



# Sandford Hill Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



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### Attendance

Good attendance is essential for pupils to make the most of their learning and reach their full potential. At Sandford Hill Primary School, our school attendance target is 96%. We monitor attendance daily, and our Attendance Team meets weekly to review individual pupil attendance and absences. All pupils are tracked to ensure appropriate support can be provided where needed.

We kindly ask parents to report absences as early as possible via the ParentMail app and, where applicable, provide medical evidence for any appointments or absences during school hours. Please be aware that 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 full school days) within a 10-week period will result in a referral to Education Welfare, and a penalty notice may be issued. Unauthorised absences include holidays taken during term time, lateness after 9:20am, and absences where medical evidence has not been provided or where overall attendance is already low.

If you would like to discuss how we can work together to improve your child's attendance, please contact the school office who will put you through to a member of the attendance team. Thank you for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance.

### Fluenz

The School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting school again on Tuesday 23rd September to deliver nasal flu vaccinations to pupils in Reception to Year 6. A ParentMail message containing more information was sent out earlier this week. Please note that your child will not receive the vaccine unless you have given permission via the link provided. School are unable to accept verbal consent.

### Uniform/Food Bank

We're pleased to share that our new School Uniform Bank and Food Bank are now available to support families who may be finding things difficult. If you are in need of uniform items or food support, please don't hesitate to speak to Miss Smithson. All conversations will be handled with sensitivity and without judgement – we're here to help.

Donations of dried food goods will be collected via the basket outside the school office. We would also appreciate donations of uniform and PE kits in good condition including coats, school shoes and trainers.

### Trips

We are in the process of finalising trips for this academic year and we aim to provide parents with as much notice as possible. As we are unable to subsidise the cost of trips, we rely heavily on parental contributions in order to run these valuable enrichment opportunities. We will start sending ParentMail messages for trips over the next few weeks, even for trips taking place in the Summer Term. Please ensure that both the consent form and payment item are completed via ParentMail by the stated deadline, as we are unable to confirm a pupil's place without both. Thank you.

### Welcome Nursery!

We were delighted to welcome our new nursery children this week as they begin their transition into school life. This is a very exciting time, and we look forward to getting to know each and every one of them. A strong start in these early years builds solid foundations for future education, and we're here to support them every step of the way.





