



Sandford Hill Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Wellbeing

To celebrate World Mental Health Day *junior parkrun*

(10th October 2025), our assemblies this week have focused on the importance of both physical and mental wellbeing. We've shared information with the children about Junior Parkrun, a fantastic, free event that takes place every Sunday morning at 9:00am in Longton Park. It's a fun and friendly 2km run for children aged 4–14 years, encouraging fitness, confidence, and community spirit. If you'd like to find out more or take part, please visit: <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/longton-juniors/>

It's Another Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to Mrs Carney's and Miss Gregory's class for their wonderful Harvest assemblies this week. The children spoke, sang, and performed beautifully, reminding us all of the importance of giving. Thank you also to all the parents and carers who joined us to watch and support the children. We're pleased to share that all food donations have now been collected by the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank, where they will help families in school and in our local community.



Fire Alarm

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their patience and understanding during the unexpected fire alarm at the end of the day on Tuesday. We were extremely proud of how calmly and sensibly the children evacuated the building and how well everyone followed the procedures and thankfully on this occasion, it was a false alarm. If you are on site when the fire alarm sounds, please move well away from the school building and wait in a safe area until the all-clear is given. Your co-operation helps us ensure everyone is safe.

Notices

- **Individual and Family Photo's** – All children should come to school in their normal uniform for photos on Thursday 23rd October. There will be no PE lessons on this day.
- **Open Evening Appointments** - If you have not yet made an appointment to meet your child's class teacher, please log onto ParentMail to book your slot. Our PCSO's will be doing a drop-in on Tuesday 21st October during open evening.
- **Dinner Money**—A reminder that all dinner monies must be paid in advance. Dinners are £2.60 per day, £13.00 per week.
- **School Trips** - Details of trips for the remainder of the year will be sent home on Monday. While some payment deadlines may not be until April, we want to give families as much notice as possible.
- **Clubs** - Next week is the final week of clubs for this half term. Clubs will resume on Monday 3rd November 2025.
- **PE Kit & Jewellery**—A reminder that all jewellery (including earrings) must be removed for all PE and swimming lessons. Earrings cannot be covered with plasters. Our school PE kit consists of a red polo, black hoody and black joggers/shorts. No other colours/stripes/patterns are acceptable and logos should not be larger than a 50p piece. Thank you.

Subject Spotlight

In Phonics this week:

- **Nursery** are learning the nursery rhyme '1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I caught a fish alive'
- **Reception** are learning to recognise the **ck**, **e**, **u** and **r** phonemes - blending words such as sock, pen, rug and kick.
- **Year 1** are learning to read words with three adjacent consonants like spring, drinks and street.
- **Year 2** are learning to add the **-es** suffix to words ending in y e.g. teddies, hurries, skies

More information about our phonics scheme can be found on [our website](#).



"Be present to be brilliant."
This week, our school attendance is **97.0%**



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.

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.

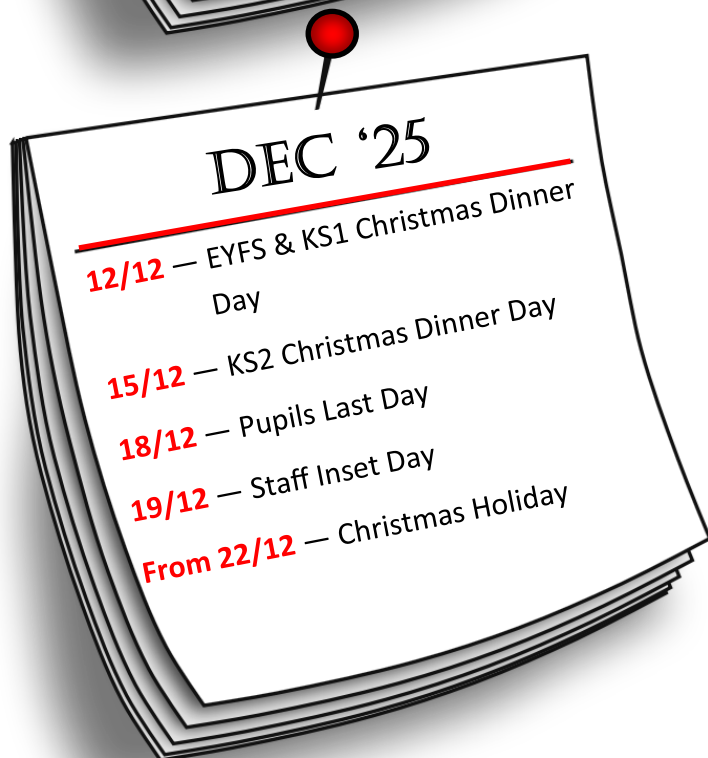
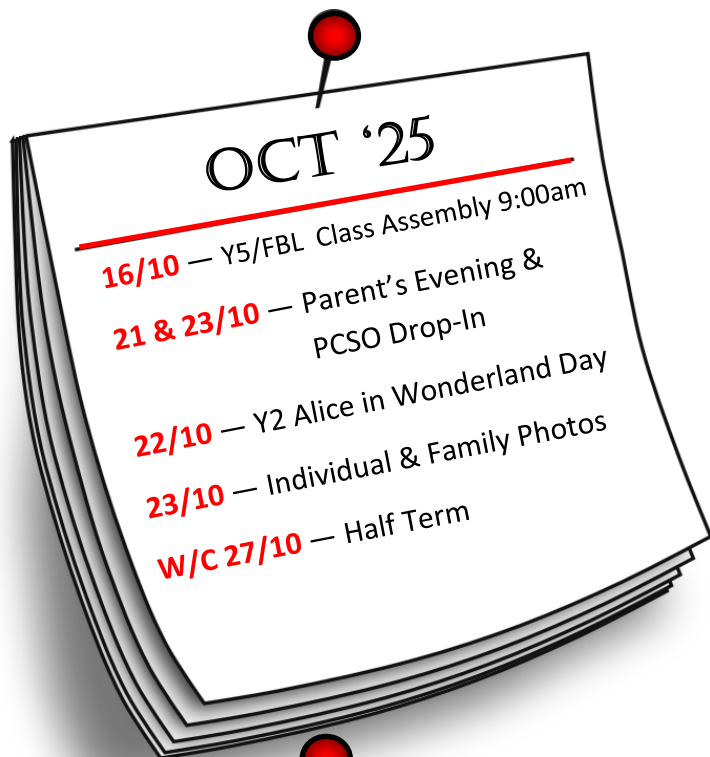
Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority on the instruction from the School/Academy, in line with the Department for Education legislation. Once issued these cannot be withdrawn.

