



# Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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**Reminder**  
Gates open at  
8:45 a.m.

## Christmas Assemblies

This week has seen the start of our Christmas assemblies. We would like to thank the pupils in EYFS and Y1 for their fantastic assemblies this week. Thank you also to the parents/carers who came along. We're looking forward to next week! As always, please park respectfully on our neighbours and **DO NOT** block drives.

Safeguarding is our main priority in school. Please **DO NOT** take photographs during the performance. You could be putting some children at serious risk if you post photos online. Please respect our school policies.

## Applications are live!

Applications are now open for Nursery and Reception. Does your child turn 3 or 4 on or before 31st August 2025? If so, we would love to welcome your child into our Sandford Hill family.

The closing date for Reception is 15th January 2025 and the closing date for Nursery is 31st January 2025. Applications should be made online at [www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions). If you would like to come and visit our early years setting, please email [parent@sandfordhill.org.uk](mailto:parent@sandfordhill.org.uk) to make an appointment.

## Alice Charity



Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations for the Alice Charity. We are still collecting items until Friday 13th December. If you are able to donate any new items for babies, children, teenagers and adults, please send them into the school office. Thank you.

## Fantastic Football

Well done to Stanley, Vinny B, Jaxon, Ralphie, Miller, Alfie, Jack E, Jack H, Vinny E and Parker who competed in football at Discovery Academy on Monday night. The boys put in a fantastic effort in cold, wet conditions, drawing their first match and narrowly losing their second. Well done boys!

## Birthdays

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

- Mason N
- Jack H
- Hana A
- Mohammed A
- Billy M
- Roman A
- Jessica R
- Oakley W
- Benjamin B
- Lola W
- Pippa L
- Thomas D



## Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the rhyme 'Round and round the garden' and are learning to listen to, and describe, environmental sounds.	
R	h, b	hot, huff, bug, bus
Y1	Split digraphs: i-e, o-e	like, slide, note, hope
Y2	Adding 'er' and 'est' to words ending in 'y'	easiest, luckier, funnier

## Book Corner!

Mrs Morton's interview with Anna T

Mrs Morton's favourite book as a child was *The Magic Faraway Tree* and other books by Enid Blyton. She loved using her imagination to picture what it was like in the different worlds and would read it tucked up in bed. She also enjoyed *The Enchanted Wood* by Enid Blyton too!



## Notices

**Christmas Dinners** - If you have ordered your child a school Christmas dinner, this has been added onto their ParentMail account today. If your child pays for their school meals, please log onto ParentMail to make payment by Wednesday 11th December. Thank you.

**Important Dates** - A reminder that school is closed on Friday 20th December. School will reopen on Monday 6th January.

**Swimming** - Swimming has finished for this term. Swimming will continue for Y4 and Y5 after Christmas.

# Diary Dates

## Wednesday 11th December

**\*NEW\*** Y6/FBL Carol Singing at Longton Market

## Friday 13th December

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner Day

*Christmassy non-uniform for Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2*

Sandford Hill Christmas Markets 3:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

## Monday 16th December

KS2 Christmas Dinner Day

*Christmassy non-uniform for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6*

## Tuesday 17th December

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party

*Christmassy non-uniform for Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2*

**\*NEW\*** Y6/FBL Carol Singing at Royal Stoke Hospital

## Wednesday 18th December

KS2 Christmas Party

*Christmassy non-uniform for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6*

## Friday 20th December

Staff Inset Day—School closed to pupils

## Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January

Christmas Holiday

## Monday 6th January

Pupils return to school

## 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
Tuesday	Beef Burgers	Beef Burger or Tomato and Basil Pasta
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast	All Day Breakfast
Thursday	Sausage and Chips	Sausage and Chips
Friday	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner Day (Sandwiches for KS2)	

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 **Henry H** who has recently achieved his 15 metres swimming award. Great job Henry!



Congratulations to **Theo C** who was awarded bronze and silver medals at his latest swimming gala. Well done Theo!



Well done to **Eeligh R** who has gained his 50 metres swimming certificate. Great job Eeligh!



