

Friday 7th February 2025

Headteacher's News

It has been another week where illness has affected both staff and pupils, with a virus going around. I want to send my best wishes to everyone who has been unwell and hope for a swift recovery.

As we approach half term, we have some staff changes to share. We will be saying goodbye to **Mrs McDowell** (Y1) and **Miss Daniel** (office), who are both retiring. We thank them for their hard work and dedication over the years and wish them every happiness in their retirement. We are also bidding farewell to **Mr. Watling**, who will be leaving us after half term. We appreciate all his contributions to the school and wish him well in his new ventures.

To ensure consistency for our Year 1 pupils, **Mrs Hayward, Mrs Whiteley, Mrs. Abram, and Mrs. Loffhouse** will continue leading the teaching in Year 1.

We have also successfully recruited for our office position and look forward to welcoming **Emily Caulfield** to the Stanningley team after half term. She will be based in our front office on reception, and I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome.

Finally, we are currently **recruiting for a new site superintendent**. If you know anyone who may be interested, please see the link below and share it with them. Thank you for your support.

[Site Superintendent \(E6767\) - Stanningley Primary School | Leeds Jobs](#)

Our Value for this half term is **Friendship**

Chinese Lunar New Year Assembly

This week, we celebrated Lunar New Year by learning about its traditions and significance. We watched a video explaining how the festival is based on the lunar calendar and lasts for 15 days. The children discussed key traditions, including cleaning the house to welcome new beginnings, the importance of red as a lucky color, and how each year is named after one of the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac.

We ended with a reflection on good luck, happiness, and hope for the year ahead, reminding us that every new year is a chance for a fresh start and positive new beginnings.
Happy New Year!

Year 1 Superhero Day

Year 1 had a fantastic day writing their own comic strips and getting into character as superheroes. I think the adults enjoyed it just as much as the children!



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Diary Dates

11th February Safer Internet day

12th February Leeds schools Cross Country Final

13th February KS2 Panathlon

13-14th February Year 4 Bikeability

25th February Year 5/6 Basketball Competition

27th February Class Photos
Reception-Year 6

17-22nd March Healthy Schools Week

Attendance

Year 5 had the highest attendance across school this week. Well done!

Reception: 91.1%

Year 1: 88.8%

Year 2: 85.7%

Year 3: 88.6%

Year 4: 92.3%

Year 5: 96.6%

Year 6: 89%

Whole school attendance this week: 90.3%

Well done to our stars of the week!

Year 1: Gracie Riley

Year 2: Mini Edge

Year 3: George Whitehead

Year 4: Oliver Megson

Year 5: Isabella Docherty

Year 6: Polly Collins

Scout Group Availability

We currently have spaces available in our Beavers (ages 6-8), which meet on Mondays from 5:30-6:30 pm, and our Cubs (ages 8-11), which meet on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. If your child is interested in joining, please visit our website for more details:

2ndBramleyscouts.org.uk.