Weekly Attendance Winner

Y5/FBL
99.6%!

Class	Attendance	Points	Total
F1/1	94.0%	4	25
F1/2	94.0%	4	29
F1/3	82.1%	1	25
F2/1	96.0%	8	30
F2/2	92.1%	2	30
Y1/G3	96.3%	9	25
Y1/G4	94.4%	5	17
Y2/G1	95.2%	7	29
Y2/G2	94.8%	6	19
Y3/F3	95.2%	2	14
Y3/F4	99.2%	7	25
Y4/RBL	96.3%	3	19
Y4/RBR	94.3%	1	13
Y5/FBL	99.6%	8	31
Y5/FBR	97.1%	5	25
Y6/F1	96.9%	4	24
Y6/F2	97.8%	6	30

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Olivia C	Alfie B	Nell S	Ellie S	Thea W
F2/1	Amiyah-Mae M	Kenny P	Polly M	Ethan P	Rennie J
F2/2	Rory B	Georgia-Neve H	Shay W	Tyler L	Edward H
Y1/G3	Amelia H	Defne O	Leighton B-H	Liam-Junior B-J	Snow H
Y1/G4	Taylor N	Joshua M	Deondrei P	Kara-Mae L	Roman S-H
Y2/G1	Narla W	Hollie H	Carter J	Jaxon M	Lily M
Y2/G2	Theo K	Nancy C	Elizabeth P	Ava-Mae B-J	Eva-Lilly C
Y3/F3	Sunny M	Eva J	Bella H-T	Storm H-M	Delilah M-J
Y3/F4	Freya A	Stephen S	Nusrat I	Blayke D	Ollie S
Y4/RBL	Alicja P	Kyiah I	Leah H	Shea T	Olivia C
Y4/RBR	Kellae C-M	Empress D	Pyper J	Darci M-N	Emily-Rose F
Y5/FBL	Keegan A	Elliott L	Panyin B	Frankie C	Kakra P
Y5/FBR	Malachi M	Keira M	Gracie-Mae D	Isabella K	Faith A
Y6/F1	Mia G	Ava-Grace A	Elliott H-T	Ralphie S	Alisha S
Y6/F2	Sofia P	Leo P	Harvey P	Amber S	Vinny W



All meals are served drink and a range of desserts (biscuit/cake/fruit/crackers) are available daily.

Menu

Jacket Potatoes and Filled Sandwiches available daily (Reception to Year 6)

Day	Nursery and Reception	Year 1—Year 6
Mon	Meat and Potato Pie with Country Veg Mix	Meat and Potato Pie with Country Veg Mix Sausage and Mash with Country Veg Mix
Tue	Chicken Nuggets, Potato Puffs and Carrots/Beans	Chicken Nuggets, Potato Puffs and Carrots/Beans
Wed	Cheesy Bean Baguette, Hash Browns and Beans	Cheesy Bean Baguette, Hash Browns and Beans
Thu	Sweet Chilli Chicken, Noodles/Chips with Green Beans	Sweet Chilli Chicken, Noodles/Chips with Green Beans
Fri	Cheese Whirl, Twisty Fries and Sweetcorn/Beans	Cheese Whirl or Mac 'n' Cheese, Twisty Fries and Sweetcorn/Beans

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.