## Attendance League

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Points This Week</u>	<u>Running Total</u>
F1/1	93.7%	4	6
F1/2	85.8%	1	10
F1/3	97.7%	2	12
F2/1	94.1%	5	18
F2/2	94.7%	6	18
Y1/G3	92.9%	3	10
Y1/G4	97.8%	9	21
Y2/G1	95.6%	8	18
Y2/G2	95.6%	8	14

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Points This Week</u>	<u>Running Total</u>
Y3/F3	98.0%	8	19
Y3/F4	97.0%	6	13
Y4/RBL	97.9%	7	16
Y4/RBR	96.4%	4	15
Y5/F1	95.1%	1	16
Y5/F2	97.0%	6	13
Y6/FBL	95.5%	3	8
Y6/FBR	95.5%	3	4

*Our school attendance target is 96.0% and our school attendance is currently 95.4%.*

<u>Class</u>	<u>Thoughtfulness Award</u>	<u>Star Award (Postcard)</u>	<u>Reading Champion</u>	<u>Maths Champion</u>	<u>Curriculum Champion</u>
N	Georgia-Neve H	Frankie T	Savannah S-J	Ashton R	Billy M
F2/1	Leighton B-H	Leia H	Leia W	Freya R	Alicja L
F2/2	Albie T	Arthur S	Phoenix J	Poppy-Rose B	Skylar M
Y1/G3	Lucas G	Ezra M	Freddie B-W	Aurora C-B	Dominic J
Y1/G4	Amelia-Rose S	Ollie S	Amelia S	Luca L	Jaxon M
Y2/G1	Hugo C	Hassan A	Mya W	Hiba K	Chloe G
Y2/G2	Delilah M-J	Skyla-Grace T	Elliarina T	Izzabella P	Nevaeh R
Y3/F3	Lillia-Grace B	Hana A	Xander H	CadiR	Jack S-G
Y3/F4	Jensen B	Amelia T	Lucas V	Amelia H	Kruthik V
Y4/RBL	Elliott L	Jessica G	Gracjan P	Benjamin Br	
Y4/RBR	Lacie-Mae H	Keira M	Bella B	Gracie-Mae D	Megan W
Y5/F1	Aliza A	Amber S	Grayson-Isaac C	Jack H	Nina B
Y5/F2	Hashir K	Suleiman J	Woody E	Jake M	Vinny E
Y6/FBL	Lily-Grace S	Lacey-Mae C	Imogen W	Hollie-Anne D	Evie W
Y6/FBR	Sam T	Bobbi M	Amelia J	Sonny L-P	Sophie-Rae M



# Simply having a wonderful Christmastime...

## 'Elfridges

This year will see the return of our secret shop 'Elfridges! Pupils throughout school will have the opportunity to visit 'Elfridges to purchase pre-wrapped gifts for loved ones at home. The children will choose their gift and write the name tag themselves. The visits to 'Elfridges will take place in school and so if your child would like to buy a gift, please send them into school with change in a labelled envelope. Gifts are £1.50 each and we have a range of items for the children to choose from. For younger children, please write on the envelope who the gift(s) will be for, e.g. mum, dad, Bob, Sarah, so that staff can help children when they're making their choice. Due to limitations on stock, pupils will be able to purchase a maximum of 3 items this year.

## 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 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)

Please park respectfully away from school and DO NOT block our neighbours drives. You must not take any photographs during the assembly for safeguarding reasons.



## Christmas Markets

On Friday 13th December, we will be hosting our second Sandford Hill Christmas Market. Below are some things you may need to know:

- The markets will open at 3:30 p.m. once all children have been safely dismissed;
- The markets will be both inside and outside (so wrap up warm!);
- There will be food and drinks available on the evening;
- All children should be accompanied by an adult;
- Timed appointments to visit Santa are limited and must be purchased in advance via ParentMail (timed appointment apply);
- The Salvation Army will be leading our Carol Singing starting at 5:15 p.m. and there will be music from our brass band;
- Our raffle will be drawn once the carol singing is over at around 6:00 p.m.;
- The markets will end at 6:00p.m. prompt.



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# CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

**0-13**

**Games, Baby  
Tots, Action  
figures, Dolls**

**Teenagers  
Gift bags,  
chocolates,  
toiletries,  
makeup,  
stationery or  
mugs**

Please help us to create a magical Christmas for families across Stoke-on-Trent & Newcastle-under-Lyme. Many families will struggle this Christmas, please help us to help them enjoy a family Christmas

**Parent / Carers  
Gift bags,  
Chocolates,  
Toiletries,  
Stationery, Make-  
up**

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