



Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Equality

Inclusion

Fairness

Welcome Back

We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break, and are feeling refreshed and ready to dive back into school life. We've got lots of exciting things ahead this term including sports days, trips, sports week, transition events and much more. A reminder that school will be closed on Monday, 5th May for the bank holiday. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Y3 Trip

Our Y3 pupils had a fantastic time at the Deva Centre in Chester yesterday. The weather was absolutely beautiful, adding to the enjoyment of the day. The children had the chance to learn about Roman history in a hands-on way, from discovering ancient artifacts to marching through the streets like Roman soldiers. The pupils were incredibly well-behaved, showing great enthusiasm and respect throughout the visit.



Y4 Trip

On Tuesday, Y4 visited Tatton Park in support of their History topic about Anglo-Saxons. The pupils had the opportunity to step back in time, immersing themselves in history through interactive activities and guided tours. They explored the park's historic sites, engaging with hands-on experiences that brought the past to life. Well done for being fantastic ambassadors of our school.



Y5 Trip

On Wednesday, our Y5 pupils visited the Black Country Living Museum. The weather was perfect for exploring the outdoor exhibits, and the pupils behaved exceptionally well throughout the day. They had the opportunity to step back in time, learning about the industrial history of the region through exhibits, period buildings, and live demonstrations. From experiencing the workings of a traditional mine to trying their hand at old-fashioned crafts. Their behaviour was exceptional—well done Y5!



Summer Fayre—Next Weekend!

Yeehaw! Get ready for a rootin' tootin' good time at our upcoming Summer Fayre, and this year, we're going all out with a *rodeo* theme! Put on your cowboy boots and hat, and round up the family for a day of fun on:

Saturday 10th May from 11:00am - 1:30pm.



We've got something for everyone — delicious food, bouncy inflatables, exciting games, and lots of wild west-themed surprises! There will also be face painting and glitter and of course our ever popular tombolas! Saddle up, come on down, and let's make this a summer fayre to remember!

Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the rhyme 'Incy Wincy Spider' and learning to blend the sounds in words.	
R	oo, ar, or, ur	roof, shark, thorn, burn
Y1	ie (ee sound)	shield, smoothie, belief
Y2	adding suffixes er/est/y	longer, coldest, windy

Absence during term time

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. We would like to remind families that any pupil who has 10 unauthorised sessions (5 school days) within a 10 week period, will be referred to the education welfare service for a penalty notice (fine). Unauthorised sessions can include holidays, lates after 9:20 a.m and unauthorised absences where a reason has not been given for absence or if your child's attendance is below 90%. We have reattached the letter sent by the local authority to the back of this weeks newsletter. 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.



Weekly Attendance and Awards



Congratulations and Well done

Congratulations to **Freya L** who took part in a dancing competition at the weekend. Freya came 5th out of 35 dancers! Amazing Freya !



Well done to **Lyla-Rose B** who has achieved her level 2 learn to swim award. Amazing Lyla-Rose!



Well done to **Jessica R** and **Ivy-Jane F** who have achieved a proficiency award at trampolining. Well done girls!



Congratulations to **Calla-Jane F** who has achieved 2 trampolining awards. Superstar Calla!



Congratulations to **Izzabella P** for achieving her Level 2 learn to swim award. Fantastic Izzabella!



Well done to **Theo K** who has achieved his Mini-Stars Level 3 award at swimming. Amazing Theo!



Well done to **Oakley W** who has achieved his Level 5 Stanley swimming award. Superstar Oakley!



Congratulations to **Devansh M** who has been awarded a medal by his football team. Amazing Devansh!



Well done to **Grace B** who won the fans player of the match award at football. Fantastic Grace!