**"Attend today to achieve tomorrow"**  
This week, our school attendance is **100%**!



**Weekly Attendance Winner**

**F1/2 & F1/3**  
**100%**

## 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 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.

### 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.**

### 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.**

### 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'.

### 10 sessions of Unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

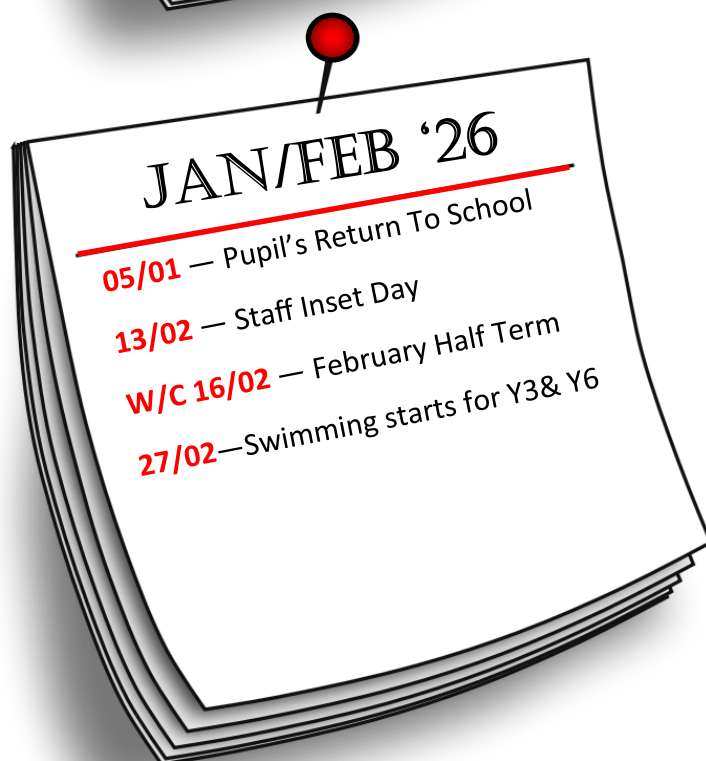
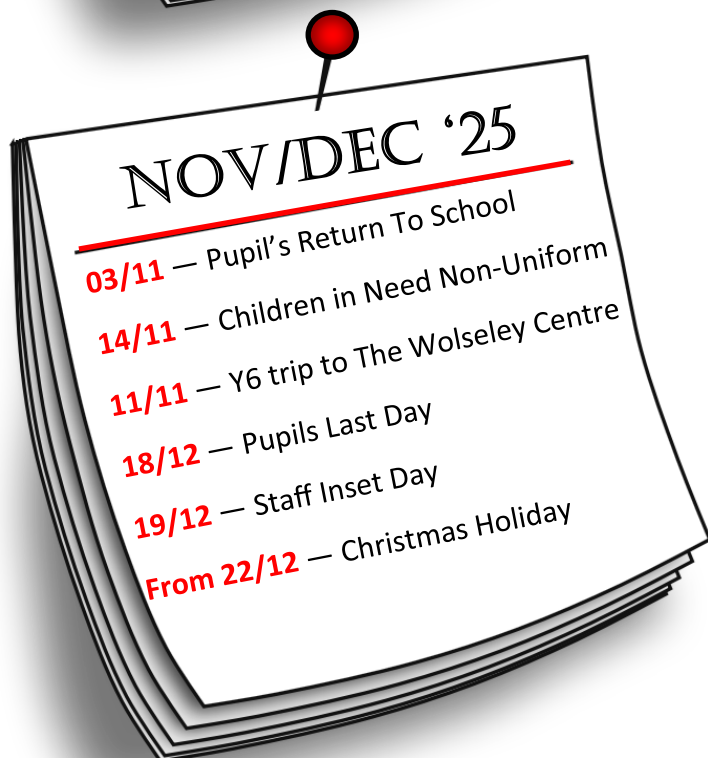
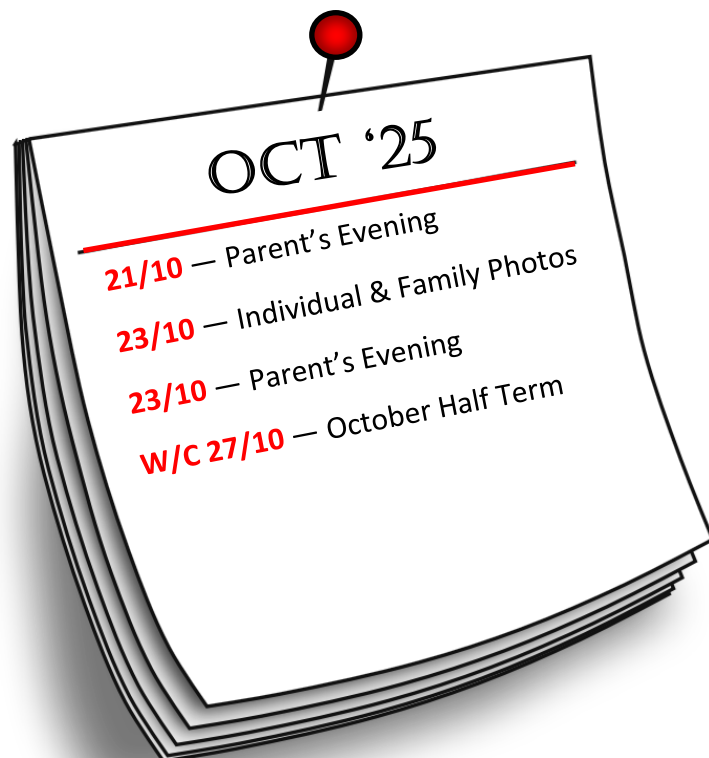
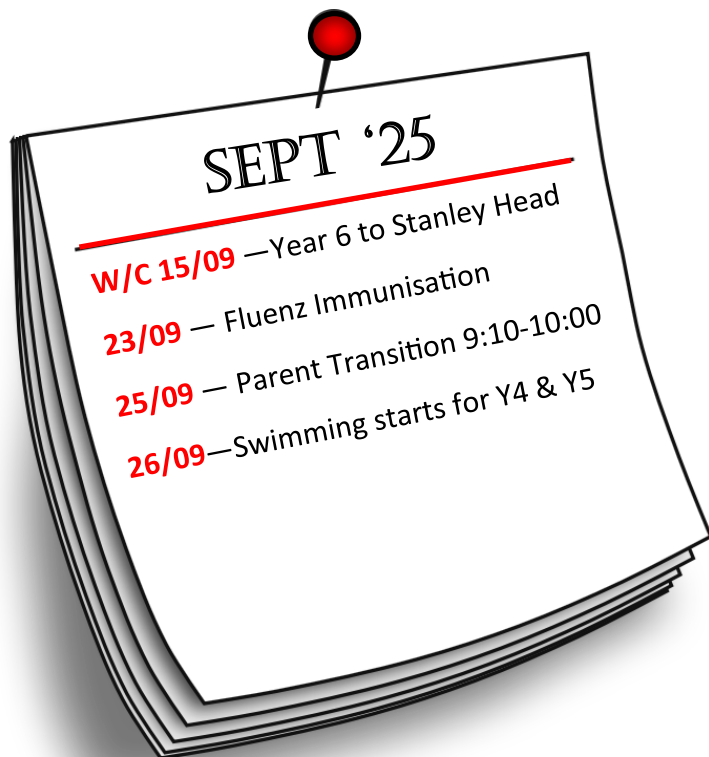
Penalty Notices will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of Unauthorised absence in a 10-school week period.

