



Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Fabulous Females

To celebrate Mother's Day this year, we would like to welcome our Fabulous Females into school on Thursday 27th March at 9:10 a.m. The children will come into school as normal. As soon as the registers are complete, you will be invited to come into school to complete an activity with your child. Due to capacity in the classrooms, we ask that there is only 1 person per child. If mum can't make it, that's fine! Grandma's, Aunties, Dad's or Uncles are welcome to join us in their place. The session will end at 10:00 a.m.



The countdown begins...

We are busily preparing behind the scenes for the Stoke-on-Trent centenary celebrations. Did you know that there is a [dedicated website](#) for the Stoke 100? The website also has a live countdown and a list of events taking place over the next few months too!



A new chapter awaits

Today, we say goodbye to our wonderful lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Ali. Mrs Ali has worked at Sandford Hill for 12 years and we are sorry to see her go. She will be greatly missed by all of the staff and pupils and we wish her the best of luck as she starts her new chapter.



Mr Farr's class trip to Wedgwood

This week, Mr Farr's class visited Wedgwood to take part in a ceramic workshop at Wedgwood focused around the remarkable artefact Ferdinand the Bull, created by designer Arnold Machin. The children had a go at making something they loved out of clay, practicing skills they will put to use in a few weeks when we welcome the artists into school.



Once again, a huge thank you to [British Ceramic Biennial](#) and [Wedgwood](#) For this fantastic opportunity.

Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the rhyme 'The Grand Old Duke of York' and are learning to blend the sounds in words.	
R	ng, ai, ee	ring, long, sheep, rain
Y1	ue	blue, argue, fuel, true
Y2	Adding 'est' and 'y' to words ending in 'e'	shiny, finest, noisy, nicest

Notices

- **Clubs**—A reminder that there no clubs next week. Due to upcoming performances, Choir and Dance will still be on. Remaining clubs will continue the first week back after half term.
- **Trips**—Next week we will be sending out information regarding all of the upcoming trips we have confirmed. Payment for the trips is not due immediately but we are sending them to give you as much notice as possible.
- **PCSO Drop-In**—On Tuesday 11th February, PCSO Jane Lawlor will be holding a drop in surgery for parents/carers to attend to raise any concerns they have in the community. The surgery is from 3:15—4:00 p.m.
- **Open Evening**—Open evening is taking place in the Spring Term on Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April 2025. Appointments will go live next Thursday 13th February at 6:00 p.m.
- **Comic Relief**—Pupils are invited to come to school on Friday 17th March in non-uniform in return for a donation to Comic Relief (suggested £1). Please send donations via the class teacher.

Book Corner!

interview with

Mrs Bullock's favourite book as a child was *The Enchanted Wood* by Enid Blyton. She loved being taken to the magical lands with funny characters like Saucepan Man and Moonface. She read it when she was about 10.



Diary Dates

Thursday 13th February

- Mr Farr's class assembly 9:00 a.m.
- Mrs Hassall's class trip to Gladstone Pottery Museum

Friday 14th February

- Valentine Special Menu ***New***

Monday 17th —Friday 21st February

- February Half Term

Friday 28th February

- Choir to attend Young Voices Concert

Monday 3rd March

- Mrs Johnson's class trip to Brampton Museum ***New***
- Y6 SATs Workshops—3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. ***New***

Tuesday 4th March

- Miss Humphries' class trip to Brampton Museum ***New***

Tuesday 11th March

- Y6 visit to Victoria Hall—Halle Orchestra

Wednesday 12th March

- Reception trip to the National Forest Adventure Farm ***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

- Mrs Smith's class trip to Hanley Museum
- Dance '25—6:00 p.m.

Tuesday 25th March

- Miss Gregory's class trip to Hanley Museum

Thursday 27th March

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

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.

Tuesday 8th April

- Governors Meeting—6:00 p.m.

Friday 11th April

- Staff Inset Day—school closed to pupils

Monday 14th—Friday 25th April

- Easter Holiday

Tuesday 29th April 2025

- Y4 trip to Tatton Park ***New***

Wednesday 30th April 2025

- Y5 trip to Black Country Living Museum ***New***

Thursday 1st May 2025

- Y3 trip to the Deva Centre (Chester) ***New***

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 19th—Friday 23rd May

- Sports Week

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 or Sausage and Waffles
Wednesday	Beef Burgers	Beef Burgers
Thursday	Chicken Dinner	Chicken Dinner or Cheese Whirls
Friday		Valentines Day Special 

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 **Spencer H** who has achieved his Bronze swimming award.



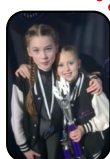
Congratulations to **Ralph P** who has achieved his Mini-Stars Level 4 award at swimming.



Well done to **Vinnie B** who was awarded 'Player of the Math' trophy.



Well done to **Evie G** and **Bella B** who attended the Audacity Championship finals. Their acro team came 3rd!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday for next week:

- Calla-Jane F
- Gracie-Mae D
- Jacob M
- Mya W
- Rayaan A
- Neave K



Well done to Mrs Smith's class and Mrs Hassall's class who are our attendance winners this



half term!



Attendance

Class	Attendance	Points This Week	Running Total
F1/1	96.9%	7	26
F1/2	95.2%	2	6
F1/3	95.4%	4	14
F2/1	95.3%	3	29
F2/2	93.2%	1	19
Y1/G3	95.6%	5	17
Y1/G4	95.7%	6	39
Y2/G1	98.1%	8	35
Y2/G2	99.3%	9	40
Y3/F3	97.6%	5	27
Y3/F4	98.2%	7	34
Y4/RBL	95.2%	1	26
Y4/RBR	98.1%	6	25
Y5/F1	98.9%	8	18
Y5/F2	95.6%	2	21
Y6/FBL	97.4%	4	16
Y6/FBR	95.6%	3	12

Our school attendance target is 96.0% and our school attendance is currently 95.3%.

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Shay W	Mason J	Olly K	Ebony B	Danny B
F2/1	Freya R	Jasper D	Lennie-Michael O	Leighton P	Harriet S
F2/2	Oakley T	Ella-Grace W	Arthur S	Darcie-Leigh H	Kyren L
Y1/G3	Lyla-Rose B	Chester P	Thomas B	Pippa L	Macia D
Y1/G4	Jaxon M	Luca L	Lily M	Harrison B	Lacey H
Y2/G1	Lyla T	Clayton L	Hiba K	Nusrat I	Noor A
Y2/G2	Calla-Jane F	Arabella H	Antoni K	Beatrix S	Eva J
Y3/F3	Hana A	Michaela L	Lewis C	Darci M-N	Akuila T
Y3/F4	Luna H	Robert B	Skylar M-W	Jaxon B	Lucas W
Y4/RBL	Samuel C	Panyin B	Kakra B	Charlotte W	Theodore T
Y4/RBR	Megan W	Malachi M	Faith A	Tommy C	Caleb M
Y5/F1	Eliza P	Mollie M	Mollie M	Nina B	Sofia P
Y5/F2	Cooper W	Ava P	Mia G	Winnie M	Sophie G
Y6/FBL	Khloe A	Daniel C	Hollie-Anne D	Bradley B	Rowanjay J
Y6/FBR	Jenson W	George C	Martha-Rose L-C	Harper-Lee C	Kaiden F