



MK Sapphire Federation Newsletter



February 2026

Firstly, I would like to thank the children, parents, and staff for their flexibility and cooperation at the start of term. Everyone has settled back into school at Stanton, and the advantages of being together in one building are already clear. After-school clubs for Pepper Hill pupils will begin after half term. We will continue to keep you informed about how Pepper Hill is progressing as soon as we have more information to share.

Tom Foolery

On Wednesday 21st January, Year 5 were delighted to welcome poet Tom Foolery into school for a special day of creativity and inspiration. The day began with a whole-school assembly, then Year 5 had great fun experimenting with words, rhythms and performance as they created their own pieces of poetry. The workshops encouraged confidence, creativity and teamwork, and the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing and performing their work in a Poetry Slam at the end of the session. It was a fantastic experience for the children and a wonderful opportunity to develop their love of writing and self-expression.

Mental Health Week

During the week beginning the 9th February the children will be taking part in **Children's Mental Health Week** and the theme this year is *'This is My Place'*.



We will explore how, when we feel like we belong, we feel happy, safe, and ready to learn and play. It helps us grow strong in our minds and bodies, and it makes it easier to make friends, do well in school, and feel good about ourselves.

Safer Internet Day



This year **Safer Internet Day** will take place on **Tuesday 10th February** and the theme is *"Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI."*

The focus is on educating young people and the wider community about navigating AI technologies like chatbots and voice assistants, encouraging safe, ethical, and informed choices as AI becomes more prevalent.

Parent's Evening

A reminder that our next parent's evening, for those children in Reception to Year 6, will take place remotely via School Cloud on **Tuesday 10th February between 3.30pm and 7pm**. At these meetings parents will be able to discuss their child's progress in English and Maths with their class teacher. **Booking details will be sent out via ParentMail**. Of course, should you have any worries or concerns in the meantime please speak to your child's class teacher.



Attendance



We want to take a moment to remind everyone how important it is for children to attend school regularly. Being in school every day helps children learn, make friends, and build confidence. We know that sometimes children may be unwell or face challenges that make attending school difficult. If this happens, please let us know so we can **support your child and make sure they don't miss out on important learning**.

School Uniform

A friendly reminder about the importance of pupils wearing the correct school uniform, including sensible black school shoes. We also ask that you please name your child's clothes to help us return any lost items. For more details about school uniform requirements please visit [Pepper Hill School](#) or [Stanton School](#) websites. Don't forget, we do have a stock of pre-loved school uniform available, please ask at reception for details. Thank you for your support.



Half Term



Friday 13th February - School closes at the end of the school day for
Monday 23rd February - Return to school following the half term break

