

Dear parents, carers and friends of Stanton Vale,

This is the last newsletter of 2021 – and what a year it has been. We have all had to deal with the trials and tribulations of the continuing pandemic, but as always the staff at Stanton Vale have risen to the challenge and we have remained open throughout these difficult months.

During this last half term there have been some really special moments that I will treasure. On 19th of November, in aid of Children in Need, we hosted a Strictly Come Dancing event – staff and students came into school in their finery and hair and makeup was made available to those who wanted it. Everyone looked amazing and the class dances were spectacular. We all had a wonderful time.

We've also been able to celebrate Christmas this year with a number of small group performances. Oak and Elm class sang and danced their way to a selection of Christmas classics from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and Noughties. Lime class performed their version of A Christmas Carol – a multi-sensory Interactive extravaganza and our youngest students took part in a Nativity.

For our older students, the Stanton Vale tradition of the Advent Spiral took place – an interactive celebration that helped us all contemplate the true meaning of the festive season and we finished with Beech and Willow class who performed their version of the Christingle celebration. It has been so lovely to see the young people take part once again in some performances and their audiences have really enjoyed watching them participate.

We would like to wish Candice Morris, teacher in Ash class, all the very best as she leaves on maternity leave. Good luck and we all look forward to meeting your new addition in the new year.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank two members of staff who are leaving us this Christmas. Firstly Kay Smith, the School Business Manager, who has worked tirelessly over the past two and a half years to ensure that the school is in an excellent financial and stable position. Kay is leaving us to take up the role of Executive Business Manager at Abbey School in Stoke. We wish her all the best. Jane Warren, Intervention Assistant, has worked at Stanton Vale for 23 years, she is an Incredible child centred and compassionate person who over the years has supported numerous young people to develop and thrive. Jane has decided that the time is right for her to retire so I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future and a well-deserved retirement.

I would like to thank all the staff at Stanton Vale for their continuous diligence and dedication and I would like to wish everyone, staff, students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year. See you back on Monday 10th January 2022—Rob Mulvey

Term Dates for School Year 2021-2022

	AUTUMN 2021	SPRING 2022	SUMMER 2022
School Open	Mon 6th September	Mon 10th January	Mon 25th April
Close Half Term	Friday 22nd October	Thurs 17th February	Fri 27th May
School Open	Mon 1st November	Mon 28th February	Mon 6th June
End of Term	Weds 22nd December	Fri 8th April	Thurs 21st July

Oak class enjoying Rebound Therapy

Oak class have enjoyed taking part in Rebound Therapy this half term. Students can be seen engaging and getting active whilst on the trampoline. There have been plenty of smiles throughout!



Beech class curriculum fun

Beech have been enjoying their 'Rebound Therapy' sessions working on their physical development. We have also enjoyed sharing our sensory story 'We're going on a polar bear hunt'. Pupils have experienced snow storms, ice cold rivers and used torches in the dark cave. Another favourite session in Beech class is 'Attention Autism', pupils have enjoyed winter themed sensory stimulus including making a snowman using shaving foam - it was lots of fun!



STANTON VALE SCHOOL DATES FOR THE DIARY 2022

WEDS 19TH JANUARY

PHOTOGRAPH DAY—MISSED STUDENTS IN NOVEMBER 2021

MON 7TH FEBRUARY

MY FUTURES EVENT FOR POST-16 PROVISIONS 3—5.30PM

FRI 18TH FEBRUARY

INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS

FRI 18TH MARCH

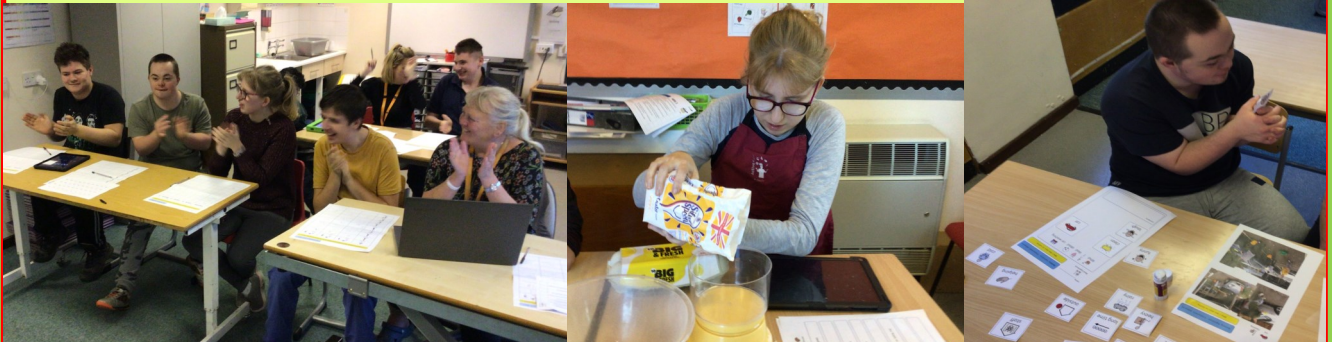
COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY

Children in Need 2021



TG3 Lessons

This term they have been playing basketball with TG1 and have been reflecting on their enterprise skills and businesses. They have been timing races and making charts on the computer using excel and matching numbers. They have been measuring, weighing and making biscuits for Children in Need. They have started making Christmas cards for sale coming up in December giving different roles of cutting, drawing, gluing, arranging and quality checking.



Willow class' ventures!

