



# Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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## Transition Morning

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for this week's Transition Morning. It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school and to share a glimpse of your child's new learning environment. The children have settled in really well and are already beginning to adjust with confidence and enthusiasm. Your support plays such an important role in helping make this transition a smooth and positive experience for everyone—thank you again for being part of it!

## Lockdown

This week, we carried out a lockdown practice as part of our safety procedures. These drills are an important way of making sure everyone knows what to do, just as we do with fire practices. To help the children understand in a calm and reassuring way, we explain lockdowns using the simple example of an animal on the school premises. The practice went very smoothly, with children sitting quietly at the front of the class while teachers checked everyone was present and read a story. Meanwhile, the Senior Leadership Team confirmed that all pupils and adults were accounted for before ending the drill after 4/5 minutes. The children responded really well and we are pleased that the process felt calm and routine.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning today! It was absolutely lovely to see so many of you coming together to enjoy a chat, a cuppa, and some delicious cakes in aid of such a worthy cause. Events like this really remind us what a special and supportive school community we have. We're delighted to share that, thanks to your kindness and generosity, we raised **£240.97** for Macmillan Cancer Support. Every penny will go towards helping people living with cancer and their families receive the care and support they need.



## Free Lunch for All!

Next Thursday is Census Day, and we're offering a **free school lunch for all pupils**—yes, completely free! Not only is this a great chance for your child to enjoy a tasty school meal, but every lunch taken on Census Day helps the school receive additional funding that directly benefits our pupils. If your child would like a school dinner on Thursday, they just need to tell their class teacher during morning registration. We promise there's no catch—just food and funding!

## A Day in Hartington!

This week, Y5 enjoyed a lovely day out in Hartington as part of their ongoing geography field work. During the visit, they



carried out a traffic survey and compared their findings with the Anchor Road traffic. Well done Y5 — your behaviour was fantastic and everyone had a great day.

## Harvest

As we celebrate the season of Harvest, we are collecting **non-perishable food items**, including dried goods (such as pasta, rice, and cereals) and tins (such as soup, beans, vegetables, and fruit). All donations can be brought into school and taken directly to your child's classroom.

## Notices

**Inset Days**—Our final inset day for 25/26 has been confirmed and will take place on Friday 13th February. Pupils should not attend on this day as it is a staff inset day. Thank you.

**Open Evening**—Our open evenings will take place on Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October. Open evening appointments will go live next Friday 3rd October at 6:00pm.



**"Be here. Be ready. Be successful."**  
This week, our school attendance is **97.01%**



**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.

**Weekly Attendance Winner**

**F2/1**  
**100%**

Please be reminded that all applications for leave of absence must be completed at least 4 weeks in advance. A leave of absence request form is available via ParentMail.

Congratulations to **Layla M** who has received two medals at a gymnastics competition. Well done Layla