Attendance

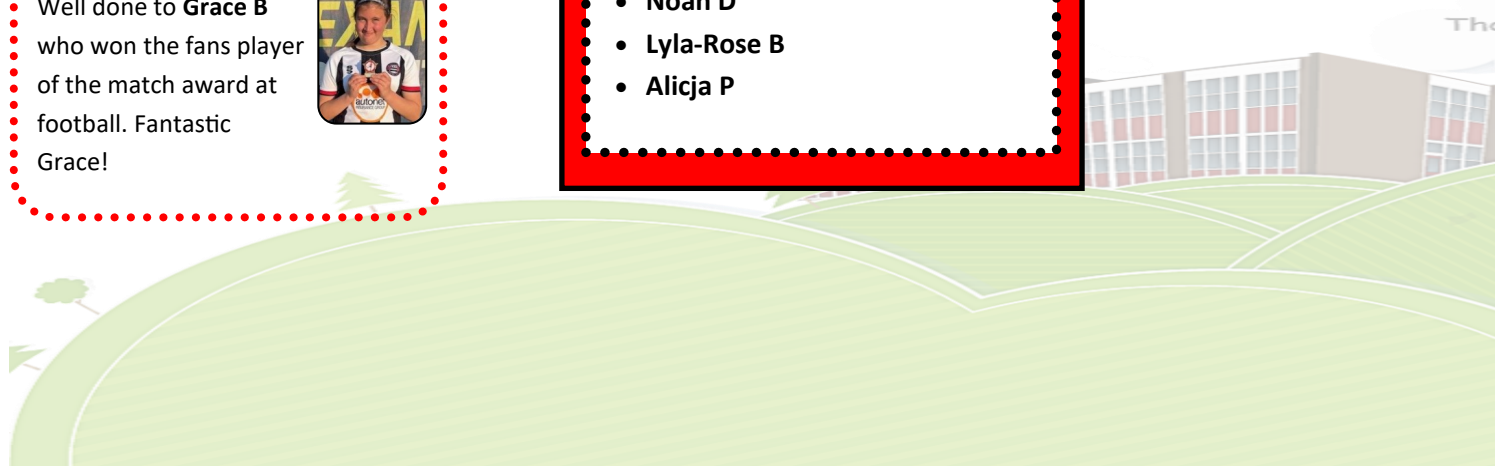
<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Points this week</u>	<u>Running Total</u>
F1/1	100%	9	9
F1/2	96.1%	5	5
F1/3	92.7%	1	1
F2/1	93.8%	3	3
F2/2	94.4%	4	4
Y1/G3	99.3%	8	8
Y1/G4	97.9%	7	7
Y2/G1	93.5%	2	2
Y2/G2	96.9%	6	6
Y3/F3	97.6%	6	6
Y3/F4	95.3%	3	3
Y4/RBL	97.3%	5	5
Y4/RBR	96.7%	4	4
Y5/F1	99.6%	8	8
Y5/F2	93.0%	1	1
Y6/FBL	94.3%	2	2
Y6/FBR	98.7%	7	7

Our school attendance target is 96.0% and our school attendance is currently 95.4%.

Birthdays

We would like to wish the following children a very Happy Birthday for next week:

- Cadi R
- Liam-Junior B-J
- Amelia C
- Noah D
- Lyla-Rose B
- Alicja P



Diary Dates

Monday 5th May

May Day Bank Holiday—School closed to pupils

Saturday 10th May

HillFest '25—Summer Fayre 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Monday 12th—Thursday 15th May

Y6 SATs week

Monday 19th—Friday 23rd May

Sports Week (PE kit/sports clothes all 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

Oatcake Special Menu—more information next week!

Tuesday 10th June

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

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

Wednesday 11th June

Marvellous Males Morning—9:10—10:00 a.m.

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)

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

Wednesday 25th June

Transition—Teachers to visit their new class

Thursday 26th June

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

Wednesday 2nd July

Transition—Children to visit their new classroom

Thursday 3rd July

Parent Transition—Parents to visit their child's new classroom

Friday 18th July

Last day of term for pupils

Monday 21st July

Staff Inset Day

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September

Staff Inset Days

Wednesday 3rd September

Pupils return to school

All meals are served
with a dessert and drink.

Menu

Jacket Potatoes and Filled
Sandwiches available daily.

Day	Nursery	Reception—Year 6
Tuesday	Pizza	Pizza
Wednesday	Beef Burgers	Beef Burgers
Thursday	Roast Chicken Dinner	Roast Chicken Dinner or Cheese Whirls
Friday	Battered Fish	Battered Fish 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.

School Penalty Notices for Attendance are Changing from August 2024

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into effect for all those issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice are issued to each parent, for each absent child.

For Example: 2 siblings absent for leave during term time would result in each parent receiving 2 separate Penalty Notices.

Third Offence

(Within 3 years)

The third time a Penalty Notice is issued for leave in Term Time or irregular attendance, the case will be presented to the Magistrates Court, where fines of up to £2500 per parent, per child can be imposed.

Note: Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on Parents future DBS certificates as a 'Failure to safeguard a child's education'.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Irregular Attendance or leave in Term Time the amount will be £160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.

This is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

10 sessions of Unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notices will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of Unauthorised absence in a 10-school week period.

These Absences can be late after register closes, Unauthorised Absences and Unauthorised Term Time leave absences. They can also be a combination of any of the above.

Second Offence

(Within 3 Years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Irregular Attendance or leave in Term Time the amount will be **£160 per parent, per child when paid within 28 days.**

Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority on the instruction from the School/Academy, in line with the Department for Education legislation. Once issued these cannot be withdrawn.