



MK Sapphire Federation Newsletter



January 2026

Welcome Back

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break. We are delighted to welcome Mr. Taplin, who will be joining us as our new French teacher and working with pupils across all year groups at Stanton School. We look forward to the energy and expertise he will bring. Although 2026 hasn't started in the best way for Pepper Hill, we are making the best of the situation and thank parents, children and staff for their understanding and flexibility.

Spreading Christmas Cheer at GXO

Stantoneity and the Singing Peppers visited the GXO Distribution Centre, where they were warmly greeted by Santa, his elf and Rudolf. The children took part in a festive Christmas quiz and enjoyed refreshments before performing a joyful selection of Christmas songs for more than one hundred GXO workers and the Deputy Mayor. Their singing filled the warehouses with holiday cheer and festive spirit.



Fundraising Updates

We are delighted to share that **Christmas Jumper Day** raised **£121.50** for **Save the Children**.

The **Pepper Hill** Christmas fete and colouring competition raised **£402.10** for **school funds** and the Parents' Raffle raised **£106.50** for **Willen Hospice**.

Stanton's disco and children's raffle raised an impressive **£1088.81**, which will also go towards **school funds**, and **£272** from our Parent raffle, which has been donated to **Willen Hospice**.

Thank you once again for your generosity.



RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch



We are joining with thousands of schools across the country, once again, to take part in the RSPB's National Birdwatch. We will be finding out which birds visit our school and submitting our results to become part of this national survey.

Punctuality

Attending school is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. Pupils who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work. It is essential that children are punctual and ready to start the day in an orderly, calm manner. Lateness impacts on learning, both for the individual, and the class. Did you know, arriving five minutes late every day adds up to over three days lost each year and arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for two weeks a year. **Please ensure that your child arrives at school in time for registration. At Stanton pupils should arrive by 8:45am and Pepper Hill children should arrive by 9:00am.**



Pepper Hill Reading Afternoon

We'd love to invite all parents and carers at Pepper Hill to join us at on **Wednesday 28th January at 2:15pm** for a **Parent and Child Reading Workshop**. During the session, we'll share lots of fun ideas and helpful tips to support reading at home. After a short introduction, you'll head to your child's classroom to enjoy some special time, reading and sharing books together.



Diary Dates

Friday 13th February - Half Term

School closes at the end of the school day

Monday 23rd February

Return to school following the half term break

Friday 27th March – Easter Holidays

School closes at the end of the school day

Monday 13th April

Return to school following the Easter break

Curriculum Newsletters

Curriculum newsletters have been sent out via ParentMail detailing the topics and activities your children will be undertaking during the Spring Term. If you do not receive this, please ask the office for a copy or you may also access the information on the school websites.