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.

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.

Class	Attendance	Points	Total
F1/1	98.3%	5	5
F1/2	100%	9	9
F1/3	100%	9	9
F2/1	97.9%	4	4
F2/2	96.7%	3	3
Y1/G3	99.2%	7	7
Y1/G4	93.7%	2	2
Y2/G1	98.7%	6	6
Y2/G2	92.9%	1	1
Y3/F3	94.5%	1	1
Y3/F4	94.8%	2	2
Y4/RBL	97.3%	5	5
Y4/RBR	95.3%	3	3
Y5/FBL	99.3%	8	8
Y5/FBR	99.3%	8	8
Y6/F1	96.9%	4	4
Y6/F2	98.2%	6	6

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
F2/1	Bailey P	Thomas D	Anare T	Oliver S	*
F2/2	Daisy M	Albi F-S	Thomas L	Kai-Hudson C	Reeva B
Y1/G3	Freya R	Mariam S	Kaiden R	Keira A	E R
Y1/G4	Mohammed A	Arthur S	Ella-Grace W	Albie T	Margo S-J
Y2/G1	Amelia S	Freya M	Luca L	Ellison B	George H
Y2/G2	Isla B	Lucas G	Aurora C-B	Dominic J	Jessica G
Y3/F3	Logan P	Skyla T	Clara W	Antoni K	Arthur R
Y3/F4	Ally-Rae H	Ariana W	Macie W	Thomas C-M	Enara B G
Y4/RBL	Kyiah I	Emily L	Robert B	Sienna K	Henry R
Y4/RBR	Lewis C	Akuila T	Ava R	Elijah F	Jack S-G
Y5/FBL	Ethan B-S	William L	Keegan A	Cassandra E	Oakley-James J
Y5/FBR	Jessica R	Adam R	Lacie-Mai H	Tommy C	Gabriela P
Y6/F1	Hashir K	Freya L	Gracie-Mae D	Jake M	Lewis T
Y6/F2	Oliver B	Nina B	Darci-Jade C	Ieuan P	Mollie M



<div> <div>All meals are served with a dessert and drink.</div> <div>Menu</div> <div>Jacket Potatoes and Filled Sandwiches available daily.</div> </div>		
Day	Nursery	Reception—Year 6
Monday	Sausage and Mash	Sausage and Mash or Meat and Potato Pie
Tuesday	Chicken Burgers	Chicken Burgers
Wednesday	Cheese and Bean Baguette	Cheese and Bean Baguette
Thursday	Chicken and black bean noodles	Chicken and black bean noodles
Friday	Cheese Whirl	Cheese Whirl or Mac 'N' Cheese
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.		