



# Sandford Hill Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



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### Sports Days

On Monday, our Nursery and Reception children had a wonderful time taking part in their Sports Day. The children took part in a range of fun and active events, including obstacle courses, potato races, egg and spoon races, and bean bag balancing challenges. We would like to thank parents and carers for their patience and understanding when the event had to be postponed due to poor weather. On Tuesday, it was the turn of our Year 1 and Year 2 children, who also enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day filled with excitement and friendly competition. The children took part in a variety of races, including hurdles, egg and spoon races, sack races and sprint races, showing great determination throughout. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their enthusiasm, effort and positive attitudes. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and parents who helped make this week so special. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and supportive cheers on both days. We look forward to welcoming even more parents/carers next Tuesday for our KS2 sports day. The timings for next week are listed below:

### SPORTS DAY 2026

- 23/06 - Y3 & Y4 Sports Day 1:30pm  
Reserve Y3 & Y4 Sports Day 25/06
- 23/06 - Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 9:15am  
Reserve Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 25/06

### Weekly Phonics - [Visit the phonics page on our website](#)

Nursery	Reception
are learning to recognise the s and a phonemes and are learning to rhyme "I'm a pirate".	are recapping the ai and ee phonemes - snail, paint, rain, sleep, sweet and bee.
Year 1	Year 2
are learning to read and write words with 'are' and 'ore' trigraph like scare, bare, score and shore.	are learning under and over like undercover, overcook, overarm

### Marvellous Males Morning

A huge thank you to everyone that joined us for our Marvellous Males morning on Wednesday to celebrate Father's Day this weekend. It was lovely to see so many of you taking part in a variety of activities across the school, creating special moments and lasting memories with the children.



### Visits to Victoria Hall

On Wednesday, the Year 6 children were invited by the Hallé Orchestra to attend a special performance at Victoria Hall themed around the World Cup. During the concert, the orchestra performed a variety of songs and music from the host countries of the 2026 World Cup: United States, Canada and Mexico. On Thursday the Year 5 children also visited Victoria Hall and took part in the Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET Celebration) Concert. Their dedication to learning brass instruments in school has truly paid off, and watching them perform was absolutely wonderful.



### Safeguarding Notice regarding Foley Park

We would like to make parents and carers aware of recent reports regarding anti-social behaviour at Foley Park, involving young people of various ages from several local schools. To ensure the safety of our children, we strongly advise against allowing your children to visit or play at the park at this time. Your child's wellbeing and safety is always our top priority, Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Squishes

There is currently an increase in counterfeit "squishy" toys being sold, particularly the popular dumpling style squishies. These products do not meet trading safety standards and have raised a number of concerns, including missing safety labels, potential choking hazards, strong chemical odours, and the risk of releasing a potentially harmful liquid if they split or break. To help keep all children safe, squishy toys are not allowed in school. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this message with your child.



**Stoke onTrent  
Academic Year and Holiday Dates 2026 / 2027**



**Autumn Term 2026**

- Staff Inset Day:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- Pupils:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October
- Staff Inset Day:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- Holiday:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- Staff & Pupils:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December
- Holiday:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January

**Spring Term 2027**

- Staff & Pupils:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February
- Staff Inset Day:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Holiday:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Staff & Pupils:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March
- Staff Inset Day:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Holiday:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer Term 2027**

- Staff & Pupils:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May
- May Day:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (School Closed to Staff & Pupils)
- Voting:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May (School Closed to Pupils)
- Holiday:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Staff & Pupils:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Holiday:** Thursday 22 July – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2027



**“Great things happen to those who attend”**

This week, our school attendance is **94.1%**

Our school attendance target is 96%



This weeks attendance

winner is:



**Miss Gregory’s Class and Mrs Bullock/Mrs Pritchard’s Class who both have 98.7% attendance this week**

Many congratulations to Elliott, who was presented with a certificate for becoming our latest Word Millionaire.



Huge congratulations to Chavindhu, who recently read his two millionth word. A multi Word Millionaire!



Congratulations to Darci-Leigh, Bella and Lacie-Mai who were proud to show the trophies they have achieved in their tap exams. Well done girls!



