



Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Gates open at
8:45 a.m.

Y4 trip to Wedgwood

Our Y4 pupils were invited by the British Ceramic Biennial to take part in a ceramic workshop at Wedgwood focused around a remarkable artefact Ferdinand the Bull, created by designer Arnold Machin. Yesterday, Miss Gerrard's class visited the World of Wedgwood where they learned all about the Wedgwood family and were told the story of Ferdinand the Bull. The children then had a go of making something they loved out of clay. Mr Farr's class are due to visit on 6th February and the artists are coming into school for two further sessions to continue their work with each class. A huge thank you to [British Ceramic Biennial](#) and [Wedgwood](#) For this fantastic opportunity.



Magnificent Music!

This week, we have welcomed members of the Halle Orchestra into school through our partnership with City Learning Trust. On Monday, Tom visited school to work with our Y6 pupils on a 'Meet the Musician' session. Today, our Nursery pupils went to the hall where they selected various Nursery rhymes to sing along whilst members of the Halle Orchestra played. Jenny has also visited our school and delivered music assemblies to the pupils in KS1 and KS2 where they sang in parts. We are extremely grateful for the opportunities that the City Learning Trust have provided to our school.

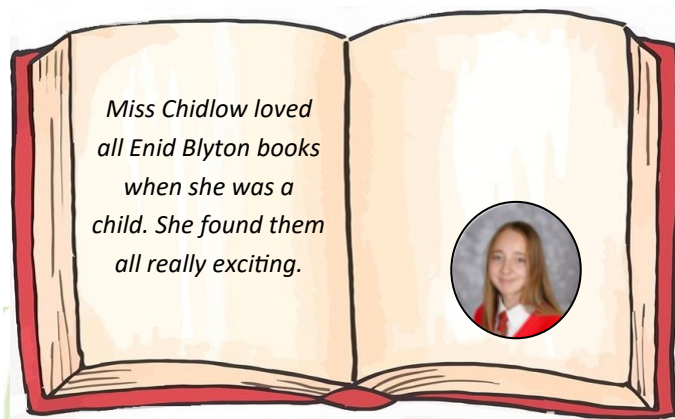


Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the rhyme 'Little Miss Muffet' and are learning to name different instruments	
R	z, zz, qu, ch	Zip, buzz, quick, chop, rich
Y1	ch diagraph can make a 'c' or a 'sh' sound	Christmas, school, chef and chute
Y2	eer saying /ear/	deer, career, steer

Book Corner!

Miss Chidlow's interview with Olivia



Miss Chidlow loved all Enid Blyton books when she was a child. She found them all really exciting.

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 a 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!

A reminder that 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)

There is no need to order a dinner—teachers will mark pupils in the register each morning as normal.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 28th January **New**

SAT's meeting 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday 29th January

Nursery trip to Peak Wildlife Park

Thursday 30th January

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

Mr Frost's class trip to Gladstone Pottery Museum

Thursday 6th February

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

Mr Farr's class trip to Wedgwood **New**

Thursday 13th February

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

Mrs Hassall's class trip to Gladstone Pottery Museum

Monday 17th —Friday 21st February

February Half Term

Friday 28th February

Choir to attend Young Voices Concert

Tuesday 11th March

Y6 visit to Victoria Hall—Halle Orchestra **New**

Thursday 13th March

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

Tuesday 18th March

Miss Gerrard's class to the Recorder Festival

Wednesday 19th March

Mr Farr's class to the Recorder Festival

Thursday 20th March

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

Monday 24th March

Dance '25—6:00 p.m. **New**

Thursday 27th March

Fabulous Females Morning—9:10 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. **New**

Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April

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

Thursday 3rd April

Education Welfare Drop In—8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. **New**

Tuesday 8th April

Governors Meeting—6:00 p.m. **New**

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 (timetable below)

Date	Test
Monday 12 th May	English SPAG (45 minutes) Spelling test (20 words)
Tuesday 13 th May	English Reading (1 hour)
Wednesday 14 th May	Mathematics Paper 1 (Arithmetic 30 minutes) Mathematics Paper 2 (Reasoning 40 minutes)
Thursday 15 th May	Mathematics Paper 3 (Reasoning 40 minutes)

Monday 19th—Friday 23rd May

Sports Week

Monday 26th—Friday 30th May

May Half Term

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 Meatballs
Tuesday	Cheesy Oatcakes	Cheesy Oatcakes or Samosas
Wednesday	Chinese New Year Special—see page 1	
Thursday	Hotdogs	Hotdogs
Friday	Fish Stars	Fish Stars or BBQ chicken wraps

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 **Harley C** who has been awarded 'Player of the Match' at football this weekend. A fantastic achievement Harley!



Well done to **Keira A** who has been awarded a trophy for being a fantastic line girl at troupe. Amazing Keira!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday for next week:

- Imogen W
- Isla P
- Layla C
- Freya R
- Parker F
- Bellamy M
- Thomas H
- Jack E



Attendance

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F1/1	93.7%	4	12
F1/2	84.2%	1	3
F1/3	88.7%	2	6
F2/1	94.3%	6	17
F2/2	94.1%	5	16
Y1/G3	93.2%	3	9
Y1/G4	97.4%	9	27
Y2/G1	95.4%	8	22
Y2/G2	95.3%	7	23
Y3/F3	96.6%	6	18
Y3/F4	97.1%	7	21
Y4/RBL	97.7%	8	24
Y4/RBR	95.6%	4	11
Y5/F1	95.1%	1	3
Y5/F2	96.6%	6	16
Y6/FBL	95.4%	3	10
Y6/FBR	95.4%	3	7

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	Elijah C	Mabel B	Thomas L	Emrae A	Bailey P
F2/1	Oliver	Leighton P	Leia H	Leia W	Zachariah A
F2/2	Ella-Grace W	Amelia-Rose C	Willow O	Reuben G	Roman S-H
Y1/G3	Nova G	Lyla-Rose B	Elizabeth P	Theo K	Ava
Y1/G4	Dontae P-M	Logan O'R	Maya S	Amelia-Rose S	Narla W
Y2/G1	Harley C	Charlie D	Clayton L	Noor A	Macie W
Y2/G2	Adam R	Storm H-M	Bella H-T	Jaxson R	Betsy H
Y3/F3	Pyper J	Harry R	Jack S-G	Haiza N	Michaela L
Y3/F4	Emily L	Luna H	Henry R	Sienna K	Lola W
Y4/RBL	Maddison C	Myla H	Keegan A	Archie P	Mathieu R
Y4/RBR	Millie P	Reggie J	Travis M	Josiah D	Mason S
Y5/F1	Lillie-Jo R	Vinny W	Abdullah S	Lexi L	William B
Y5/F2	Sophie G	Alisha S	Ingrid S	Freya L	Kylan M
Y6/FBL	Evie W	Katie B	Theo C	Tansey M	Harper B
Y6/FBR	Maisie C	Zara W	Anna T	Macaylah H	Bobbi M