Stanwick Primary School









Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to offer you a very warm welcome from Stanwick Primary and hope that you enjoy your time visiting us today. We are extremely proud of our school and the children that attend it and hope for you to experience a small part of the exciting opportunities and experiences that we provide to the children whilst you are with us on your visit. Stanwick Primary has one class per year group which we can take up to thirty children in each. Each of the foundation children will be given a buddy from the year six class and a range of activities across the year will ensure that they are able to become fully involved in the school life and get to know children from across the school.

As you will see, we are very fortunate to have a fantastic area for the foundation children to learn and grow in their new school environment. Further to their classroom areas, your child will experience the wider school with frequent use of the playground, field and the whole village during our well-known welly walks. Many times throughout the year there will be visitors into school to see the children and a trip or two our to explore wider than our village.

We know that identifying the right school for your child to attend can be a very daunting experience and we hope to make this a little easier by providing you with all the necessary information (and more) that will help you to identify whether you feel Stanwick Primary is the right school for you and your child.

The staff within our school fully understand the journey that you are about to take and with their nurturing and supportive natures, you and your child will be supported at every step should you choose Stanwick Primary to be the right school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact details found within this pack.

Kind regards

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What to expect from our Early Years Provision

At Stanwick Primary, we look to encourage the children to explore, investigate and steer their learning in order to develop and understand the world around them. Through carefully planned activities and opportunities, the learning areas for the Early Years children are inviting, resourceful and immersive to aid child development. We look to identify the interests of the children within the class and involve this across the provision to personalize the learning that we offer to your child.

Reading

The development of your child's reading is a significant focus for us and we look to encourage this across the school day. Phonics is our prime tool to support the children to learn to read across their Early Years stage, as well as using oral comprehension through story time daily to promote a greater understanding of stories presented to them.

Writing

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds (Phonic Scheme) is used with the children across Early Years, along with high quality and engaging texts to support the writing that the children produce. We teach the children the 'pure' sounds with visuals and jingles to support the understanding that each child has. There will be daily opportunities for the pupils in Early Years to produce independent writing in each area of the setting. The topics and purpose for writing will change frequently to provide a range of experiences for the children.

Maths

Exploration and questioning is key across the school in maths lessons, and this is something that we embed right from the start of your child's schooling here with us at Stanwick Primary. We look to provide opportunities to investigate, interrogate and involve themselves in the understanding that underpins maths concepts. The children lead their own learning in maths to expand their knowledge and will consistently have opportunities for this across a school day.



What does Stanwick Primary offer?

Here at Stanwick Primary, we have a lot to offer across the school years that can provide the children and parents with a range of opportunities, from wraparound care to learning experiences. Below you will find further information.

Outdoor Learning

Within Stanwick Primary, we pride ourselves on the outdoor areas that we have, as well as the outdoor spaces wider than our school perimeter that we use to support the learning that we do.

We are extremely lucky to have the school grounds that we have, and thanks to the Friends of Stanwick School, we now have fantastic resources for our use during our outdoor learning sessions. Children's knowledge, skills and understanding is greatly enhanced when they 'do' things and become immersed in their learning. The use of our outdoor provisions allows for our children to be creative and consolidate the learning to compliment the work that occurs in the classroom.

We make full use of the space across our school field, as well as the allotment that we have within Stanwick. Further to these, our EYFS children will go on a weekly 'Welly Walk' where they explore the local area and incorporate their findings from their walks into the learning that is taking place that week. All of the children love the outdoor provisions and opportunities that they are provided with and we are so proud to have this as part of our curriculum!

Community Involvement

As a big part of the community, we are focused on using the expertise and knowledge around us in Stanwick to further enhance our learning. We not only make visits to the church, but also have local businesses and members of the community into Stanwick Primary to talk about their jobs and share their experiences of their roles with us.

We have been lucky to have some delicious food shared with our EYFS children from the local Chinese takeaway when learning about Chinese New Year, visit the dog groomers to help set up our role play area, weigh our post at the post office and learn all about how we can keep each other safe from doctors and nurses that have visited.



