



# Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Issue 9—Friday 9th November 2024

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Reminder  
Gates open at  
8:45 a.m.

## Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank

On Thursday, our Year 5 pupils visited Jodrell Bank. The children learnt about the order of the planets in our solar system, different moons at the Space Dome and also learnt about how day and night happens on earth. They listened to expert astrophysicists in the amazing Space Dome and looked at what Jodrell Bank does (listening for radio waves from planets and different stars millions of miles away). Everyone had a wonderful day and the children were excellent ambassadors of Sandford Hill. Thank you also to the staff at Jodrell Bank for such a fantastic day!



## Children in Need

Tickets for the Children in Need discos are live on ParentMail. The Y3/4 disco is on Friday 15th November and the Y5/6 disco is on Friday 22nd November, both until 4:20 p.m. More information will be sent next week.

## World Nursery Rhyme Week



Next week, our Nursery children will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week. Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood development and education. As well as being fun they are excellent teaching tools. Nursery rhymes and children's songs boost vocabulary and language development, they provide a fun way to support early numeracy skills and help children to develop social, physical and emotional skills. [Click on this link for more information.](#)

## Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty' and are learning to listen to, and name, environmental sounds in the home	
R	j, n, m	pin, man, bin
Y1	oy	boy, toys, enjoy
Y2	adding 'ing' and 'ed' to words ending 'y'	worrying, studying annoyed, copied

## Birthdays

Wishing all of these children a very **Happy Birthday** for next week we hope that you all have a lovely day:

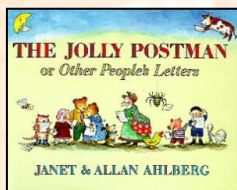
- Kakra B
- Vinny E
- Tobiasz L
- Panyin B
- Lily M
- Daisy-Beau
- Archie D
- Grace B
- Eric P
- Freya H



## Book Corner!

Miss Gregory's interview with Parker F

Miss Gregory loved *The Jolly Postman* when she was younger. Her favourite part was that the book was interactive and included letters, cards and games! Miss Gregory loved staying up after her bedtime to read it! She has also read *Funnybones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg.



## Notices

- Nursery Open Evening**—This year, our Nursery Open Evening for prospective parents will take place on **Tuesday 12th November from 3:30pm—5:00pm**. Will your child turn 3 on or before 31st August 2025? If so, we would love to see you at our Nursery drop in session where there will be a range of activities for your child to play with and staff who will be on hand to answer any questions you have. Even if you have a child already in our school, it would be lovely to see you! Please email [parent@sandfordhill.org.uk](mailto:parent@sandfordhill.org.uk) to let us know if you will be attending.

# Diary Dates

## **Monday 11th—Friday 15th November**

Y6 Residential to Stanley Head  
Y3/4 Disco 3:20 p.m.—4:20 p.m.

## **Friday 22nd November**

Y5/6 Disco 3:20 p.m.—4:20 p.m.

## **Thursday 28th November**

Y6 assembly 9:00 a.m.  
Absentee Photo Day

## **Friday 13th December**

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner Day  
Sandford Hill Christmas Markets 3:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

## **Monday 16th December**

KS2 Christmas Dinner Day

## **Tuesday 17th December**

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party

## **Wednesday 18th December**

KS2 Christmas Party

## **Friday 20th December**

Staff Inset Day

## **Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January**

Christmas Holiday

## **Thursday 23rd January**

Mrs Hassall's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

## **Thursday 30th January**

Mr Frost's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

## **Thursday 6th February**

Mrs Carney/Miss Gerrard's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

## **Thursday 13th February**

Mr Farr's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

## **Monday 17th —Friday 21st February**

February Half Term

## **Friday 28th February**

Choir to attend Young Voices Concert

## **Thursday 13th March**

Miss Humphries' class assembly 9:00 a.m.

## **Thursday 20th March**

Mrs Johnson's class assembly 9:00 a.m.

## **Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April**

Open evening 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## **Friday 11th April**

Staff Inset Day

## **Monday 14th—Friday 25th April**

Easter Holiday

## **Monday 5th May**

May Day Bank Holiday—School closed to pupils

## **Monday 12th—Thursday 15th May**

Y6 SATs week

## **Monday 26th—Friday 30th May**

May Half Term

## **Friday 18th July**

Last day of term for pupils

## **Monday 21st July**

Staff Inset Day

All meals are served  
with a dessert and drink.

# Menu

Jacket Potatoes and Filled  
Sandwiches available daily.

Day	Nursery	Reception—Year 6
Monday	Pizza	Pizza or Spaghetti and Meatballs
Tuesday	Cheesy Oatcakes	Cheesy Oatcakes
Wednesday	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken Nuggets
Thursday	Hotdogs	Hotdogs
Friday	Fish stars	Fish stars or BBQ Chicken wrap

We will endeavour to offer all pupils their first choice but if they do not like the options or an item runs out, jacket potatoes and sandwiches will be offered as an alternative.



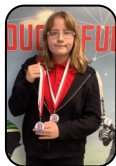
# Weekly Attendance and Awards

## Congratulations and Well done

Congratulations to **Ollie S** who was presented with a medal for his recent sporting endeavours.



