



Withinfields' Newsletter - 04.09.2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Events coloured in green are either those which are funded by our enrichment pot or events that contribute to the pot as fundraising. Thank you for your support.

11.9.26 - Individual photos see below for information
23.10.26 - Last day of the half term

BUN SALES

We are continuing to offer children a bun each Friday playtime starting next week. Please see the School Gateway message that was sent earlier this week about payment for these.

We ask a year group each week to bring donations of buns to share amongst the school. This is shared on the weekly newsletter. We would appreciate donations of buns next week from Y3 please.

All funds received for buns are added to our Enrichment Pot along with money from other fundraising events. The Enrichment Pot pays for:

- Class trips to a variety of places each year
- Workshops in school which enrich the curriculum
- Theatre performances
- Family Learning events

Please support us through purchasing buns for your child and keep an eye on the newsletter each week so that you can also consider donating buns when it is your child's year's turn!

Special mention of the week!

I have been so proud of the children's behaviour this week. They entered our assemblies quietly and respectfully. Their behaviour in the dining room at lunchtimes has been sensible and many staff have commented on what a lovely week they have had with the children in their new classes. Well done to everyone!

Important information for next week

The photographer will be in school on Friday to take children's individual photographs. If you would like a sibling photo taken which includes children who are younger than school age, please come to the hall fire door for 8.15am on Friday morning. Nursery children who are not normally in school on Friday are welcome to come to school for their photo to be taken at any point on Friday morning. We will arrange for siblings within school to have their photo taken together during the school day as well as them having an individual photograph taken. A sample of your child's photo will be sent home soon after in case you would like to purchase any. The school receives a small commission from the sales of any photographs.

Other information

Welcome - I would like to offer a warm welcome to all our new parents and carers. I hope that you have enjoyed your first week with us and that your children are settling well into Withinfields! I will hopefully get to know your children and yourselves better over the coming weeks and months but please feel free to chat with me at the gate in the morning or afternoon each day if you have any feedback that you feel is important.

Attendance - As many parents will know from last year, attendance is important to us. It was one of the areas that Ofsted asked us to focus on when they inspected us last year. I am delighted that our attendance at the end of the last year was more positive and want to thank everyone for their efforts in helping us to achieve this. Persistent absenteeism was better than national average and our overall attendance rate was in line with the national average.

Please watch out for the regular updates that Miss Bayliss and Mrs Beasty post on ClassDojo celebrating positive attendance. The 100% attendance certificates will restart this year. It is possible to collect a rainbow of certificates over the course of the year with the next colour being awarded each time your child manages a half term of 100% attendance. We have received lots of positive feedback from children and parents about these and how they supported improved attendance for many children.

For those parents that are new to school, we have attached our attendance information with this newsletter for your reference.

St Anne's Church event - St Anne's are holding a charity event next weekend (12th - 13th September). It would be lovely if our Withinfields community could support it.

Come & join us for our next Charity
Coffee Morning
Saturday 12th September
10.30am-1pm in



St Anne's Community Hall

*~ Tea, Coffee, Bacon Butties, Cakes & Tombolas,
with all proceeds for Overgate Hospice*



*Plus, it's our Community Flowerpot Festival
with displays around the Church & Hall*

www.stannesouthowram.com

Parent Governor - We have a parent governor vacancy. Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to our school community? Becoming a parent governor is one of the most impactful volunteer roles you can take on. You don't need to be an education expert to apply—your perspective as a parent is exactly what we need. The Governing Body meet about 6 times a year. Meetings are usually at 5.45pm on Tuesday evenings. There is often documentation that will need to be read in preparation for the meetings. In addition, training is offered covering a variety of responsibilities of governors and governors are offered opportunities to visit school during the school day to look at aspects of the school's work and to meet with senior leaders.

If you feel that you might be interested, please see the attached letter for further details and the nomination form. This must be returned by 14.9.26. If you want an informal chat about the role, please get in touch with me via helen.york@withinfields.calderdale.sch.uk, through ClassDojo or catch me on the gate.

SEND survey - We have been asked by Calderdale Council to share details of the survey on the next page. If you have a child with Special Educational Needs or a disability, please follow the link or QR code to complete the survey.

Parent carer survey



Mainstream
Inclusion
Calderdale

Have your say about **SEND** in **mainstream** schools

This survey is for
parents and carers of
children and young
people with SEND
(Special Educational
Needs and Disabilities)
in mainstream
educational settings.

Tell us about your
experience of SEND
support in mainstream
schools.



Takes about

5 minutes
to complete



Closes

**Friday 9th
October 26**

Complete the survey

[Parent Carer Survey 2026: SEND Experiences in Mainstream Schools](#)

