



# Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Equality

Inclusion

Fairness

## SAT's

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs this week! We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination, and positive attitude you've shown throughout. You've earned a big congratulations, and now it's time to enjoy your final 8 weeks at primary school—make the most of every moment and cherish the memories you'll make!

## Sports Week—Equality, Inclusion, Fairness

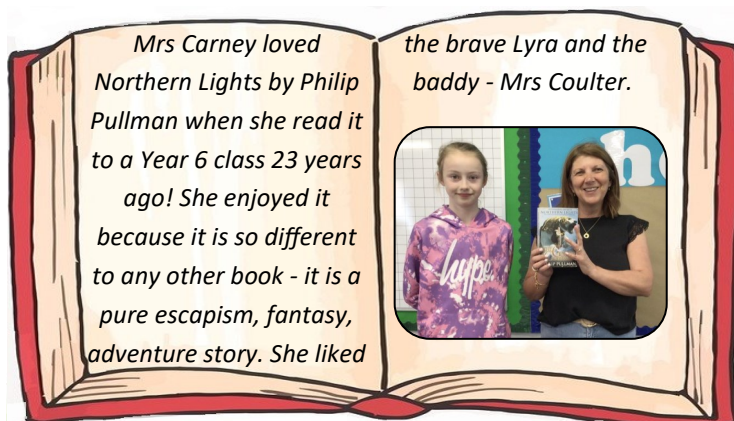
A reminder that we are having **Sports Week** again, week commencing 19th May 2025. Throughout the week, we have a variety of fun and engaging activities planned for all year groups, from Nursery to Year 6 and we will be joined by various sporting professionals including Paul Sturges Little Kickers, ASM Sports, Staffordshire Cricket and many more. To make the most of this active week, we kindly ask that all pupils come to school wearing their PE kit each day. We understand that it might be challenging to get PE kits washed and ready each day, so towards the end of the week, students are welcome to wear other appropriate sports clothing as a substitute.

## Join our Sandford Hill family!

Is your child due to start school in September 2025? We'd love to welcome you to the Sandford Hill family! Our school provides a nurturing, engaging, and supportive environment where children can thrive and develop a lifelong love of learning. Join our caring community and give your child the best possible start to their educational journey.

## Book Corner!

Mrs Carney's interview with Martha-Rose



## Summer Fayre Success!

Thank you to everyone who attended our rodeo themed Summer Fayre on Saturday 10th May! It was fantastic to see so many happy faces enjoying the day, and the inflatable bull proved to be a real crowd-pleaser. We're thrilled to share that we raised an amazing



total of **£2,154.50**. A huge thank you to all the staff who generously volunteered their time to help make the event such a great success. For the last few weeks behind the scenes, a lot of preparation has taken place from organising the stalls, making games, ordering decorations, making balloon arches, counting floats and everything else in between. A special thank you goes to Miss Arnott who co-ordinated the whole event—we'd be lost without you!

## Attendance

Regular school attendance is vital to ensure children make consistent progress and don't miss out on important learning opportunities. We'd like to remind parents and carers that holidays should not be taken during term time. Any holiday taken during term time will be recorded as an *unauthorised absence*, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please be aware that if a child has **10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 days)** within a 10-week period, this may result in a **Penalty Notice** or a **Notice to Improve** being issued by the local authority. Unauthorised sessions include holidays, absences without medical evidence and lates after 9:20 a.m. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain high attendance and ensuring every child receives the best possible education.

## Our Weekly Phonics

Year	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
N	Learning the nursery rhyme 'The Queen of Hearts' and are learning to identify words that rhyme.	
R	air, ure, er	chair, hair, cure, pure, pepper, river, boxer
Y1	reading words that become plurals	flip-flops, books, glasses, branches
Y2	war, wor	ward, towards, worth, worst



# Weekly Attendance and Awards



## Congratulations and Well done

Congratulations to **Joshua T** who has been awarded a medal at cricket. Well done Joshua!



Well done to **Calla-Jane F** and **Ivy-Jane F** for passing their ballet exams! A fantastic achievement—well done girls!



Well done to **Calla-Jane F** who has achieved her Proficiency Level 2 award at trampolining. Amazing Calla-Jane!



Congratulations to **Ivy-Jane F** for achieving her proficiency Level 2 award at trampolining. Fantastic Ivy-Jane!



## Attendance

Class	Attendance	Points this week	Running Total
F1/1	98.6%	9	27
F1/2	96.2%	6	12
F1/3	85.5%	1	6
F2/1	96.4%	7	17
F2/2	90.8%	2	8
Y1/G3	98.6%	9	22
Y1/G4	94.5%	4	17
Y2/G1	94.7%	5	10
Y2/G2	92.3%	3	17
Y3/F3	98.3%	4	15
Y3/F4	92.3%	1	7
Y4/RBL	98.7%	6	19
Y4/RBR	98.7%	6	17
Y5/F1	96.4%	2	14
Y5/F2	98.0%	3	5
Y6/FBL	99.0%	8	13
Y6/FBR	99.0%	8	22

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

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Huxley T	Anare T	Daisy M	Kenny P	Elijah C
F2/1	Isla B	Freya R	Jasper D	Liam-Junior B-J	Oakley W
F2/2	Kyren L	Roman S-H	Finley H	Taylor N	Margo S-J
Y1/G3	Elizabeth P	Pippa L	Eva-Lilly C	James J	Evalyn S-G
Y1/G4	Matei B-A	Amelia S	Ollie S	Dontae P-M	Harrison B
Y2/G1	Harrison W	Lyla T	Ariana W	Macie W	Enara B-G
Y2/G2	Delilah M-J	Evie-Leigh E	Rayaan A	Nevaeh R	Izzabella P
Y3/F3	Elijah F	Lyla F	Lettie-Rose B	Jack S-G	Archie H
Y3/F4	Leah H	Jaxon B	Quinn-Rose B	Amelia T	Shea T
Y4/RBL	Stanley W-L	Oakley-James J	Freya H	Maddison C	Cassandra E
Y4/RBR	Faith A	Tommy C	Lacie-Mae H	Adam R	Freddie M
Y5/F1	Jack H	Layla M	Niamh J	Chavindu B	Abdullah S
Y5/F2	Amelia G	Elliott H-T	Sophie G	Madison J	Ralphie S
Y6/FBL	Michelle W	Tansey M	Evie W	Aleena V	Jack E
Y6/FBR	Sophie-Rae M	Martha-Rose L-C	Jacob M	Mia K	Caleb T

# Diary Dates

## Monday 19th—Friday 23rd May

Sports Week (PE kit/sports clothes all week)

Clubs Resume

## 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

Non-uniform day for all (Red/White and Black for the Stoke-on-Trent colours)

Oatcake Special Menu

## 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.

## Monday 16th June

Reception Heights and Weights

## Tuesday 17th June

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

## 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



## Birthdays

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

- Olivia C
- Poppy T
- Pyper J
- Sienna C
- Akuila T
- Adam R
- Dominic J
- Ollie S
- Darcie-Leigh H



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	Hotdogs	Hotdogs
Wednesday	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken Nuggets
Thursday	Chicken Burgers	Chicken Burgers
Friday	Fish Fingers	Fish Fingers

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

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