



Sandford Hill Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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Magical Music

We would like to say a huge thank you to Halle Orchestra for joining us in school on Monday to work with our Nursery pupils. The children were completely in awe as they listened to the beautiful music and enthusiastically joined in with familiar nursery rhymes. It was a magical experience that captured their imaginations and sparked a real excitement for music. We are very grateful to the Halle Orchestra for such a memorable visit.



The 5 Ways to Wellbeing

This week, our Wellbeing Champions led a fantastic assembly for our KS2 children, where they confidently shared the *5 Ways to Wellbeing*. They did an amazing job and should be very proud of themselves.

Our wellbeing focus this week is **'Take Notice'**. This encourages children to enjoy being *in the moment* through mindfulness by tuning into their five senses: **see, hear, smell, taste and touch**.

Mindfulness activities can include:

- Mindful breathing
- Mindful movement
- Mindful listening
- Mindful eating



We encourage everyone to take some time this week to slow down and notice the world around them. Enjoy the fresh air, observe the colours of the flowers, listen to music or birdsong, draw or colour a picture, or slow down when eating to really savour the taste.

Weekly Phonics—Visit the phonics page on our website

Nursery	Reception
Learning the rhyme "Tommy Thumb" and are learning to make sounds using their voices.	Learning to recognise the x, y and z phonemes such as box, six, yes and zip.
Year 1	Year 2
Learning to read and write words with the ir grapheme like in swirl, girl and skirt	Learning to spell compound words this week e.g. rainforest, waterfall, treetop

X-Country

Well done to **Charlie, Lottie, Freddie, Panyin, Tommy, Kakra, Noah, Freya, William, Myla, Archie, Lola, Elliott, Toni and Ayo** who took part in the cross country competition this week. The children showed fantastic determination and sportsmanship, with some excellent results. A special mention goes to Lottie for an impressive 10th place and to Elliott for finishing 8th while racing against more than 60 competitors. A great achievement by everyone involved, and we are already looking forward to the next race.

Bee Active Hockey

Well done to **Amelia, Cadi, Charlie-George, Kellae, Kruthik, Nevaeh, Rosie, Skylar, Xander** who took part in the hockey tournament hosted by Bee Active at Northwood. The children demonstrated incredible teamwork, determination and resilience throughout the day, supporting one another and giving their very best in every match. Their positive attitude, sportsmanship and enthusiasm were a credit to the school, and they should be extremely proud of their efforts. A fantastic experience and a brilliant achievement by all involved!

Y5 trip to Jodrell Bank

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Jodrell Bank this week. Pupils were fully engaged throughout the day, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored the site and learned more about space and science. They represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes, making the trip both enjoyable and memorable for everyone.



Notices

- **Reduced Dinners**—There will be no alternative options for lunch on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February. Please see the menu on page 3.



"Great things happen to those who attend."

This week, our school attendance is 95.7%

Our school attendance target is 96.0%.

All applications for leave of absence must be completed at least 4 weeks in advance.

Weekly Attendance Winner



Elliott was keen to share his certificate which was awarded for his progress learning to play the piano and saxophone. Well done Elliott!



Congratulations to Savannah for received not one but two swimming certificates this week! We are very proud you.



Congratulations to Jensen who has achieved his first degree blackbelt at Kickboxing. Well done Jensen!



Congratulations to Abdullah who was awarded this trophy for 'Player of the Match' from his football team yesterday. Well done Abdullah!



Class	Attendance	Points	Total
F1/1	95.4%	7	13
F1/2	95.4%	7	8
F1/3	93.9%	4	13
F2/1	96.8%	8	12
F2/2	92.9%	2	5
Y1/G3	91.3%	1	8
Y1/G4	94.6%	5	7
Y2/G1	97.7%	9	18
Y2/G2	93.2%	3	9
Y3/F3	97.7%	4	6
Y3/F4	98.6%	6	14
Y4/RBL	95.3%	2	6
Y4/RBR	98.6%	6	9
Y5/FBL	97.3%	3	10
Y5/FBR	98.6%	7	12
Y6/F1	93.7%	1	7
Y6/F2	99.0%	8	10

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Ruby G	Jaxon C	Lana K	Chanai P	Jayden M
F2/1	Alby R	Maddie M	Matilda T	Bailey P	Anare T
F2/2	Hania W	Edward H	Frankie T	Albi F-S	Mia S
Y1/G3		Snow H	Jasper D	Freya R	Oakley W
Y1/G4	Phoenix J	Margo S-J	Jayden G	Taylor N	Amelia K
Y2/G1	Lily M	Ellison B	Hollie H	Harrison B	Dottie C
Y2/G2	Nancy C	Sophie B	Amelia B	Chester P	Evalyn S-G
Y3/F3	Storm H-M	Calla-Jane F	Nevaeh R	Eva J	Rayaan A
Y3/F4	Macie W	Ally-Rae H	Harper G	Isla P	Ariana W
Y4/RBL	Shea T	Alexander R	Rosie E	Alicja P	Jaxon B
Y4/RBR	Michaela L	Lyla F	Edie C	Ava R	Charlie-George C
Y5/FBL	Archie P	Cassandra E	Mathew W	Samuel C	Frankie C
Y5/FBR	Austin P	Harrison P	Megan W	Noah M	
Y6/F1	Kylan M	Suleiman J	Flynn H	Hashir K	Amelia G
Y6/F2	Lillie-Jo R	Harvey P	Vinny W	Sofia P	Amber S

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 26th January 2026

Day	Nursery	Reception—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	Pizza and Chips with Sweetcorn	Pizza and Chips with Sweetcorn
Fri	Cheese Whirl with Twisty Fries and Beans or Sweetcorn	Cheese Whirl or Mac 'N' Cheese with Twisty Fries and Beans or Sweetcorn

Week Commencing 2nd February 2026

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

Week Commencing 9th February 2026

Day	Nursery	Reception—Year 6
Mon	Cheesy Topped Chips with Beans or Sweetcorn	Sweet Chilli Chicken or Cheesy Topped Chips with Beans or Sweetcorn
Tue	JACKET POTATO DAY	JACKET POTATO DAY
Wed	SANDWICH DAY	SANDWICH DAY
Thu	Tomato and Basil Pasta with Crusty Bread	Tomato and Basil Pasta with Crusty Bread
Fri	INSET DAY	

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.

JANUARY '26

- 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
- Mrs Smith's Class Assembly 9:10am
- 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
- Miss Gerrard's Class Assembly
at 9:10am
- 09/03 — Y4 Recorder Festival
- 11/03 — Nursery and Y6 Group Photos
- 24 & 26/03 — Open Evening

APRIL '26

- 15 & 16/04 — Y2 trip to Hanley Museum
- 23/04 — Miss Lockett's Class
Assembly at 9:10am
- 29/04 — Y4 trip to Tatton Park
- 30/04 — Y5 trip to Black Country Living
Museum
- Miss Hodgson's Class Assembly
at 9:10am

MAY '26

- 04/05 — School Closed (Bank Holiday)
- 05/05 — Y3 trip to Deva Centre
- 07/05 — Miss Humphries' Class
Assembly at 9:10am
- WC 11/05 — Y6 SATs Week
- 20/05 — Northwood Field

JUNE '26

- 03/06 — Y2 trip to New Brighton
- 08/06 — Y4 Multiplication Check Week
- 24/06 — Northwood Track