



Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Gates open at
8:45 a.m.

Join our Sandford Hill Family!

Applications are open for pupils to join Nursery and Reception in September 2025.

Do you know or have a child that turns 3 or 4 on or before 31st August 2025? Then now is the time to apply!

Applications for Reception should be made via paper form which can be obtained from the school office. Applications for Nursery are still live online. Please visit www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions to apply.

If you would like to arrange to visit our fantastic EYFS setting, then please email parent@sandfordhill.org.uk to arrange an appointment.

Do you love Sandford Hill? Then spread the word! Please share with family members and friends.

Marvellous Menu!

Our wonderful catering team have scheduled two further special menu dates:

- Wednesday 29th January—Chinese New Year**
(Chicken Balls with optional Sweet and Sour Sauce, Chinese Curry, Chips, Prawn Crackers and Fortune Cookies)
- Friday 14th February—Valentines Special**
(A 'pizza' my heart, Lady and the Tramp spaghetti, heart cookies and cupcakes, strawberry milkshake/juice)

Book Corner!

Miss Hodgson interview with Lowry



We're going on a Bear Hunt is Miss Hodgson's favourite story. It was the first book her parents bought for her and it was published the year she was born! She loves the repetition throughout the story.

Best Wishes

Today, we say a short 'farewell' to Mrs Pritchard who is starting her maternity leave. We send our very best wishes to her and her partner and look forward to meeting their new arrival soon.



Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning to use their voices to make different sounds. Their nursery rhyme is Tommy Thumb.	
R	w, x and y	box, six, web, win, yes, yell
Y1	long vowel sounds	accord, equal, wild, hotel, unicorn
Y2	adding 'ed' and 'er' to words ending in 'e'	hiker, timed, braver and baked

Birthdays

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

- Keegan A
- Charlotte W
- Lennie-Michael
- Charlie C
- Mathieu R
- O
- Clara W
- Leighton B-H
- Lottie S
- Jasper D



Notices

- Earrings**—A reminder that all jewellery must be removed for PE and swimming lessons.
- Clubs**—Clubs have started again this week. Please check your child's club record to see the dates that they are expected to attend.
- 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.
- ParentMail**—If you are not receiving our ParentMail communications, please email parent@sandfordhill.org.uk to notify us and we will look into the issue for you. If you have updated your mobile number or your email address please complete a change of details form at the school office.

Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd January

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

Wednesday 29th January

Nursery trip to Peak Wildlife Park

Thursday 30th January

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

Mrs Hassall's class trip to Gladstone Pottery Museum

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.

Mr Frost's class trip to Gladstone Pottery Museum

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	Cheesy Oatcakes	Cheesy Oatcakes or Chicken Korma
Tuesday	Pizza	Pizza
Wednesday	Beef Burgers	Beef Burgers
Thursday	Roast Chicken Dinner	Roast Chicken Dinner or Cheese Whirls
Friday	Battered Fish	Battered Fish or Quorn Korma

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 **Elliott L** who has received 'Student of the Year' certificate and medal for his dedication to his piano and saxophone lessons.



Well done to **Evie-Leigh E** who has achieved her 'Super Starfish' Level 2 swimming award. Amazing!



Congratulations to **Lennon J** who has achieved his Stanley 4 swimming award. Superstar Lennon!



Well done to **Joshua M** who was awarded a medal and trophy for his hard work and team playing in football. We are so proud of you Josh!



Attendance

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F1/1	93.6%	4	8
F1/2	84.3%	1	2
F1/3	88.3%	2	4
F2/1	94.3%	6	11
F2/2	93.9%	5	11
Y1/G3	93.0%	3	6
Y1/G4	97.4%	9	18
Y2/G1	95.4%	7	14
Y2/G2	95.5%	8	16
Y3/F3	96.7%	6	12
Y3/F4	96.9%	7	14
Y4/RBL	97.7%	8	16
Y4/RBR	95.5%	3	7
Y5/F1	95.1%	1	2
Y5/F2	96.6%	5	10
Y6/FBL	95.6%	4	7
Y6/FBR	95.4%	2	4

Our school attendance target is 96.0% and our school attendance is currently 95.2%.

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Elise F	Olly K	Anare T	Matilda T	Thomas D
F2/1	Mariam S	Zachariah A	Keira A	Oakley W	Kaiden R
F2/2	Darcie-Leigh H	Sienna C	Poppy-Rose B	Joshua M	Willow O
Y1/G3	Macia D	Aurora C-B	James J	Ezra M	Eva-Lilly C
Y1/G4	Dottie C	Riley K	Reggie B	George H	Carter J
Y2/G1	Kacy-Kristen B	Freya A	Tobiasz L	Blayke D	Eliza-Mae B
Y2/G2	Elliarna T	Logan P	Delilah M-J	George W	Henry D
Y3/F3	Briar B	Elliott D	Jayson E	Lettie-Rose B	Empress D
Y3/F4	Charlie H	Olivia C	Shea T	Kyiah I	Archie D
Y4/RBL	Simi K	Layla C	Noah D	Freya H	Elliott L
Y4/RBR	Keira M	Henry F	Adam R	Jessica R	Mason H
Y5/F1	Darci-Jade C	Sofia P	Ieuan P	Henry R	Harvey P
Y5/F2	Freya L	Jake M	Ava-Grace A	Mya G	Amelia G
Y6/FBL	Sienna D	Grace B	Roman A	Michelle W	Lacey-Mae C
Y6/FBR	Noah F	Poppy J	Leo B	Ollie E	Mia K