



Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Reminder
Gates open at
8:45 a.m.

30 years on the hill — a fond farewell

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share with you a very personal piece of news. After much reflection and careful consideration, I have made the decision to step down from my role at Sandford Hill Primary School at the end of this academic year. After three decades of service, it is time for me to move on and allow new leadership to continue guiding the school towards a bright future.

I began my journey here as a newly qualified teacher in 1993, and over the years, Sandford Hill has become much more than just a workplace to me—it has been a second home. I have had the privilege of working alongside incredibly dedicated colleagues, inspiring pupils, supportive parents, and engaged governors. Together, we have built something truly special, and I am incredibly proud of the vibrant, caring community we have created.

Throughout my time here, I have always been guided by the core values of thoughtfulness, respect, and hard work. It has been my greatest honour to contribute to the development of our pupils and to watch them grow, not only in their academic abilities but also as kind, respectful individuals.

As I reflect on my time at Sandford Hill, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to have made a positive impact on so many lives. However, I feel the time is right for me to step aside, confident that the school is in a strong position to continue its mission of shaping the futures of all those who walk through its doors.

In the coming months, I will do everything I can to ensure a smooth transition. My commitment to supporting the school and its community during this period of change remains my priority.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you—parents, governors, pupils, and staff—for your unwavering support over the years. The memories I have of Sandford Hill will stay with me forever, and I am excited to see the school continue to thrive in the future.

Thank you again for the privilege of being part of this wonderful community.

Warmest regards,

Mr Wardle

Co-Headteacher, Sandford Hill Primary School

Notices

- **Important Information**—A letter has been sent via ParentMail alongside the newsletter today. Please ensure you read the letter as it contains important information regarding school.
- **Milk**—Milk will begin next week for all those who have purchased milk thirds for their child.
- **Clubs**—Club records have been sent home today and clubs will begin next week. Please read your child's club record carefully to see which dates they are expected to attend.

Birthdays

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

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| • Matei D | • Daisy M |
| • Maddison C | • Lettie-Rose B |
| • Ivy-Jane F | • Lillia-Grace B |
| • Hunter H | |



- **Snow has fallen**—A huge thank you for your understanding and patience this week with the weather and heating issues that we have experienced. It is greatly appreciated.
- **Earrings**—A reminder that all jewellery must be removed for PE and swimming lessons.
- **PE Kit**—Our school PE kit consists of a red polo, black hoody, black jogger/shorts and trainers. No large logos, stripes or alternative colours are acceptable.

Diary Dates

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.

Tuesday 18th March

Mr Farr's class to the Recorder Festival

Wednesday 19th March

Miss Gerrard's class to the Recorder Festival

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—school closed to pupils

Monday 14th—Friday 25th April

Easter Holiday

Monday 5th May

May Day Bank Holiday—School closed to pupils

Saturday 10th May

HillFest '25—Summer Fayre 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Monday 12th—Thursday 15th May

Y6 SATs week

Monday 26th—Friday 30th May

May Half Term

Friday 20th June

Miss Ridgway's class assembly 2:30 p.m.

Thursday 26th June

Miss Hodgson's class assembly 2:30 p.m.

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	Chicken Burgers	Chicken Burgers or Tomato & Basil Pasta
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast	All Day Breakfast
Thursday	Sausage with Yorkie Puds	Sausage with Yorkie Puds
Friday	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers

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

Well done to **Sophie B** who was awarded this certificate at her swimming class. An amazing achievement Sophie!



Congratulations to **Oakley W** who has achieved his Stanley 4 swimming award. Super swimming Oakley!



Well done to **Lennie-Michael O** who has achieved his Learn to Swim award. You are a superstar Lennie!



Congratulations to **Nina B** who has achieved her yellow belt at taekwondo. Fantastic Nina—well done!



Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Points This Week</u>	<u>Running Total</u>
F1/1	93.4	4	4
F1/2	85.0	1	1
F1/3	87.4	2	2
F2/1	94.0	5	5
F2/2	94.2	6	6
Y1/G3	92.9	3	3
Y1/G4	97.4	9	9
Y2/G1	95.4	7	7
Y2/G2	95.5	8	8
Y3/F3	96.7	6	6
Y3/F4	96.8	7	7
Y4/RBL	97.8	8	8
Y4/RBR	95.7	4	4
Y5/F1	95.0	1	1
Y5/F2	96.6	5	5
Y6/FBL	95.5	3	3
Y6/FBR	95.4	2	2

Our school attendance target is 96.0% and our school attendance is currently 95.1%.