas with seating or sheltered spaces
 - Interactive or creative play areas (e.g., climbing areas, sky ropes, splash park)
 - Other (please specify): _____

Section 6: Final Thoughts

- 17** Do you have any concerns or suggestions regarding the development of Jansma Park?
-

- 18** Is there anything else you'd like to share about Jansma Park and its development?
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- 19** What type of community facility do you consider most lacking within Stanway as a whole?
-

- 20** To enhance wellbeing, what specific community amenity or service do you want to see in Stanway?
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NARNIA KIDS CASTING CALL

Nina Gold (PADDINGTON, STAR WARS, THE CROWN, GAME OF THRONES) is looking for two exceptionally talented kids, a boy and a girl, to play important roles in a new NARNIA film that Oscar nominated Greta Gerwig (BARBIE, LITTLE WOMEN, LADY BIRD) has written and will direct.

We want to hear from all interested young actors, regardless of experience.

We are looking for a boy and a girl to play characters that are 10/11 years old.

The film will rehearse and shoot from June – Christmas 2025 in the UK.

Parents and guardians are asked to apply by email to casting@ninagold.co.uk with name, age, location, height, along with a short piece to camera (on a phone is fine, approx. 30 seconds) about their happiest memory.

Parents and Guardians must state their relationship to the applicant and that they have their permission to be considered for a role in this production.

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Please only use this email address to apply.

casting@ninagold.co.uk

Netflix is committed to inclusive, diverse casting. For every role, please submit qualified performers, without regard to age, sex, ethnicity, disability, race, color, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity or any other basis prohibited by law unless otherwise specifically indicated.