



Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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Stoke-on-Trent

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Centenary Special—Stoke-on-Trent turns 100!

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100 years of Stoke-on-Trent!

What a fantastic week we've had in school celebrating Stoke-on-Trent turning 100! Yesterday marked 100 years since King George V granted city status, recognising the significant contributions to the pottery industry.



Throughout school, the children have been learning about the six towns and the history of Stoke-on-Trent. Over the half term, some of our pupils visited famous places around Stoke-on-Trent including Stoke City, Port Vale, the cenotaph, Spode, the Spitfire and of course, Hanley's famous blue clock.

We have celebrated Stoke-on-Trent throughout the week in school and below are some examples of what each year group has been learning:



In **Nursery**, pupils learnt about the six towns, they have made cobblestones using various printing techniques, made Spitfires and designed their own Emma Bridgewater style pottery;



Reception pupils have designed their own oatcakes, made bottle kilns out of clay, made their own Stoke City and Port Vale badges and studied the six towns;



Meanwhile in **Year 1**, pupils have designed pottery in the style of Emma Bridgewater and have been learning about why Stoke-on-Trent is known as The Potteries;



Year 2 pupils have been learning about mining in Stoke-on-Trent, they have made coal trucks, wrote a diary of a miner and had a challenge to make a coal mine using only art straws and tape;



In **Year 3**, pupils have designed their own coat of arms and have used a variety of tissue paper techniques to make replicas of the Beswick flying ducks (most popularly known above Hilda Ogden's fireplace in Coronation Street!);



Year 4 pupils have been learning about jobs within the pottery industry and have been making 3D Spitfires with paper mâché;



Over in **Year 5**, pupils have taken part in The Big Clean and completed a litter pick around school, they have also made bottle kilns, Stoke-on-Trent themed badges and studied the Longton coat of arms;



Year 6 pupils have made silhouettes in the style of Sid Kirkham and have designed their own Wedgwood Jasperware. They have also made paper mâché bowls and plates in various Stoke pottery designs.

Yesterday, each year group was invited to come to school in non-uniform wearing red white and black for their street party. They all had cake, party ring biscuits and juice whilst listening to music with a theme of Stoke-on-Trent which of course included Delilah and The Wonder of You! It has certainly been a memorable week for all celebrating this historic event.



Special Oatcake Menu Success!

Our recent special oatcake menu was a surprising hit! The winning votes were sausage and cheese and chocolate and marshmallow. While some were initially sceptical about the idea of pairing chocolate with a traditional oatcake, the combination was a success. As one pupil said, *"It tastes like deliciousness"*. A huge thank you to our wonderful catering staff for bringing our ideas to the dining table!



Year 4 visit Wedgwood Museum

Earlier this week, our Year 4 pupils visited the Wedgwood Museum to see their fantastic Ferdinand the Bull ceramic designs on display. The children have been working closely with the British Ceramics Biennial, and it was a proud moment for everyone to see their creativity and effort celebrated in such a prestigious setting. A huge well done to all involved – your hard work truly paid off!



Classes for September 2025

Below you will find a list of the new classes for September 2025.

Current Class and Teacher			2025-26 Class and Teacher	
Nursery groups	Parents of next year's Reception children will be notified of their new class with an individual ParentMail today. New Nursery parents will be informed of their child's practitioner at the end of June.		Nursery	Mrs Chetwynd, Mrs Gater and Mrs Morton
			R1	Miss Hodgson
			R2	Miss Humphries
R1	Miss Hodgson	to	Y1/G3	Mrs Smith
R2	Miss Ridgway	to	Y1/G4	Mrs Johnson
Y1/G3	Miss Humphries	to	Y2/G2	Miss Lockett
Y1/G4	Mrs Johnson	to	Y2/G1	Miss Gregory
Y2/G1	Miss Gregory	to	Y3/F4	Miss Gerrard
Y2/G2	Mrs Smith	to	Y3/F3	Mr Farr
Y3/F3	Mr Frost	to	Y4/RBR	Mrs Frost
Y3/F4	Mrs Hassall	to	Y4/RBL	Mr Frost
Y4/RBL	Miss Gerrard	to	Y5/FBL	Mr Alcock
Y4/RBR	Mr Farr	to	Y5/FBR	Mrs Carney
Y5/F1	Mr Alcock	to	Y6/F2	Mrs Bullock
Y5/F2	Mrs Frost	to	Y6/F1	Mrs Hassall

Classroom Codes
G = ground floor; F = first floor. Numbers start from the first classroom nearest the front of the school along the corridor to the back of the school.
FB and RB = blocks at the front and rear of the school; L/R = Left or Right classroom as you walk through the main door

Transition Dates
Teacher to visit new class
Wednesday 25th July
Pupils to visit their new classroom
Wednesday 2nd July
Parent Transition
Thursday 3rd July 9:10—10:00

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 Spaghetti and Meatballs
Tuesday	Cheesy Oatcakes	Cheesy Oatcakes
Wednesday	Chicken Nuggets	Chicken Nuggets
Thursday	Hotdogs	Hotdogs
Friday	Fishcakes	Fishcakes 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.



Weekly Attendance and Awards

Attendance

Class	Attendance	Points this week	Running Total
F1/1	97.4%	5	5
F1/2	87.2%	1	1
F1/3	97.9%	6	6
F2/1	98.7%	8	8
F2/2	99.1%	9	9
Y1/G3	91.7%	2	2
Y1/G4	96.6%	4	4
Y2/G1	94.8%	3	3
Y2/G2	98.5%	7	7
Y3/F3	94.4%	4	4
Y3/F4	95.9%	7	7
Y4/RBL	95.9%	7	7
Y4/RBR	94.8%	5	5
Y5/F1	98.1%	8	8
Y5/F2	93.0%	3	3
Y6/FBL	93.0%	3	3
Y6/FBR	90.4%	1	1

Congratulations and Well done

Well done to **Lucas G** who has achieved a certificate for his first aid skills. Amazing Lucas !



Congratulations to **Joshua T** who has been awarded a medal for his football skills at Port Vale. Well done Joshua!



Well done to **Ebony B** who has been awarded her Stanley 4 swimming certificate. Fantastic Ebony!



Congratulations to **Benji B** who took part in Race for Life last night and raised over £140 for Cancer research . Well done Benji!



Well done to **Jack H** who took part in the Race for Life. Raising money for Cancer Research and in memory of his football team mate. Amazing Jack!



Diary Dates

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