



Sandford Hill Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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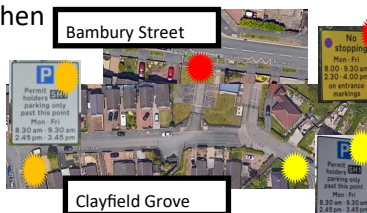
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Christmas Assemblies

This week has seen more wonderful Christmas

assemblies from Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. A huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes, so a heartfelt thank-you to all staff for their dedication and creativity. We also appreciate our parents and carers for coming along to support the children—it means so much to them. Looking ahead, Year 5 will perform on Tuesday 16th, and Year 6 on Wednesday 17th. As we continue with our Christmas assemblies, we kindly remind parents and carers to park considerately when visiting the school. Please ensure that driveways, pavements and crossing points are kept clear so that our neighbours and families can arrive and leave safely. Your cooperation helps keep our community safe and supports a smooth start and finish to each performance. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Book Swap

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated books for our Book Swap—your generosity helped create a wonderful and varied selection for the children to enjoy. Over the week, every class has had the chance to visit the swap and pick out something new. Reading is such an important part of learning, helping to build imagination, vocabulary and confidence. Having a 'new to you' book can make reading feel exciting again, opening the door to new authors, new adventures and new interests. The children were thrilled with their choices, and it was lovely to see so many eager readers discovering something different. A special thank-you to Miss Gerrard and Mrs Johnson for organising the event and ensuring everything ran so smoothly.

EYFS and KS1 Christmas Dinner

A huge thank-you to our amazing kitchen team for the wonderful KS1 Christmas dinner this week. The children enjoyed every moment—from the festive atmosphere to the delicious food—and it was clear how much care and effort had gone into making the day special. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work and dedication, not just at Christmas but throughout the year.

Elfridges

This week saw the return of Elfridges, our much-loved secret shop. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visits and were so excited to choose their special surprises. Thank you for your wonderful support, which helps keep this festive favourite alive. A big thank-you also goes to Miss Arnott and Mrs Jones for co-ordinating the event, and to our fantastic Chat 'n' Wrappers Beryl, Sue, Diane, Geoff, Leanne, Michelle, Anna, Dawn, Georgia and Rebecca for all their hard work preparing behind the scenes.

Alice Charity



Thank you to everyone who has donated gifts for our Alice Charity collection this year. Tina from the Alice Charity visited school today to collect the items, and she shared how much these donations mean to the families who will receive them. Thanks to your support, many local families in need will experience a little extra comfort and joy this Christmas.

Notices

- **Clubs**—Club forms for the spring term will be sent out next week. Please ensure that your child requests club places if they will attend weekly.
- **Milk**—Milk thirds will be available to purchase on the ParentMail shop from Monday 15th Dec until Tuesday 6th Jan. Cash payments after this date will not be accepted.

Weekly Phonics—Visit the phonics page on our website

Nursery	Reception
Learning the song Jingle Bells and are learning to identify words that rhyme.	Recapping the 'k', 'ck' and 'e' phonemes - read and spelling words such as kick, duck, bed.
Year 1	Year 2
Learning to read and spell words using the 'ou' grapheme such as pound, out and ground.	Consolidating adding the suffixes 'ed', 'er' and 'est' to words ending in y e.g. copied, happier, funniest



"Champions attend. Every. Single. Day."

This week, our school attendance is 95.8%

Our school attendance target is 96.0%.

Weekly Attendance Winner

F1/2

98.5%!



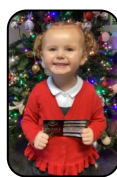
Congratulations to Savannah who has received her Rainbow Distance swimming award after swimming 10 metres. What a superstar!



Arianna was extremely proud to share the trophy she was awarded for her Troupe dancing! Well done Arianna!



Well done Gracie who has been awarded Star of the week for super dancing. We are very proud of you.



Logan has been making fantastic progress with his Karate and is now working towards his next goal of 8th Kyu. Keep up the great work Logan.



Congratulations to Quinn in Year 4, who has been awarded a certificate for her gymnastic skills.



Chanai was very excited to show us these beautiful rosettes she has been awarded at her dance class. Well done Chanai we are very proud of you!



Congratulations to Oliver who has been awarded a trophy for his super swimming. We are super proud of you!