Willow have been very busy this term. As well as celebrating Diwali and Children In Need, we have enjoyed the outside environment as we have planted lots of trees for forest school! We have enjoyed lots of different PE, particularly cricket and a trip to Erewash Indoor Bowls as well! Our topic has been Space where we have identified all

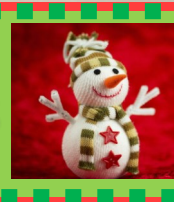


of the planets in the space garden at West Park! A very Merry Christmas from all of the staff and children in Willow class!



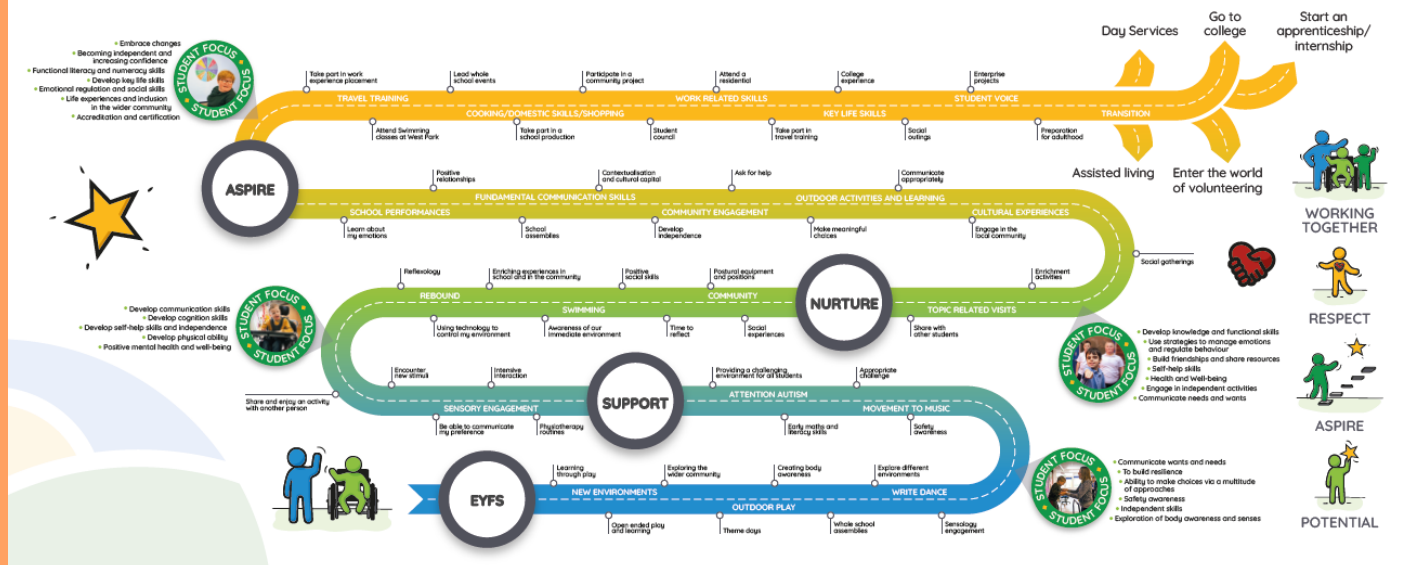


Christmas Performances



Merry Christmas
from the Office
Elves!





The Stanton Vale Learning Journey was designed to show each pupils individual journey to ensure they have a brighter future. Each curriculum path has a different student focus and what typical milestones will be achieved by the pupils. The Learning Journey includes key activities and strategies, which support pupils to achieve their key milestones.

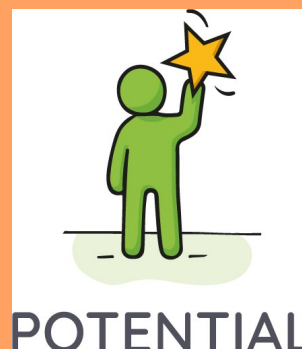
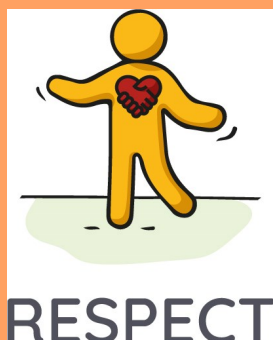
The Learning Journey is split in to 4 distinct paths;

EYFS - Early Years provision

Support – Profound Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD)

Nurture - Semi - Formal/Informal learning (SLD)

Aspire - Semi-Formal/Formal learning/Post 16 (SLD)



We would like to share our newly designed core values images of **Working Together, Respect, Aspiration and Potential** which are the make-up of our ethos and culture and what we as adults endeavour to model and instil amongst our children and young people. These core values go hand in hand with our curriculum approach.

Working Together - Team work and collaboration

Respect – Celebrate and embrace our differences

Aspirations – To be the best you can be

Potential – Reaching everyone's individual goals



Stanton Vale will be launching a new website when pupils return on Monday 10th January. The website will provide an opportunity to showcase some of the wonderful learning taking place at Stanton Vale. There will be class blogs, twitter and facebook feeds, up-to-date news and events, key information about the provision in place for our pupils along with other exciting features. The website address will remain the same <https://www.stantonvale.derbyshire.sch.uk/>



New School Twitter Page

Stanton Vale has a new twitter account which will be regularly updated with news, achievements, celebrations, events and learning taking place. If you would like to follow our account, our Twitter handle is [@stanton_vale](https://twitter.com/stanton_vale)

Term/Holiday Dates 2021/2022

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August 2022							
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	Inset Day		Bank Holiday		School Holiday		Weekends	
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