



# Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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## World Book Day 2025!

This week, we celebrated World Book Day in school. On Thursday, Councillor Bell kindly visited our school for the grand opening of our new library. She was joined by our reading champions and spoke to them about the importance of being good role models.

Today, each class has visited the library, shared a story and each child has been given a World Book Day token which they have brought home tonight. Vouchers can be used online and in local stores and at our book fair later in the month too!



## Health and Safety

Please be reminded that pupils should not be running up and down the grass banks at the beginning and end of the day. We appreciate that some pupils do have a short wait until siblings are dismissed but for the safety of all pupils, please ensure your child stays with you at all times. We would appreciate your support with this.

## Notices

- **Book Fair**—On Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April 2025, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair to raise funds to buy new books for our school library. The fair will run alongside the creche during open evening. We can accept both cash and card payments as Scholastic has an online portal for you to use on the day!
- **Comic Relief**—Pupils are invited to come to school on Friday 21st March in non-uniform in return for a donation to Comic Relief (suggested £1). Please send donations via the class teacher.

## Libraries Out Loud

Join the National Literacy Trust and Stoke-on-Trent Libraries for an epic World Book Day celebration on Saturday 8th March from 10:30—11:30am. Together they're bringing the magic of stories to all six of our city's libraries with six fantastic storytellers and a free World Book Day book to choose and take home. To avoid disappointment, pre-book your spaces via phone, email or Facebook Messenger to Stoke-on-Trent Libraries.

### Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the rhyme 'Old Macdonald had a Farm' and are identifying words that rhyme.	
R	ng, ai, ee	ring, chain, teeth
Y1	au and aw	launch, claw, draw
Y2	adding 'ing' and 'ed' to CVC/CCVC words	patting, humming

## World Book Day Book Corner!

Mr Wardle's interview with Michelle W

Mr Wardle loved finding things out that he didn't know from books and his favourites were *The Observer's Book of Association*, *Football, Flags and Birds*. He was around 10-12 when he read them. Lots of different authors wrote them and he read many of these books.



**"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book." - JK Rowling**

During World Book Day, pupils across school discussed their favourite book titles and authors. We were delighted to hear some of your favourite titles too from Enid Blyton and Harry Potter to Roald Dahl and Jacqueline Wilson. Reading has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Encourage your child to read as much as possible, whatever book they like!

# Diary Dates

## Tuesday 11th March

Y6 visit to Victoria Hall—Halle Orchestra

## Wednesday 12th March

Reception trip to the National Forest Adventure Farm **\*New\***

Nursery and Y6 Group Photos **\*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.

## Wednesday 26th March

Mrs Smith's class trip to Hanley Museum **\*Date Change\***

## Thursday 27th March

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

Miss Gregory's class trip to Hanley Museum **\*Date Change\***

## 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

## Thursday 22nd May

Northwood Field

## Monday 26th—Friday 30th May

May Half Term

## Tuesday 3rd June

Y2 trip to New Brighton Beach

## Thursday 5th June

Stoke-on-Trent turns 100! Centenary celebrations

## Friday 20th June

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

## Thursday 26th June

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

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 Curry
Tuesday	Pizza	Pizza
Wednesday	Beef Burgers	Beef Burgers
Thursday	Chicken Dinner	Chicken Dinner or Cheese Whirl
Friday	Fish Fillet	Fish Fillet 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

Well done to Charlie D who has achieved his **Octopus 1** swimming award. Congratulations Charlie!



Congratulations to **Amber T** who has achieved her **Goldfish 3** swimming award. Amazing Amber!



Congratulations to the following children who have received certificates for reading:

**Simi K**—1 million

**Kakra B** —500,000

**Panyin B**—500,000

**Chavindu B**—1 million

**Freya A**—50,000

**Tobiasz L**—100,000

## Birthdays

**Happy Birthday** for next week:

- Lewis C
- Ellena P
- Keaton M
- Mia G
- Amelia H
- Poppy J
- Macia D



A huge well done to **Lennie O** who has received his **Level 2** swimming award. What a superstar!



## Attendance

Class	Attendance	Points this week	Running Total
F1/1	87.2%	1	3
F1/2	90.3%	3	4
F1/3	89.8%	2	5
F2/1	98.2%	7	12
F2/2	99.6%	8	12
Y1/G3	95.6%	5	11
Y1/G4	98.3%	9	16
Y2/G1	96.5%	6	14
Y2/G2	92.6%	4	13
Y3/F3	98.0%	5	13
Y3/F4	99.6%	8	10
Y4/RBL	98.6%	7	11
Y4/RBR	93.7%	4	9
Y5/F1	91.6%	3	11
Y5/F2	91.6%	3	6
Y6/FBL	91.5%	1	9
Y6/FBR	98.2%	6	7

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

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Daisy M	Huxley T	Alby R	Anare T	Ethan P
F2/1	Amelia H	Parker P	Stanley B	Ethan N	E R
F2/2	Willow O	Ayden K-W	Albie T	Arthur S	Joshua M
Y1/G3	Nancy C	Rosie-Mae C	Theo K	Arabella S-J	Mylo B
Y1/G4	Mya P	Lily M	Carter J	Narla W	Ralph P
Y2/G1	Hassan A	Hugo C	Freya A	Ally-Rae H	Harrison W
Y2/G2	Izabella P	Antoni K	Arthur R	Delilah M-J	Evie-Leigh E
Y3/F3	Archie H	Empress D	Elijah F	Lillia-Grace B	Edie C
Y3/F4	Eeligh R	Shea T	Alicja P	Leah H	Hashim K
Y4/RBL	Oakley-James J	Freya H	Jessica G	Layla C	William L
Y4/RBR	Mason S	Mason H	Spencer He	Austin P	Ivy-Jane F
Y5/F1	Abdullah S	Niamh J	Lillie-Jo R	Jensen F	Aliza A
Y5/F2	Ava-Grace A	Vinny E	Freya L	Aila R	Gracie-Lee P
Y6/FBL	Charmian H	Theo C	Daniel C	Roman A	Parker F
Y6/FBR	Isla J	Ollie E	Noah F	San A	Leo B



# Libraries Out Loud

A celebration of stories with Stoke-on-Trent Libraries this World Book Day.



**Jenny Morgan**  
City Central Library



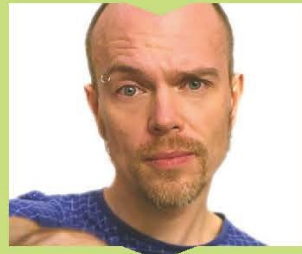
**Kat Hughes**  
Bentilee Library



**Pyn Stockman**  
Longton Library



**Alan Barrett**  
Meir Library



**Dommy B**  
Stoke Library

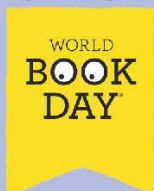


**Julie Moss**  
Tunstall Library

## Saturday 8 March

10:30 – 11:30am: performances from professional storytellers  
Every child can choose a free book to take home!

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