What does Stanwick Primary offer?

Sunshine Club

The Sunshine Club is a before and after school club that you may wish for your child to be a part of. Within the club, your child will be fed with either breakfast or an after school snack. Following food, the Sunshine Club provide a range of activities that the children can participate in including drawing, painting, sports games and use of the computers. This club will provide you with the necessary support before and after school, especially if you are in need of that extra time around the school day. In the mornings, the club will run from 7:30am and for the afternoon session, the club finishes at 6pm.

Trips

Each year your child will be able to experience a school trip or visitor in the school. This will be linked to their current topics and provide opportunities to deepen their learning across the curriculum. Further to the yearly trips, the children will have the chance to attend the residential trips when in year 3 and then again in year 6. This will enable the children to take part in a wide range of learning experiences and develop further skills such as team building and resilience. Children that attend these trips return with a lot of stories to tell and fantastic school memories that will stay with them.



WOW Days

Every year group has the opportunity to be immersed in their topic for each term through a WOW day. This may be in the form of dressing up, food tasting, school trips, visitors or topic linked activities. Your child will build an understanding ready for the term's learning of the topic that is about to take place. These are a fantastic opportunities to use a wide range of learning resources and opportunities to excite your child in their learning and provide memorable experiences for them throughout each school year.

Stanwick School Day

A typical day at Stanwick Primary will involve Maths, English and Curriculum learning. We will provide your child with opportunities to develop a range of different skills throughout each school day.

Each day will begin with the children entering the school at 8:40am where they will be fully immersed in learning opportunities from the beginning of the day.

School Day Example

8.40am—Doors open at Stanwick Primary for children to enter9.00am—10.45am—Self registration and independent morning activities

10.45-11.00am—Playtime

11.00am-12.00pm—Phonics whole class teaching and independent learning

12.00pm-1.00pm - Lunchtime

1.00-3.00pm—Independent challenges and target reaching

3.00pm-3.20pm—Story, languages and personal skills time or assembly (Fridays)

3.20pm-3.30pm - Tidy and home time



Parent Involvement

FOSS

The Friends of Stanwick School play a big part of the school life and plan and deliver different activities for the children and parents. They use the money raised from their events to contribute to the experiences that are provided to the pupils and support making the school a better place. This is something that, as a parent, you will have the opportunity to be a part of and make a difference in your child's schooling.

Governors

The school have a strong governing body which includes some parents of the children in our school. At times, we do recruit new members of the governing body and you may wish to be a part of this. If so, make this known to the school when your child begins and you will receive the necessary information.

Parent Helpers

At Stanwick Primary we love having parents come in and work with our children. You may wish to offer a day a week, month, term or year but we are grateful for any support in helping our children grow. At times this may be reading with the children, or working alongside children when learning in the classrooms – something that will be specialised to yourself and the class teachers.

Please feel free to speak to us to gain any further information regarding any of these further curricular opportunities offered.



What do our children think of Stanwick Primary?

"The teachers are so amazing!
By coming to this school, I
have made so many new
experiences and have been
able to have many new
adventures to do incredible
things."
Child—Age 10

"I like learning about tadpoles and frogs. I liked it when we went to the pocket park and saw the frogspawn."

Child—Age 5

"I like having wonderful teachers and making friends with all of the children at Stanwick."

Child—Age 7

"I like phonics and learning to write —I am now really good now."

Child—Age 4

What do our parents think of Stanwick Primary?

"I am so impressed with the hard work and dedication of the staff and the children.

They all do a fabulous job and keep my child motivated to learn."

"From the moment I came to this school, I knew that this was the school I wanted my child to come to."

"It is clear how hard everyone works for my child and cares about them. I really appreciate that."

"Each child is known by all staff very shortly after joining the school. My child is challenged in the right ways and I feel she is receiving the best possible education.

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If you wish to contact us for further information, or to discuss individual cases, then please feel free to contact us on any of the details below.

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We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you into our school.