



Sandford Hill Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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Phonics Workshops

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers

who joined us in Reception for our phonics workshops this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking part and showing such enthusiasm for supporting your children's early reading skills. Phonics plays a vital role in helping children learn to read and write by teaching them the relationship between letters and the sounds they make. At our school, we follow the Twinkl Phonics scheme, which provides a fun, structured, and engaging approach to developing these essential skills. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Please visit the link in the table below to visit the phonics page on our school website.

Subject Spotlight

In Maths this week, Reception have been learning to describe the properties of a circle and triangle. They have used the vocabulary 'curved side', 'corner' and 'straight side'. Then they went on a shape hunt outside and found lots of circles and triangles.



Good Luck Footballers!

We'd like to wish the very best of luck to our football team: **Miller C, Alfie H, Vinnie W, Grayson C, Lewis T, Jack H, Jaxon H, Ralphie S** who are competing this afternoon at The Excel Academy. No matter the result, we're incredibly proud of you all for your teamwork, determination and school spirit.

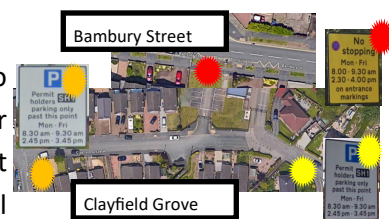


Notices

- **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.
- **Medical Tracker**—We have started to use medical tracker this week to record all injuries and medications that have been administered. All bump notes and medical notifications will now be sent directly to your email address.
- **Open Evening Appointments** - Our PCSO's will be doing a drop-in on Tuesday 21st October during open evening should you have any issues you would like to discuss. They will be located in the technology room.
- **Clubs** - A reminder that there will be NO clubs next week. Clubs will resume on Monday 3rd November.
- **Dismount on arrival** — A gentle reminder that, for everyone's safety, bikes and scooters should not be ridden on school grounds. Please ask children to dismount and walk with their bike or scooter once they enter the school gates. This helps us keep the pathways safe and prevent any accidents during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Thank you.

Parking Plea

As we look forward to welcoming you to our open evenings next week, we kindly ask all visitors to be mindful and considerate of our neighbours when parking. If possible, please walk to school. For those who need to drive, make use of the school car park and avoid blocking driveways or access points. We value the positive relationships we have with our neighbours, which allow us to continue hosting important face-to-face events such as parents' evenings, assemblies, and open evenings. Your cooperation and support make a big difference. Please be reminded that the areas closest to school are permit holders only during specific times of the day.



Weekly Phonics—Visit the phonics page on our website

Nursery	Reception
Learning the rhyme 'Hickory, Dickory, Dock'	Learning to recognise the 'h', 'b' and 'f' phonemes such as hat, hug, bug, bus, fun
Year 1	Year 2
Learning to read and spell words using the 'ay' grapheme such as clay, tray, crayon	Learning to read and spell word with the 'gn' phoneme such as gnome, sign, gnat



"Every day counts – make today matter."

This week, our school attendance is **96.7%**



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 Notices 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

Mrs Hassall
99.3%

Class	Attendance	Points	Total
F1/1	97.7%	8	33
F1/2	92.3%	5	34
F1/3	82.3%	1	26
F2/1	92.0%	3	33
F2/2	92.1%	4	34
Y1/G3	98.3%	9	34
Y1/G4	95.0%	6	23
Y2/G1	96.7%	7	36
Y2/G2	90.0%	2	21
Y3/F3	93.0%	1	15
Y3/F4	95.9%	2	27
Y4/RBL	96.0%	3	22
Y4/RBR	96.9%	5	18
Y5/FBL	98.7%	7	38
Y5/FBR	97.0%	6	31
Y6/F1	99.3%	8	32
Y6/F2	96.3%	4	34

A huge well done to **Miss Gregory's** and **Mr Alcock's** class who are the attendance winners this half term! Both classes will enjoy a reward disco next Friday (normal uniform).

Well done to **Finley B** who has been awarded a certificate and trophy for being Star of the Week at football. Fantastic Finley!



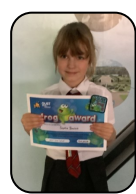
Congratulations to **Oscar G** who has received his duckling swimming award. Amazing Oscar!