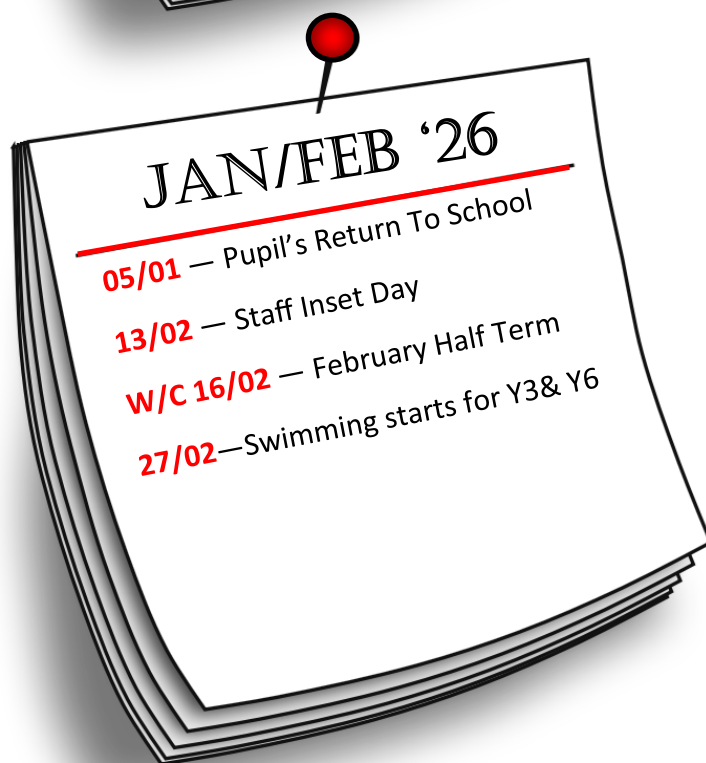
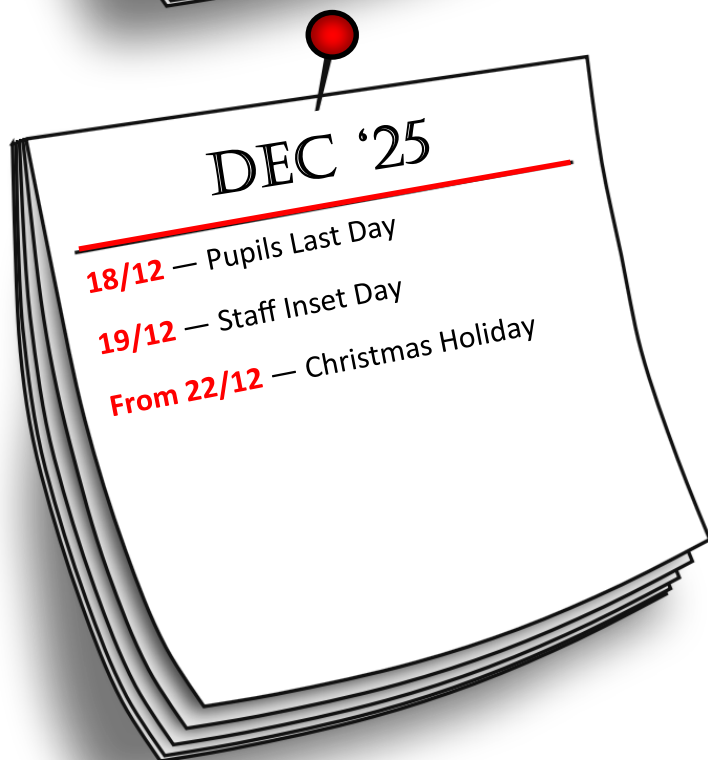
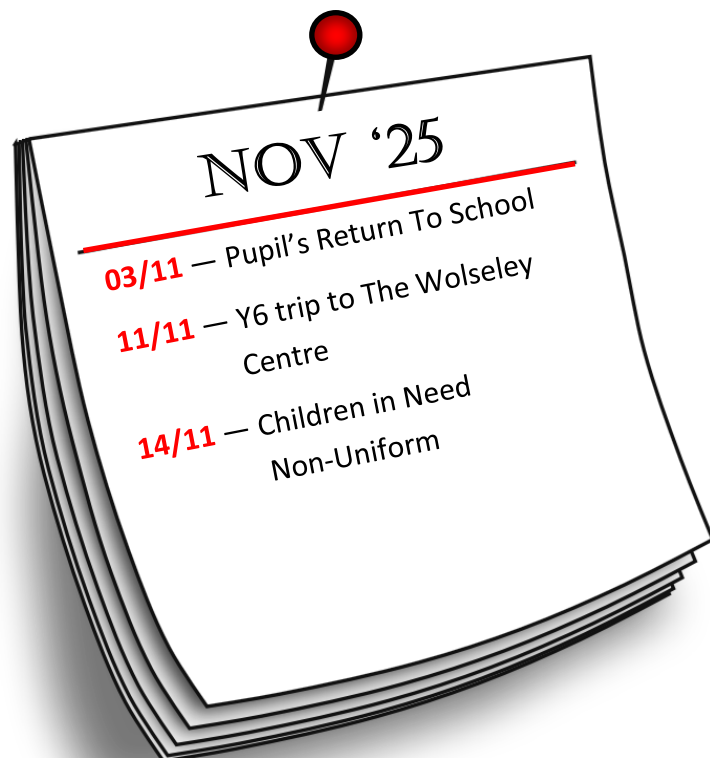
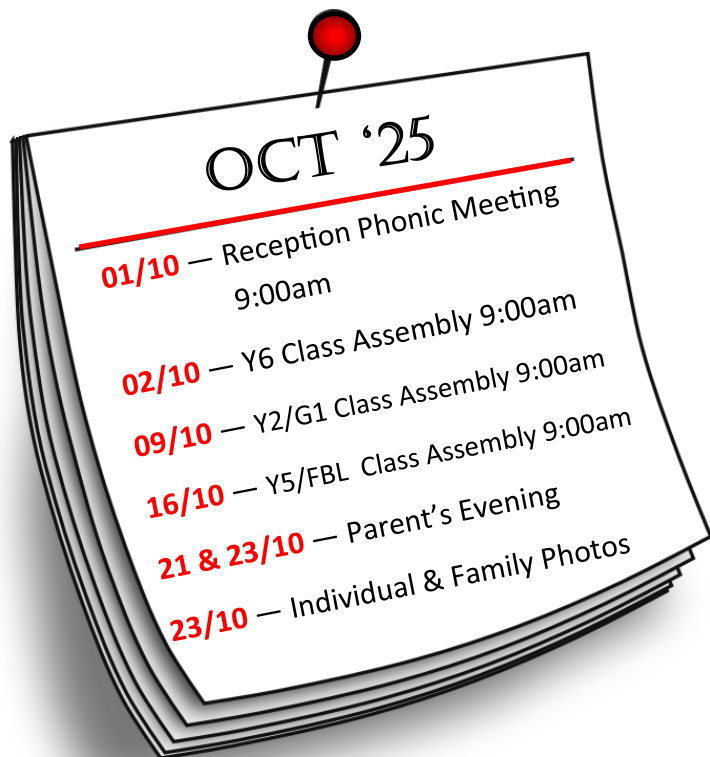
Congratulations to **Amelia T** for coming third in a gymnastics competition at the weekend. Amazing Amelia!

