



Stallingborough C of E Primary School

Sowing the seeds so that all can flourish

School Newsletter

Issue 2 – Autumn Term 2 – November 2025

Car Park

A polite reminder that the school car park is for staff and visitors only and should not be used by parents to drop off or collect children at the start or end of the school day.

This is to help ensure the safety of all our pupils and families as the car park can become very busy during these times.

If you have a genuine need to use the car park (for example, due to mobility or medical reasons), please contact the Headteacher to make prior arrangements.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us keep everyone safe.

School Uniform

Our lost property cupboard is currently full, and many of the items don't have names in them — which makes it really tricky for us to return them to their owners!

Please could we kindly remind parents and carers to clearly label all items of clothing, including jumpers, cardigans, coats, hoodies, hats, scarves and gloves. When names are written inside, we can quickly and easily get items back to the right child.

Any unclaimed items from our lost property cupboard will be put out on a table at the end of term for parents to take anything that may belong to their child.

Thank you for your help in keeping our lost property pile to a minimum!

October Half Term

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our recent consultation about the possibility of adding an extra week to the October half-term in 2026.

Unfortunately, after further clarification, we have discovered that we were given incorrect information by the Local Authority. As a maintained school, we are not currently permitted to set different term dates from those issued by the Local Authority.

This means that there will be no change to the October 2026 half-term.

However, our Governing Body remains keen to pursue this matter. We genuinely believe that aligning our term dates with those of local secondary schools would make life much easier for many of our families who have children attending more than one school.

Governors therefore plan to submit a formal request for Cabinet consideration in the new year, asking for approval to make this change from October 2027 onwards. We'll keep you updated once we have more information.

Staffing Update

As many of you will know, Miss Everitt will be starting her maternity leave in January, and we wish her all the very best as she prepares for this exciting new chapter. We will, of course, miss her greatly while she is away, but know that the Hedgehogs class will be in very good hands.

We are delighted to share that Miss Adamson will continue to teach in Squirrels Class alongside Miss Rowston, and will also spend the first half of the week (Monday to Wednesday) teaching in Hedgehogs.

To complete the team, we are very pleased to welcome a new teacher, Miss Young, who will teach Hedgehogs for the second half of the week. Miss Young is an experienced teacher, and she was the unanimous choice of the staff and governor interview panel – as well as our School Council, who also interviewed her and were very impressed! We're sure you will join us in wishing Miss Everitt all the best for her maternity leave and in welcoming Miss Young to our Stallingborough family.

We would also like to mention that both Mrs Foster-Isaacs and Mrs Bradley are still absent on long-term sick leave. We miss them very much and are sending them our very best wishes as they continue to focus on their recovery.

School Trip Costs

We know that when we arrange school trips and visits, we ask parents and carers for voluntary contributions, and we are always incredibly grateful for the support we receive. However, with our extremely limited school budget, we are unfortunately no longer able to cover the full costs of these experiences ourselves.

This means that if we don't receive enough contributions to meet the costs of a planned trip or visit, there is a possibility that it may not be able to go ahead. We really do value being able to offer our children these rich and memorable learning experiences, and your continued support makes a huge difference — thank you.

Christmas is Coming

Christmas time is fast approaching in school, and with it comes all the wonderful events and activities that make this such a special time of year! We know it can be a busy period for families, so we've included all the key dates and details in this newsletter to help you plan ahead. We'll also continue to send our weekly updates with reminders for the week ahead — hopefully helping to ease the load during this festive season.

Autumn Term Week 11

Tuesday 18th November
Year 5/6 Swimming

Thursday 20th November

Year 6 trip to the farm to choose Christmas Tree – will need coats and wellies or old shoes this day please.

Autumn Term Week 12

Monday 24th November

TT Rockstars Day – Children to come to school in 'Rockstar' fancy dress – please bring a bottle for the Xmas Fair bottle tombola as a donation for non-uniform.

Tuesday 25th November

Year 5/6 Swimming

Autumn Term Week 13

Tuesday 2nd December

Year 5/6 Swimming

Autumn Term Week 14

Monday 8th December

All costumes for Christmas Performances due in today please
Hedgehogs and Ladybirds trip to Rand Farm Christmas Experience – see separate letter sent out about this.

Tuesday 9th December

Year 5/6 Swimming – last one
Whole school visit to Church for Christingle service

Wednesday 10th December

KS2 Trip to Auditorium for Pantomime

Thursday 11th December

We will be holding our annual **Christmas Fayre** to raise money to spend on the children in school and to support everything we do to make our school the best it can be. If you know of a company or are able to donate yourself, we are asking for donations of raffle prizes and any further bottles for the bottle tombola.

The fayre will take place straight after school from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. There will be plenty of festive games to play, reindeer food to make, Christmas cookie decorating, face painting, cake stall, hot food and refreshments on sale and of course Santa will be there in his grotto. The raffle will be drawn around 5pm in the school hall.

If your child has been asked to help by their class teacher, you will receive an email from their class teacher requesting your consent for this.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 25th November in the school office.
Tickets will also be available to purchase on the day of the Fayre.

Father Christmas will be making an appearance again this year. There will be a charge of £3 for the visit that will include a present. The visits will need to be booked in advance using the form at the end of this newsletter or by emailing the school office.
Payment to be made by cash or Parentpay please.

Friday 12th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Autumn Term Week 15

Monday 15th December

Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performances – all costumes to be in school by Monday 8th December please.

Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Party Day – children can come to school dressed in party clothes. The children will have party games, music and dancing and a party lunch in their classrooms. Class teachers will be putting a party food items list together for you to sign up to send in to your child's class on the day.

Wednesday 17th December & Thursday 18th December

Christmas Performances – we have put a morning (Wednesday) and an afternoon (Thursday) option on this year in the hope that this helps parents with time off work. An email will follow this newsletter later this week with a link to a Forms page to book your tickets.

Wednesday 17th December

We're very excited to be holding our first ever Elfridges Afternoon this year! We're asking for donations of new, unwanted gifts that could be used as presents. During the event, children will be able to bring in a small amount of money to purchase a gift for their parent(s) or carer(s) and have it wrapped to take home — a lovely way for them to experience the joy of giving.

Please see the separate poster for full details on how you can get involved and support this festive new event.

Friday 19th December

School closes for Christmas at 2pm.

There is no wrap around care on this day. Breakfast club will still be on.

*Here's to a busy but magical few weeks,
thank you for all of your support
Mrs Powell*