Class	Attendance	Points	Total
F1/1	96.9%	6	23
F1/2	98.5%	9	33
F1/3	96.9%	6	29
F2/1	97.2%	7	29
F2/2	95.4%	4	26
Y1/G3	92.1%	2	28
Y1/G4	95.0%	3	27
Y2/G1	97.3%	8	44
Y2/G2	91.4%	1	29
Y3/F3	98.0%	7	25
Y3/F4	92.8%	1	31
Y4/RBL	95.3%	5	34
Y4/RBR	95.5%	6	29
Y5/FBL	95.3%	5	29
Y5/FBR	93.1%	3	24
Y6/F1	98.3%	8	24
Y6/F2	94.0%	2	23

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)
N	Phoebe-Rae W	Scarlett H
F2/1	Maisie F	Samuel B
F2/2	Elijah C	Daisy M
Y1/G3	Jasper D	Leighton B-H
Y1/G4	Finley H	Zack S
Y2/G1	Jaxon M	Remi S
Y2/G2	Ava-Mae B-J	Ava
Y3/F3	Bella H-T	Clara W
Y3/F4	Blayke D	Eliza-Mae B
Y4/RBL	Olivia C	Skylar M-W
Y4/RBR	Edie C	Cadi R
Y5/FBL	Benjamin Bu	Mason N
Y5/FBR	Ava P	Isabella K
Y6/F1	Alisha S	Ingrid S
Y6/F2	Bellamy M	William B

Christmas Assembly Dates

The doors for the Christmas assemblies will open at **9:00am** and the assemblies will start around **9:15am** once pupils are registered. We are limiting the number of adults to **2 per family** for each performance. This year the assemblies will include the whole year group and therefore **there will be no exception to the number of adults allowed** due to fire regulations and capacity in the school hall.

Tuesday 16th December

Y5 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

Wednesday 17th December

Y6 Christmas Assembly—9:00 a.m. (Parents invited)

DECEMBER '25

- 15/12** — KS2 Christmas Dinner Day
- 16/12** — Senior Citizen's Christmas Party 1:30pm
- 18/12** — Pupils Last Day
- 19/12** — Staff Inset Day

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLIES

- 09/12** — Year 2
- 10/12** — Year 3
- 11/12** — Year 4
- 16/12** — Year 5
- 17/12** — Year 6



JANUARY '26

- 05/01** — Pupil's Return To School
— Admissions Consultation Ends
- 16/01** — Choir to Young Voices
- 19/01** — Y6 Maths Workshop 3:30pm
- 20/01** — Y5 trip to Jodrell Bank
- 22/01** — Mr Frost's Class Assembly at 9:10am

JANUARY CONT.

- 27/01** — F1/1 to Peak Wildlife Park
- 28/01** — Y3/F3 Gladstone Pottery Mus.
— F1/3 to Peak Wildlife Park
- 29/01** — Y3/F4 Gladstone Pottery Mus.
— Mrs Johnson's Class Assembly at 9:10am
— F1/2 to Peak Wildlife Park

FEBRUARY '26

- 03/02** — Y4/RBR River Dane Trip
- 05/02** — Y4/RBL River Dane Trip
- 13/02** — Staff Inset Day
- W/C 16/02** — February Half Term
- 27/02** — Swimming starts for Y3 & Y6

MARCH '26

- 05/03** — Y6 SATs Information Evening
- 09/03** — Y4 Recorder Festival
- 24/03** — Open Evening
- 26/03** — Open Evening

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

Menu

Jacket Potatoes/Filled Sandwiches available daily (Y1 to Year 6)

Week Commencing 15th December 2025 (Week 2)

Day	Nursery and Reception	Year 1—Year 6
Mon	KS2 Christmas Dinner (Sandwiches for EYFS and KS1)	
Tue	Chicken Nuggets with Potato Puffs and Sweetcorn or Peas	Chicken Nuggets/Popcorn Chicken with Potato Puffs and Sweetcorn or Peas
Wed	Cheesy Bean Baguette with Hash Browns and Sweetcorn or Beans	Cheesy Bean Baguette with Hash Browns and Sweetcorn or Beans
Thu	Margherita Pizza with Chips and Green Beans or Beans	Margherita Pizza with Chips and Green Beans or Beans
Fri	School Closed Staff Inset Day	

Week Commencing 5th January 2026 (Week 3)

Day	Nursery and Reception	Year 1—Year 6
Mon	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons with Potato Balls and Corn on the Cob or Beans	
Tue	Cottage Pie and Yorkie Puds with Roast Potatoes and Broccoli	Cottage Pie and Yorkie Puds with Roast Potatoes and Broccoli
Wed	Spaghetti Parmigiana with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn	Spaghetti Parmigiana with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn
Thu	Chicken Balls and Curry Sauce with Rice and Peas	Chicken Balls and Curry Sauce with Rice and Peas
Fri	Battered Fish with Chips and Peas or Beans	Battered Fish with Chips and Peas or Beans

All dietary requirements will be catered for. 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.

Please use this menu as a guide. There may have to be changes prior to/in the week depending upon product availability.