



Sandford Hill Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Equality

Inclusion

Fairness

Red Nose Day

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to your incredible generosity we have raised a fantastic **£374.29** for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day! A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our non-uniform day, donated, and showed their support. Your contributions will make a real difference to those in need. Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity.



Orienteering

A huge well done to the pupils who represented our school at the orienteering event at Blythe Bridge High School. They gave it their all, showed great teamwork, and truly did us proud. Well done to **Eva, Lowry, Martha, Grace, Thomas, Jensen, Theo and Jack!**

Y4 Recorder Festival

A big well done to our Year 4 pupils who attended the Recorder Festival at The Victoria Hall this week. The children had an amazing time listening to talented musicians and playing alongside other



schools. A special thank you to City Music School for inviting us to this wonderful event!



Book Corner!

Mr Farr's interview with Anna

Mr Farr's favourite book as a child in primary school was *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. He loved everything about it and especially how Dahl made it exciting. He has read most of Roald Dahl's books.



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 fayre will be in the technology room. We can accept both cash and card payments as Scholastic has an online portal for you to use on the day!
- **Clubs**—Clubs have now finished for the Spring Term. Club forms will be sent out on Wednesday 26th March and clubs letters will be sent home on Thursday 10th April.
- **PE Kit**—Our school PE kit consists of a red polo, black hoody and black joggers/shorts. Pupils should not be wearing items with large logos, stripes or different colours. A reminder that jewellery must be removed for all PE lessons. Thank you.

Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the rhyme 'Mary Mary Quite Contrary' and are learning to count the sounds in words	
R	oo, ar, or, ur	good, march, jar, burn
Y1	wh,	wheel, whale, whisper
Y2	'ey' saying 'ee'	monkey, money, chimney

Attendance Matters

Attendance plays a crucial role in your child's academic and social success. Pupils with higher attendance rates perform better academically, develop stronger social skills, and feel more connected to the school community. If you are having any issues regarding your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Smith, Miss Smithson or Miss Morton who will be happy to help.

ATTENDANCE WHY IT MATTERS



Persistent absence means pupils who miss more than 10% of school every year.

£750
For each additional day of absence between years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of £750 in future lifetime earnings

This rises to almost £20k less on average at age 28 for those who are severely absent



For employability over a sustained period, people age 28 were around:

60% Less likely to be employed when persistently absent

75% Less likely to be employed when severely absent

*Compared to their peers with near perfect attendance

ATTENDANCE WHY IT MATTERS

Children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 are

30% MORE LIKELY

to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to their peers



Weekly Attendance and Awards



Congratulations and Well done

Well done to **Grace M** who has achieved her Octopus 2 swimming award. Fantastic Grace!



Congratulations to **Spencer H** who was awarded this fantastic football trophy! Amazing Spencer!



Well done to **Malachi M** who has been awarded a trophy for being his team's captain! Amazing!



Congratulations to **Alisha S** who has recently achieved her gymnastics badge 6. Well done Alisha!



Congratulations to **Scarlett C** and **Lily M** who have achieved their Little Stars Level 4 award at swimming. Well done!



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



Attendance

Class	Attendance	Points this week	Running Total
F1/1	96.9%	9	19
F1/2	91.2%	3	8
F1/3	86.1%	1	8
F2/1	95.1%	4	20
F2/2	89.7%	2	17
Y1/G3	96.6%	7	24
Y1/G4	96.5%	6	27
Y2/G1	96.8%	8	31
Y2/G2	96.3%	5	26
Y3/F3	95.6%	3	21
Y3/F4	97.0%	7	21
Y4/RBL	96.3%	4	23
Y4/RBR	97.8%	8	18
Y5/F1	96.7%	5	19
Y5/F2	93.7%	1	13
Y6/FBL	94.1%	2	13
Y6/FBR	97.0%	7	22

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	Bailey P	Isabelle H	Kenny P	Reeva B	Edward H
F2/1	Zachariah A	Snow H	Alicja L	Lennie-Michael O	Parker P
F2/2	Amelia K	Margo S-J	Reuben G	Mohammed A	Amelia-Rose C
Y1/G3	Chester P	Eva-Lilly C	Aurora C-B	Lucas G	Nancy C
Y1/G4	Amelia S	Jaxon M	Riley K	Mya P	Matei B-A
Y2/G1	Hiba K	Nusrat I	Kacy-Kristen B	Mya W	Ally-Rae H
Y2/G2	Jaxon R	Lennon J	Harlee D	Clara W	Bella H-T
Y3/F3	Ava R	Akuila T	Emily-Rose F	Harry R	Haiza N
Y3/F4	Quinn-Rose B	Kruthik V	Bonnie M-P	Eeligh R	Jacob C
Y4/RBL	Lottie S	Mason N	Ethan B-S	Panyin B	Frankie C
Y4/RBR	Adam R	Caleb M	Tommy C	Keira M	Henry F
Y5/F1	Lexi L	Jaxon H	Millie H	Amber S	Henry R
Y5/F2	Keaton M	Poppy T	Lewis T	Hashir K	Ingrid S
Y6/FBL	Grace B	Eva R	Hunter H	Vinnie B	Aleena V
Y6/FBR	Genevieve G	Caleb T	Olivia W	Ollie W	Samuel T

Diary Dates

Monday 24th March

Dance '25—6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 26th March

Mrs Smith's class trip to Hanley Museum

Thursday 27th March

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

Miss Gregory's class trip to Hanley Museum

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

Wednesday 30th April 2025

Y5 trip to Black Country Living Museum

Thursday 1st May 2025

Y3 trip to the Deva Centre (Chester)

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

Tuesday 10th June

EYFS Sports Day 10:00 a.m. (Reserve 12th June) ***New***

The EYFS sports day will end with a family picnic 11:15—12:00pm

Tuesday 17th June

KS1 Sports Day 9:15 a.m. (Reserve 19th June) ***New***

Friday 20th June

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

Tuesday 24th June

Y5/6 Sports Day 9:15 a.m. (Reserve 26th June) ***New***

Y3/4 Sports Day 1:30 p.m. (Reserve 26th June) ***New***

Thursday 26th June

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

Friday 18th July

Last day of term for pupils

Monday 21st July

Staff Inset Day

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
Tuesday	Chicken Burger	Chicken Burger or Tomato and Basil Pasta
Wednesday	All Day Breakfast	All Day Breakfast
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.

BE SMART ONLINE



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