Congratulations to Lottie, who has recently been presented with this trophy and medallion by her gymnastics club. Great job Lottie.



Congratulations to Amber, who was presented with this certificate at the accro competition, recently held in Blackpool. Great job Amber.



Vinnie's football team presented him with this certificate recently for his technical abilities on the football pitch. Great job Vinnie.



Well done to Harley who was presented with a haul of trophies by his football club Cheadle S.M.U.



Bella was presented with this certificate and medallion at the accro competition held recently in Blackpool. Great job Bella.



Class	Attendance	Points	Total
F1/1	88.5%	3	8
F1/2	80.8%	1	5
F1/3	95.4%	6	20
F2/1	95.6%	7	14
F2/2	85.2%	2	12
Y1/G3	92.7%	4	18
Y1/G4	96.3%	8	18
Y2/G1	98.7%	9	24
Y2/G2	92.7%	4	14
Y3/F3	95.7%	3	11
Y3/F4	98%	7	19
Y4/RBL	96.3%	4	16
Y4/RBR	97.1%	6	12
Y5/FBL	96.7%	5	10
Y5/FBR	93%	2	14
Y6/F1	87.7%	1	4
Y6/F2	98.7%	8	19

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Lyla M	Lilah-Rose J	Eadie-Gray J	Nell S	Ellie S
F2/1	Abraham V	Anare T	Olly K	Huxley T	Thomas D
F2/2	Danny B	Reeva B	Daisy M	Ashton R	Thomas L
Y1/G3	Emmon	Leia W	Krishitha V	Stanley B	Freya R
Y1/G4	Aurora E	Albie T	Ayden K W	Poppy-Rose B	Sienna C
Y2/G1	Scarlett C	George H	Reggie B	Mya P	Ellison B
Y2/G2	Thomas B	Evalyn S-G	James J	Amelia B	Nancy C
Y3/F3	Adam R	Safwan U	Calla-Jane F	Jaxson R	Sunny M
Y3/F4	Kacy-Kristen B	Blayke D	Chloe G	Elsie S	Elijah K
Y4/RBL	Hashim K	Alicja P	Alexander R	Kyiah I	Shea T
Y4/RBR	Ava R	Pyper J	Elijah F	Michaela L	Oluwatoni K
Y5/FBL	Mathew W	Gracjan P	Mathieu R	Sinmiloluwa K	Benjamin Bu
Y5/FBR	Freddie M	Ava P	Spencer He	Keira M	Spencer Hu
Y6/F1	Dlnaz M	Ralphie S	Madison J	Cooper W	Mia G
Y6/F2	Nina B	Darci-Jade C	Sofia P	Mikayla M	Millie H

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 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

	Nursery	Reception - Year 6
Mon	Chicken Nuggets with Pommes and Corn on the Cob or Beans	Chicken Nuggets 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 29th June 2026

	Nursery	Reception - Year 6
Mon	Cheesy Topped Chips with Beans or Sweetcorn	Sweet and Sour Chicken or Cheesy Topped Chips with Beans or Sweetcorn
Tue	Pastry Pizza Swirl with Crinkle Slices and Peas and Sweetcorn or Beans	Pastry Pizza Swirl with Crinkle Slices and Peas and Sweetcorn or Beans
Wed	BBQ Chicken Wrap with Salad and Diced Potatoes	BBQ Chicken Wrap with Salad and Diced Potatoes
Thu	Tomato and Basil Pasta with Crusty Bread	Tomato and Basil Pasta with Crusty Bread
Fri	Pizza with twisty fries with beans or peas and sweetcorn	Pizza with twisty fries with beans or peas and sweetcorn

## Week Commencing 6th July 2026

	Nursery	Reception - Year 6
Mon	Spaghetti Bolognese with Crusty Bread	Spaghetti Bolognese with Crusty Bread
Tue	Chicken Korma with Rice and Naan Bread	Chicken Korma with Rice and Naan Bread
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 Peas or Beans	Cod Bites with Chips and Peas or Beans
Fri	Crispy Chicken Wrap with Twisty Fries and Beans or Salad	Crispy Chicken Wrap with Twisty Fries and Beans or Salad

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.

Allergen information available upon request.