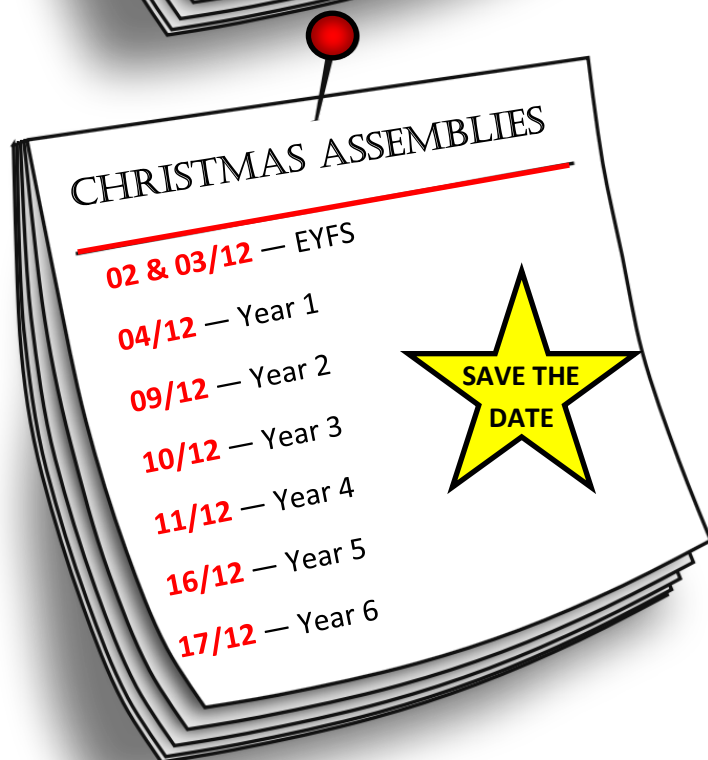
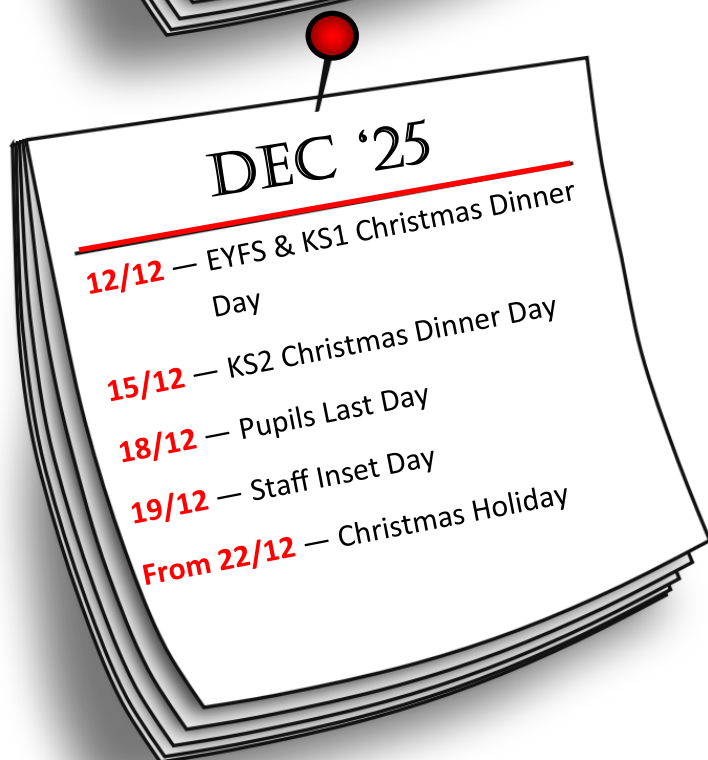
Congratulations to **Danny B** who has received his Starfish swimming award. Fantastic Danny!



Well done to **Sophie B** who has achieved her frog award at swimming. Amazing Sophie!



Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Lilah-Rose J	Evannii A	Lilliana B	Bobbie C	Callum H
F2/1	Ebony B	Maisie F	Thomas D	Samuel B	Huxley T
F2/2	Edward H	Danny B	Sienna-Rae P	Finley B	Havanna G
Y1/G3	Mariam S	Freya R	Gracieleigh D	Lennie-Michael O	Liam-Junior B-J
Y1/G4	Willow O	Arthur S	Oakley T	Joshua M	Darcie-Leigh H
Y2/G1	Maya S	Ralph P	Dontae P-M	Daisy-Beau M-N	Harrison B
Y2/G2	Pippa L	Arthur H	Ezra M	Devansh M	Lyla-Rose B
Y3/F3	Betsy H	Adam R	Vinnie B	Safwan U	Kingsley D
Y3/F4	Chloe G	Neave K	Harrison W	Macie W	Thomas C-M
Y4/RBL	Jaxon B	Quinn-Rose B	Grace M	Hashim K	Amelia H
Y4/RBR	Lyla F	Edie C	Archie H	Nevaeh S	Cadi R
Y5/FBL	Maddison C	Charlotte W	Adrian D-K	Benjamin Br	Casey M
Y5/FBR	Ivy-Jane F	Reggie J	Noah M	Spencer H	Ava P
Y6/F1	Flynn	Cooper W	Ava P	Mya-Lily F	Hashir K
Y6/F2	William B	Jaxon H	Bellamy M	Lillie-Jo R	Lexi L



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	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons, Potato Pommes and Corn on the Cob or Beans	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons, Potato Pommes and Corn on the Cob/Beans
Tue	Roast Chicken with Yorkie Puds, Roasties, Broccoli and Gravy	Cottage Pie or Roast chicken with Yorkie Puds, Roasties, Broccoli and Gravy
Wed	Spaghetti Parmigiana with Crusty Bread and Sweetcorn	Spaghetti Parmigiana with Crusty
Thu	Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potato with Sweetcorn or Peas	Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potato with Sweetcorn or Peas
Fri	Battered Fish, Chips and Peas or Beans	Battered Fish, Chips and Peas or 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.