



Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Gladstone Pottery Museum and 100 Years of Stoke!

This week, Mr Frost's class delivered their class assembly to parents/carers and the KS2 classes. The topic of their assembly was the Stoke Centenary as this year on 5th June, Stoke-on-Trent turns 100! In school, staff are starting to make plans to celebrate the centenary in school so watch this space! After they delivered their assembly, Mr Frost's class went to visit Gladstone Pottery Museum. They had a tour of the museum and then took part in a sculptures workshop where made their own pot using clay modelling skills which they had been taught.



In our thoughts

We are deeply saddened to share that Mrs Barker, a former member of staff, has passed away. Mrs Barker started Sandford Hill as a lunchtime supervisor and teaching assistant before retiring in 2017 as an early years practitioner of the Orange group in Nursery. She cared for many pupils during her time at Sandford Hill and will be missed by many. Our thoughts are with her family at this time.

Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the rhyme 'Ring O Roses'	
R	sh, th	shed, thick, bath, this
Y1	ir	girl, twirl, bird
Y2	'ture' saying 'cher'	sculpture, picture

Book Corner!

Mrs Gater's interview with Lowry

Mrs Gater's favourite book as a child was *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen. She loved the repetition and how relatable it is when she goes on walks with her family. She has read it lots to her classes too.



Nursery visit Peak Wildlife Park!

On Wednesday, our Nursery pupils visited Peak Wildlife Park in Leek as part of their Winter topic. They have been learning about winter animals in school and went to see the real life polar bears, penguins and arctic foxes they had been reading about! They had a picnic lunch and of course they managed to find the play area too. The children were absolutely fantastic during the trip and the staff are very proud of them all.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday for next week:

- Elrayah A
- Winnie M
- Skylar M
- Faith A
- Kaiden A
- Nina B



Join our Sandford Hill Family!

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 for Nursery or Reception 2025!

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:

- **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

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)

Monday 19th—Friday 23rd May

Sports 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

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)

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 Chicken and Sweetcorn Pie
Tuesday	Chicken Burger	Chicken Burger or Tomato and Basil Pasta
Wednesday	Chicken Burger	Chicken Burger
Thursday	Sausage and Yorkie Pud	Sausage and Yorkie Pud
Friday	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers or Pizza Whirl

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 **Poppy-Rose B** who was awarded a certificate for working hard in her dance class!



Well done to **Freya L** who has been awarded a medal for dancing the jive for 5 minutes and 27 seconds!



Congratulations to **Isla B** who has received her level 3 swimming award.



Congratulations to **Lewis T** who was awarded 'Man of the Match'.



Well done to **Vinnie B** who was awarded a trophy for being 'Parents' Player' of the tournament.



Well done to **Eliza-Mae B** who was awarded a medal for her efforts in troupe. Amazing!



Congratulations to **Jaxon B** who has achieved his Little Stars level 4 award.



Congratulations to **Ollie S** who was awarded a trophy for being 'Man of the Match'.



Attendance

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F1/1	96.6%	7	19
F1/2	83.8%	1	4
F1/3	95.3%	4	10
F2/1	99.6%	9	26
F2/2	84.2%	2	18
Y1/G3	94.4%	3	12
Y1/G4	95.7%	6	33
Y2/G1	95.9%	5	27
Y2/G2	97.8%	8	31
Y3/F3	94.4%	4	22
Y3/F4	96.4%	6	27
Y4/RBL	89.6%	1	25
Y4/RBR	97.8%	8	19
Y5/F1	97.4%	7	10
Y5/F2	92.2%	3	19
Y6/FBL	91.9%	2	12
Y6/FBR	95.9%	5	9

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	Tyler L	Emrae A	Matilda T	Polly M	Alby R
F2/1	Ethan N	Alicja L	Sudev V	Marium S	Freya R
F2/2	Roman S-H	Reuben G	Jayden G	Amelia K	Mohammed A
Y1/G3	Ezra M	Arthur H	Ava-Mae B-J	Thomas B	Rosie-Mae C
Y1/G4	Freya M	Daisy-Beau M-N	Jaxson F	Eric P	Arya L
Y2/G1	Ellena P	Thomas C-M	Harper G	Hugo C	Matei D
Y2/G2	Nevaeh R	Harlee D	Clara W	Lennon J	Lily M
Y3/F3	Lyla F	Harrison F	Harry R	Joshua T	Lettie-Rose B
Y3/F4	Ethan D	Isaac P	Amelia H	Rosie E	Alex R
Y4/RBL	Cassandra E	Simi K	Oakley-James J	Stanley W-L	Freya H
Y4/RBR	Roxanna W	Gabriela P	Ava P	Isabella K	Charlie A
Y5/F1	Bellamy M	Ieuan P	Harvey P	Alfie H	Darci-Jade C
Y5/F2	Jake M	Hashir K	Suleiman J	Lila L	Kaiden A
Y6/FBL	Roman A	Parker F	Mollie-Mae E	Eva R	Imogen W
Y6/FBR	Poppy J	Thomas H	Evie G	Lowry B	Harry C