

# Time for a Breather



## Stanway Primary School Newsletter

There is some interesting news to communicate in this newsletter about some exciting building improvement projects and a new initiative we are starting in school after half-term.

After contacting the Local Authority almost exactly a year ago, we have been given the firm agreement now that they will be undertaking two major pieces of work to improve our school grounds by the end of the school year. They will firstly be re-roofing the playground shelters on the front playground and then also replacing the front of the storage building. Secondly, and even more excitingly, they will be re-surfacing our extremely uneven and lumpy front playground; this is a massive piece of work which will entail making good the drainage underneath as well.

The first job will take about six weeks and is scheduled to begin during half-term. This area will be marked off so the playground will still be safe for use, but the bike-sheds by the Chapel Road entrance will not be in use during this time. The re-laying of the playground is scheduled for the Summer Holidays, so will be a welcome surprise when we return to school in September.

### Be the Best You Can Be!

After half-term, we will be introducing a new rewards scheme throughout the school where the children will collect points individually for the benefit of their class. There will be three kinds of points—Proud points which will be awarded for learning, Polite Points which will mark acts of courtesy or kindness and Punctuality Points which will be awarded for attending school on time.

Classes will be working to collect the most points overall each week with golden time or extra break allocated accordingly

### Italian Day

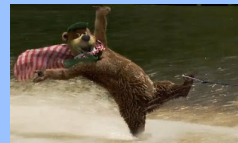
It was like being on the Italian Riviera only in Stanway, well maybe not quite but we all enjoyed the Acorn Diner's Pizzeria. Who doesn't love a pizza?!

We finished with delicious ice-cream and chocolate sauce, and probably saw the most clean plates of any event so far!



### The Attendance Bears

The class with the best attendance each week will be presented with the Attendance Bear (yet to be named!) for each Key Stage in the Friday Celebration Assembly. We will be asking classes to choose a



name for the bear via their School Council representatives. Let's see how many different classes can win the bear each week!

### Careers Week....can YOU help?

We are going to be holding a Careers Week beginning on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, and we would like some help from you! If you would be happy to come in and talk to your child's class about your current occupation, please let your child's class teacher know your occupation and availability during that week so we can start planning our activities.

Thank you for your support!



We will be trialling this system until the end of the year and look forward to your support.

### PE Kits

Please make sure that your child has a **named** PE kit in school each week with appropriate footwear to change into. Also, please remember that we are not allowed to remove earrings, so please ensure that children can take these out themselves or, preferably, don't wear them on PE days. PE is an integral part of the curriculum with obvious health benefits as well as being one of a lot of children's favourite lessons.

Warm wishes,

**Rebecca Loader**  
Headteacher

### Newbies

We are pleased to welcome some new (and some not so new!) members to the Stanway Team....Mrs. Lowe is joining the Reception Class on Mondays and Tuesdays.; Mrs. Pook will be continuing to teach 4 Zephiniah for the rest of the year and Mrs. Banes has taken over as the class teacher of 5 Shakespeare. We also welcome Mrs. Jaques and Mrs. Adams to Key Stage Two as Teaching Assistants in 6 Tolkein and 3 Morpurgo, respectively.

Thursday, 9th February



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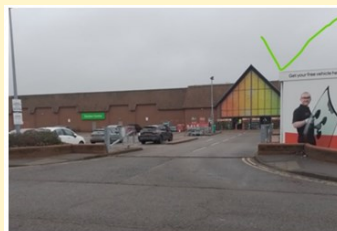
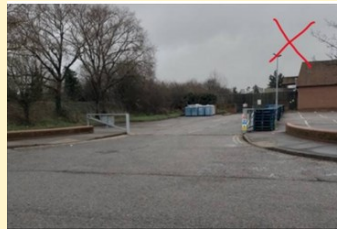
## Parking at Tollgate Hall & Homebase

We are sorry to inform you that Stanway Parish Council have decided for safety reasons to shut the car parks while the building works take place to anyone other than hall hirers.

This will affect 3 weeks of term time from 20th February when no parking will be available to parents. We apologise for the inconvenience but once complete it will, of course, provide further parking facilities. However, we are delighted to say that the managers at Homebase have agreed that parents can use their car park for our drop-off and pick-up times.

Please park in the main customer car park and not in the delivery section at the end of the car park near the footpath (as shown in the photos below).

Please be aware that you can park for up to 90 minutes at Homebase. After this, you may receive a fine.



# Stanway Pupil Voice

## Colour Team Sports

### Captains

#### *Toby*

For Red team sports captains there are Nathan and Sophie H. Blue team sports captains consist of Toby and Chloe. Yellow Team we have Oscar S and Sydney. Green teams captains consist of Avaneish and Sofia. Sports Captains' jobs will be to help with Sports Day, lead their team, tidy the PE shed and help lead playground games for younger children.

