



Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Reception trip to The National Forest Adventure Farm

This week, Reception visited The National Forest Adventure Farm as part of their topic on 'New Life'. The children had the opportunity to feed and interact with lambs, learning about farm life and animal care in a hands-on setting. They were well-behaved and showed great enthusiasm as they approached the animals gently and followed the instructions given by their teachers. The children's behaviour was fantastic throughout the trip and we are very proud of them all.



Y6 visit to The Victoria Hall

This week, our Y6 pupils visited The Victoria Hall to listen to the Halle Orchestra. The children were captivated by the powerful live music, with the most popular piece being the iconic Star Wars theme. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience live orchestral music, and they thoroughly enjoyed the performance. A big thank you to the City Learning Trust for this wonderful opportunity!

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!
- **Clubs**— Next week is the final week of clubs for this term. New club forms for the Summer Term will be sent out on ParentMail w/c 24th March.

Book Corner!

Miss Gerrard's interview with Parker

Parker asked Miss Gerrard about her favourite book as a child which was *Rupert the Bear* by Alfred Bestall. Her dad read the annuals to her and her sister every night so it holds special memories for her.



Comic Relief Non-Uniform

A reminder that next Friday, 21st March, is Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. Please feel free to come dressed in your own clothes to show your support. We kindly suggest a £1 donation to help raise funds for this important cause. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the rhyme '5 Little Ducks' and are learning to identify the initial sound in words	
R	igh, oa, oo	Light, coat, moon
Y1	ow, oe	window, blow, toe
Y2	'o' making an 'u'	wonder, month, above

Eggs-ellent Easter Activities!

A reminder of our upcoming Easter activities:

2025 Coin Challenge Each class is challenged to **collectively** raise £20.25. The challenge will run from Monday 31st March to Monday 7th April.

Eggs-ellent Design The School Council will be holding their Design an Egg competition (no cost). Design sheets will be sent home with all pupils on Monday 31st March and entries must be returned by Monday 7th April.

Bake-Off KS2 pupils are invited to take part in our 'Bake-Off' competition on **Monday 31st March**. Cakes will be sold to pupils throughout school from Nursery to Y6 (20p or 50p).

Bonnet and Egg Parade Pupils are invited to decorate a bonnet or egg for our Easter competition. Entries must be brought into school on Wednesday 9th April for judging.

More information can be found on Issue 22 of our school newsletter.



Weekly Attendance and Awards



Congratulations and Well done

Congratulations to **Eva J** who has achieved her Angelfish 1 swimming certificate. Great job Eva!



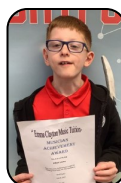
Well done to **Delilah M-J** who was star of the week at her dance school. Fantastic Delilah!



Congratulations to **Charlie A** who was awarded Player of the Match for his team F.C. Hanley over the weekend. Well done Charlie!



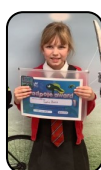
Well done to **Elliot L** who has been awarded a certificate for his progress learning how to play the saxophone.



Congratulations to **Eliza-Mae B** who has won a haul of medals as part of her dance troupe. Amazing Eliza!



Well done to **Sophie B** who has been awarded her Tadpole 1 swimming award. Amazing Sophie!



Attendance

Class	Attendance	Points this week	Running Total
F1/1	96.9%	7	10
F1/2	87.2%	1	5
F1/3	93.3%	2	7
F2/1	95.6%	4	16
F2/2	93.9%	3	15
Y1/G3	96.8%	6	17
Y1/G4	96.2%	5	21
Y2/G1	97.6%	9	23
Y2/G2	97.3%	8	21
Y3/F3	96.8%	5	18
Y3/F4	95.3%	4	14
Y4/RBL	98.3%	8	19
Y4/RBR	94.3%	1	10
Y5/F1	95.0%	3	14
Y5/F2	97.7%	6	12
Y6/FBL	94.7%	2	11
Y6/FBR	98.3%	8	15

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	Mabel B	Maddie M	Oliver S	Braela P	Isabelle H
F2/1	E R	Liam-Junior B-J	Leighton B-H	Isla B	Leia H
F2/2	Deondrei P	Darcie-Leigh H	Ella-Grace W	Skylar M	Phoenix J
Y1/G3	Devansh M	Evalyn S-G	Dominic J	Isla B	Sophie B
Y1/G4	Remi S	Amelia-Rose S	Freya M	Reggie B	Ollie S
Y2/G1	Ally-Rae H	Ariana W	Tobiasz L	Chloe G	Clayton L
Y2/G2	Sunny M	Rayaan A	Arabella H	Skyla-Grace T	Kingsley D
Y3/F3	Nevaeh S	Emily-Rose F	Pyper J	Empress D	Oluwatoni K
Y3/F4	Alexander R	Emily L	Jensen B	Hashim K	Bonnie M-P
Y4/RBL	Benjamin Br	Theodore T	Casey M	Cassandra E	Benjamin Bu
Y4/RBR	Freddie M	Austin P	Reggie J	Lacie-Mae H	Bella B
Y5/F1	Sofia P	Darci-Jade C	Jensen F	Bellamy M	Alfie H
Y5/F2	Miller C	Amelia G	Lila L	Alisha S	Mia G
Y6/FBL	Hollie-Anne D	Aleena V	Lennon B	Parker F	Isabella W
Y6/FBR	Mia K	Jacob M	Sophie-Rae M	Amelia J	Sonny L-P

Diary Dates

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.

Friday 18th July

Last day of term for pupils

Birthdays

Happy Birthday for next week:

- Sophie G
- Spencer H
- Theodore T
- Myla H
- Bella H-T
- Ollie S
- Phoenix J
- Tommy C
- Adrian D-K



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
Wednesday	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken Nuggets
Thursday	Hotdogs	Hotdogs
Friday	Fishcake	Fishcake 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.