<p><b>Per Parent, Per Child</b> Penalty Notice are issued to each parent, for each absent child. <i>For Example:</i> 2 siblings absent for leave during term time would result in each parent receiving 2 separate Penalty Notices.</p>	<p><b>Third Offence</b> (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. <b>Note:</b> Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on Parents future DBS certificates as a 'Failure to safeguard a child's education'.</p>
<p><b>First Offence</b> 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. <b>This is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.</b></p>	<p><b>10 sessions of Unauthorised absence in a 10-week period</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>Second Offence</b> (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.</p>	<p>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.</p>

Well done to **Ingrid S** who has taken part in a Fly High Aerial Arts competition. Fantastic Ingrid!

Class	Attendance	Points	Total
F1/1	96.9%	5	19
F1/2	97.5%	6	24
F1/3	93.9%	2	15
F2/1	<b>100%</b>	9	18
F2/2	98.8%	8	20
Y1/G3	96.7%	4	12
Y1/G4	90.4%	1	5
Y2/G1	98.0%	7	19
Y2/G2	96.7%	4	8
Y3/F3	98.7%	7	9
Y3/F4	99.0%	8	16
Y4/RBL	93.7%	1	12
Y4/RBR	97.9%	5	11
Y5/FBL	96.0%	2	15
Y5/FBR	97.7%	4	14
Y6/F1	96.9%	3	15
Y6/F2	98.7%	7	17

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
F2/1	Oscar G	Reggie H	Ebony B	Elsie H	Alby R
F2/2	Havanna G	Ashton R	Mason J	Mia S	Sienna-Rae P
Y1/G3	Oliver W	Krishitha V	Isla B	Zachariah A	Jasper D
Y1/G4	Jayden G	Amelia K	Zack S	Reuben G	Arthur S
Y2/G1	Mya P	Matei B-A	Riley K	Scarlett C	Ralph P
Y2/G2	James J	Nova G	Ava	Pippa L	Sophie B
Y3/F3	Lily M	Sunny M	Lennon J	Calla-Jane F	Vinnie B
Y3/F4	Mya W	Harley C	Elsie S	Eliza-Mae B	Harper G
Y4/RBL	Bonnie M-P	Eeligh R	Luna H	Joseph C	Archie D
Y4/RBR	Haiza N	Hana A	Joshua T	Elliot D	Michaela L
Y5/FBL	Adrian D-K	Theodore T	Benjamin Bu	Myla H	Sinmiloluwa
Y5/FBR	Henry F	Millie P	Tommy C	Travis M	Mason H
Y6/F1	Aila R	Miller C	Amelia G	Winnie M	Vinny E
Y6/F2	Eliza P	Aliza A	Grayson-Isaac C	Alfie H	Jacob H



<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	Sweet Chilli Chicken	Sweet Chilli Chicken or Cheesy Topped Chips
Tuesday	Pizza Swirl	Pizza Swirl
Wednesday	BBQ Chicken Wrap	BBQ Chicken Wrap
Thursday	*Census Special—Free Lunch for All! - Chicago Town Pizza *	
Friday	Tomato and Basil Pasta	Tomato and Basil Pasta
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.		