



Sandford Hill Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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Snowfall

This week's snowfall led to the difficult decision to close the school on Monday and Tuesday to ensure the safety of our students, staff, and families. While we understand that school closures can be inconvenient, the safety of our community is always our highest priority, particularly when weather conditions make travel hazardous. These decisions are never taken lightly and are made after careful consideration of forecasts, road conditions, and guidance from local authorities and following a full assessment of the school site. We sincerely thank parents and carers for their patience, flexibility and understanding during this time, and we appreciate your continued support in helping us keep everyone safe.

We would like to thank our EYFS families for their continued patience and understanding this week following the closure due to heating issues. This has been a frustrating situation for everyone, as we have been waiting for the necessary parts to arrive to complete the repair. We cannot thank our families enough for their support, and we hope to provide a further update as soon as possible.

The 5 Ways to Wellbeing

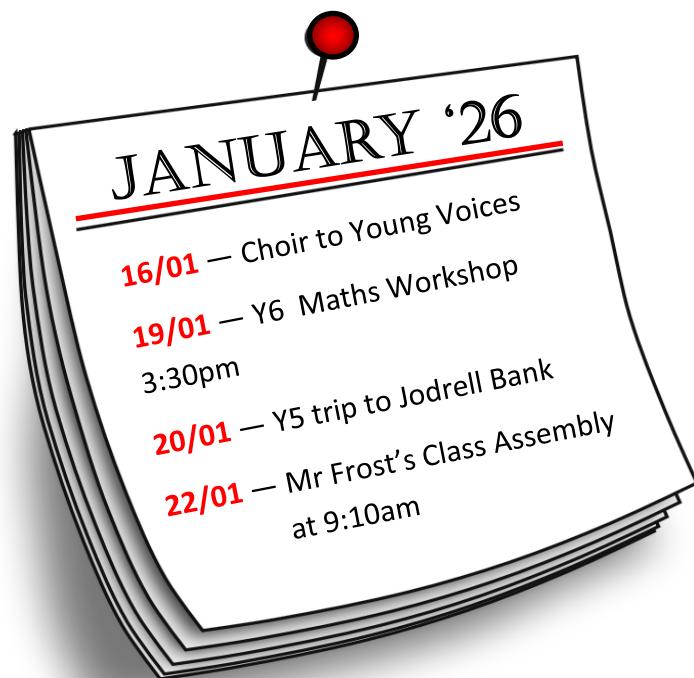
At Sandford Hill, we place great importance on supporting children's mental health and wellbeing. Our Year 5 **Wellbeing Warriors** have received training on the **5 Ways to Wellbeing**. These simple ideas can be easily woven into everyday family life. We are choosing one theme a week and encouraging children and their families to engage in the **5 Ways to Wellbeing** (Connect, Be Active, Take notice, Keep learning and Give).

Next week the theme will be 'Connect' – Connecting with the people around us is a great way to remind ourselves that we're important and valued by others. Here are a few simple activities to do at home:

- Help a friend or neighbour
- Play a game with your family
- Interview a family member about their childhood
- Share a book/movie together
- Eat a meal as a family
- Write someone a letter

Notices

- **Clubs**—Club forms for the spring term have been sent out this week. Please ensure that your child only requests club places if they will attend weekly.
- **Around the World—FREE LUNCH!**— We're delighted to announce that all pupils are invited to enjoy a **free school dinner on Thursday 15th January** as we kick off our exciting Around the World menu. Our first stop is a 'Taste of Italy', with delicious pizza, pasta, and, of course, gelato for dessert! We hope this will be a fun and tasty experience for everyone, and we look forward to sharing many more international flavours in the months ahead.





"Champions attend. Every. Single. Day."

This week, our school attendance is 95.8%

Our school attendance target is 96.0%.



Congratulations to Adam who has been awarded a trophy for being Student of the Year at his Karate club and a medal for attending the club for the last two years!



Congratulations to Harper, for achieving Proficiency awards 1-6 at trampolining. Well done!



Congratulations to Spencer, who has achieved his Silver award at swimming. Well done Spencer!



Hollie was incredibly proud to share her trampoline certificates with the class today. Congratulations on reaching level 6 Hollie!



Well done to Xander, who took part in the 5km Mental Elf run at the weekend at Trentham Gardens!



Congratulations to Amelia, for receiving a trophy for your swimming trophy!



We are so proud of Chester who has been doing additional maths at home! He was awarded with a special certificate at the end of the addition book he has been working in.



A huge well done to Arabella, in year 2, who has passed her stage 3 in swimming! Keep up the good work Arabella!



Congratulations to Simi on becoming a word millionaire - well done Simi!



We are very proud of Mylo, who is in year 2, for passing his level 1 and 2 in swimming! Well done Mylo!



Many congratulations to Cooper, for achieving his 25 metres swimming certificate.



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.



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 12th January 2026

Day	Nursery and Reception	Year 1—Year 6
Mon	Cheesy Topped Chips with Beans or Sweetcorn	Sweet Chilli or Cheesy Topped Chips with Beans or Sweetcorn
Tue	Pastry Pizza Whirl with Crinkle Slices and Peas or Beans	Pastry Pizza Whirl with Crinkle Slices and Peas or Beans
Wed	BBQ Chicken Wrap with Salad and Diced Potatoes	BBQ Chicken Wrap with Salad and Diced Potatoes
Thu	Free Dinner—Taste of Italy Chicago Town Pizza, Spaghetti Bolognese, Crusty Bread, Sweetcorn and Gelato!	
Fri	Chicken Nuggets and Twister Fries with Beans/Peas	Chicken Nuggets and Twister Fries with Beans/Peas

Week Commencing 19th January 2026

Day	Nursery and Reception	Year 1—Year 6
Mon	Spaghetti Bolognese with Crusty Bread	Spaghetti Bolognese with Crusty Bread
Tue	Chicken Korma with Rice and Naan	Chicken Korma with Rice and Naan
Wed	Cheesy Potato Bake with Waffles and Beans or Sweetcorn	Cheesy Potato Bake with Waffles and Beans or Sweetcorn
Thu	Cod Bites with Chips and Pea or Beans	Cod Bites with Chips and Pea or Beans
Fri	Crispy Chicken Wrap with Twisty Fries and Beans or Salad	Crispy Chicken Wrap with Twisty Fries and Beans or Salad

Week Commencing 26th January 2026

Day	Nursery and Reception	Year 1—Year 6
Mon	Meat and Potato Pie with Mash and Country Veg	Meat and Potato Pie or Sausage with Mash and Country Veg
Tue	Chicken Nuggets with Potato Puffs and Carrot Batons or beans	Chicken Nuggets with Potato Puffs and Carrot Batons or beans
Wed	Cheesy Baguette with Hash Browns and Beans or Sweetcorn	Cheesy Baguette with Hash Browns and Beans or Sweetcorn
Thu	Chicken with Sweet and Sour Sauce with Chips, Noodle and Green Beans	Chicken with Sweet and Sour Sauce with Chips, Noodle and Green Beans
Fri	Cheese Whirl with Twisty Fries and Beans or Sweetcorn	Cheese Whirl or Mac 'N' Cheese with Twisty Fries and Beans or Sweetcorn

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.