## Playground Arrangements

The school still has the climbing frame on the field and the trim trail next to the astro turf pitch but there are still some changes in the school's playgrounds, such as the football rule, where there shall be no football games on Tuesdays and Thursdays due to recent injuries and interruptions because of footballs flying between people during their conversations. There is also no football at break times either, otherwise it is too much football in one day for those who don't want to get hit in the head or stomach whilst playing a harmless game with their friends. There also has been cones places on the field, marking the no football zone, where if you don't want to play football, that is where you play. Also, no ball games are allowed past that point.





# Stanway Roundup

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

By Oscar E

Recently, Class 6 have been practising their class assemblies for next half-term. This time Year 6 are performing to their parents, a fabulous production on the Victorian Era– the period of time when Queen Victoria ruled our country, and many more. Last term, these children put their effort into an outstanding performance, based on WW2. Unfortunately, Year 5 can't do a play due to a teacher leaving, although many parents are looking forward to learning about the Victorian era. This show will commence on 22nd February, 2023, for anyone who wants to know.



## Reading Ambassadors

By Avaneish and Connor

This half-term, the reading ambassadors have been reading to younger levels– and being read to by them. The book fair– which is being held by the Reading Ambassadors– is on Parents' evening. There will be 3 cases of books and every book bought will go towards more books in the school.



## Crazy Hair Day

The winners of this year's Crazy Hair Day in Key Stage Two were Ruby, Rio and Anabelle. Loads of people have competed in the day and many hairstyles have been put on display. The winners were announced in assembly in it was tough to choose. The girls in 1st and 2nd place won a pen with a fluffy rainbow ball on the end. Rio (who came 3rd) got a signed certificate from the school council. Well done to the winners but also everybody who participated. We had all kinds of hairstyles with some being coloured hair tied up with different objects in it. Overall it was a great day!

Maisie and Liana

## YEAR 6 SPRING HALF-TERM WORK

By Connor and Toby

So far this half-term, Year 6 have been doing lots of enticing and interesting work. In maths, both Year 6 classes have been doing tests for some of the half-term. In Maths, apart from doing tests, Year 6 have been doing metric measures. In English, they have been focusing on newspaper reports and even wrote their own. Their PE lessons included them playing different sports including hockey and team sports with an SCS sports coach coming in to teach them.

In Science, they have been learning about blood, which they made in a practical lesson, and the circulatory system. Finally, in history they have been learning about the Victorians and when they were around.





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**Stanway Primary School**

**PTA's**

**"BACK TO SCHOOL"**

*Quiz Night*

**Friday 24th February**

**Doors open at 6.10pm, Quiz Starts at 6.30pm**

Stanway Village Hall, Villa Road, CO3 0RH

**Book now, only a few tables remaining!**

Family friendly with up to 6 per team (including children)	Bring your own food and drink, however an optional Nindy's Fish and Chip Shop delivery is also available (pre-order only)
Suitable for school age and above	
<b>Winners prize</b>	<b>£10 per team</b>
	<b>Raffle</b>

Book your table via <https://pay.collectiv.com/school-quiz-37402>

Please enter your team name, contact details and number of players.

Tables available on a first come first served basis so be quick... there's only a limited number available!

If you wish to pre-order your Nindy's delivery, please email [pta@stanway-prieesex-sch.uk](mailto:pta@stanway-prieesex-sch.uk) once you have confirmed your table booking. Full menu will be given along with banking details for payment.

**All orders are non refundable after Wednesday 22nd Feb 2023**

# Nindy's Fish and Chip Shop

## Pre-Order Only Menu

(All orders need to be placed by Wednesday 22nd February 2023 and will be non refundable after this date)

Small Cod and Chips	£7.20
Medium Cod and Chips	£8.80
Cod Chunks and Chips	£5.55
Sausage and Chips	£4.25

(Sausages can be plain or battered, please specify)

**Delivery time slot is approximately 8pm**

Order your Nindy's delivery via  
<https://pay.collectiv.com/school-quiz-37402>

Please ensure you reference your team name at the time of booking

**Why not support your PTA further and round up your payment to the nearest pound.  
Every little, really does help!**

Please email any queries to [pta@stanway-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stanway-pri.essex.sch.uk)

**We look forward to sharing this new social event with you!**



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## Dates for your Diary

### FEBRUARY

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening (4:00pm – 7:00pm)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening (3:40pm – 6:30pm)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Break for Half Term
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Non Pupil Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to School
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6 Rowling Class Assembly (9:00am)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6 Tolkien Class Assembly (9:00am)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2 Dahl Class Assembly (9:00am)

### MARCH

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	3 Wilson Class Assembly (9:00am)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day - Dress Up Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 Bond Class Assembly (9:00am)
W/C Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Careers Week
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	STEM Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability Course 1
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability Course 2
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	1 Blake Class Assembly (9:00am)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1 Donaldson Class Assembly (9:00am)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability Course 3
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 Bikeability Course 4
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	World Maths Day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 Performance (6:00pm)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 Performance (2:00pm)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 Performance (6:00pm)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Break for Spring Holiday

# Stanway Primary School Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2022-2023

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	School Days
	School Holidays
	Bank Holidays
	Non-Pupil Days