Well done to **Zara W** who has been awarded 2 medals from the Stoke City Football Camp over half term. Amazing!



Well done to **Nina B** who has passed her Shark 2 swimming award last weekend. Fantastic!



Congratulations to **Cooper W** who has achieved his Goldfish 3 and 15 metre swimming awards. Well done!



Congratulations to **Jaxon B** who has achieved his Level 3 swimming award. Well done Jaxon!



Well done to **Luca L, Arthur H, Eva-Lilly C and Ralph P** who have been awarded swimming certificates this week. Well done everyone!



A huge well done and thank you to our team of Year 6 volunteers who gave up their lunchtime to litter pick around the school. They collected multiple carrier bags of rubbish. Please ensure you throw your litter away properly and remember to recycle wherever possible!



## Attendance League

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F1/1	88.8%	1	1
F1/2	93.5%	2	2
F1/3	98.3%	8	8
F2/1	94.8%	3	3
F2/2	97.9%	7	7
Y1/G3	96.9%	6	6
Y1/G4	99.6%	9	9
Y2/G1	95.4%	4	4
Y2/G2	96.0%	5	5
Y3/F3	97.8%	6	6
Y3/F4	97.1%	4	4
Y4/RBL	98.5%	8	8
Y4/RBR	97.8%	6	6
Y5/F1	94.4%	1	1
Y5/F2	96.6%	3	3
Y6/FBL	98.2%	7	7
Y6/FBR	95.0%	2	2

*Our school attendance target is 96.0% and our school attendance is currently 95.9%.*

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Daisy M	Elise F	Ebony B	Danny B	Kenny P
F2/1	Leighton P	Leia W	Harriet S	Kaiden R	Leighton B-H
F2/2	Arthur S	Taylor N	Roman S-H	Oakley T	Reuben G
Y1/G3	Thomas B	Nova G	Evalyn S-G	Chester P	Isla B
Y1/G4	Hollie H	Elena-Grace M	Narla W	Riley K	George H
Y2/G1	Eliza-Mae B	Tobiasz L	Ally-Rae H	Matei D	Freya A
Y2/G2	Eva J	Vinnie B	Evie-Leigh E	Arthur R	Harlee D
Y3/F3	Elliot D	Jayden E	Archie H	Michaela L	Briar B
Y3/F4	Sienna K	Henry R	Lucas V	Lola W	Jaxon B
Y4/RBL	Kakra B	Benjamin Br	Layla C	Alice G	Noah D
Y4/RBR	Isabella K	Adam R	Malachi M	Millie P	Jessica R
Y5/F1	Aliza A	Amber S	William B	Jack H	Mollie M
Y5/F2	Henry H	Keaton Mc	Jake M	Flynn H	Lila L
Y6/FBL	Eva R	Lacey-Mae C	Bradley B	Michelle W	Mollie-Mae E
Y6/FBR	Macaylah H	Harry C	Ellie T	Jenson W	Martha-Rose L-C





# Rocking around the Christmas tree...



## Christmas Cards

This year we will once again be selling personalised Christmas Cards. All designs will be scanned and sent home for you to see next week. If you would like to order a pack of personalised Christmas Cards, these will be available to purchase from Friday 15th November 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Each pack will contain 12 cards and envelopes and will cost £4.50 per pack. Discounts will apply for multiple orders of the same design.

Cards will be sent home no later than Friday 3rd December 2024.

## Christmas Assembly Dates

The doors for the Christmas assemblies will open at **9:00am** and the assemblies will start around **9:15am** once pupils are registered. We are limiting the number of adults to **2 per family** for each performance. This year the assemblies will include the whole year group and therefore **there will be no exception to the number of adults allowed** due to fire regulations and capacity in the school hall. For pupils who have families in more than 1 household, priority will be given to parents who have parental responsibility. You will **NOT** receive a ticket for your entry this year however we will have a list on hand on the days of the assemblies.

### **Tuesday 3rd December**

Nursery Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

### **Wednesday 4th December**

Reception Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

### **Thursday 5th December**

Y1 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

### **Tuesday 10th December**

Y2 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

### **Wednesday 11th December**

Y3 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

### **Thursday 12th December**

Y4 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

### **Tuesday 17th December**

Y5 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

### **Wednesday 18th December**

Y6 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)



## Christmas Dinners

Our Christmas dinner days will take place on Friday 13th December for EYFS & KS1 and on Monday 16th December for KS2. You should have received a form via ParentMail to indicate whether or not your child requires a school Christmas dinner this year.

Our school Christmas dinner includes, turkey, sausage, stuffing, mashed potato, roast potatoes, a selection of vegetables, gravy and a Christmas ice cream and biscuit.

## Christmas Chat 'n' Wrap

It's that time of year again where we need your help! We will be having our Christmas Chat 'n' Wrap sessions again in school to help prepare for all of the Christmas events we have taking place. We need help with our Christmas wrapping, tombola ticketing, pricing for our Christmas Markets and much more too! Tea, coffee and biscuits are of course mandatory and will be provided by school. Please let Miss Arnott know if you are able to help out. Chat 'n' Wrap sessions will take place each **Wednesday from 13th November to 11th December.**