



# Sandford Hill Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter



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### Warm Weather

This week's weather has seen very high temperatures making it unsafe for children to spend long periods outdoors. While we know how much everyone was looking forward to Sports Day, the decision to cancel was made with the safety and wellbeing of our pupils as our highest priority. We appreciate the disappointment this has caused and thank families for their understanding and support.



The KS2 Sports Day will now take place on Monday 29th June. Y5/6 events will begin at 9:15am, with Year Y3/4 events starting at 1:15pm. We look forward to welcoming families and cheering on our pupils.

### Northwood

Well done to **Charlie A, Kakra B, Panyin B, Vinnie B, Thea C, Tommy C, Harley C, Miller C, Edie C, Grayson-Isaac C, Elliot D, Henry F, Calla-Jane F, Amelia G, Betsy H, Alfie H, Archie H, Eva J, Hashim K, Ayo K, Toni K, William L, Kylan M, Mollie M, Layla M, Lottie N, Logan P, Poppy T, Joshua T, Lola W, Charlotte** who competed in the Athletics event at Northwood on Wednesday. The event was unable to be rescheduled and therefore was modified to ensure the children had the opportunity to take part in a competitive sporting event, without putting them at risk. We are so proud of the effort and enthusiasm shown by everyone who took part, the children were fantastic. We are delighted to inform you that Sandford Hill came 1<sup>st</sup> overall at the event. Next stop - City Finals!

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

Nursery	Reception
Learning to identify words that rhyme and are learning the rhyme "A big ship sails on the Alley Alley Oh".	Recapping the igh and oa phonemes - flight, bright, light, boat, coat, float.
Year 1	Year 2
Learning to read and write words with the ore trigraph like in core, score and snore.	Learning to spell the prefix re as in redo, replay, repaint

### School Ambassadors

The results are in! Following our elections in school, we are pleased to introduce you to our new School Councillors for 2026-2027:

**Charlie A, Bella B, Ivy-Jane F, Kiera M, Millie P, Spencer He, Josiah D, William L, Maddison C, Sinmiloluwa K, Myla H, Casey M, Stanley W-L and Charlotte W.**



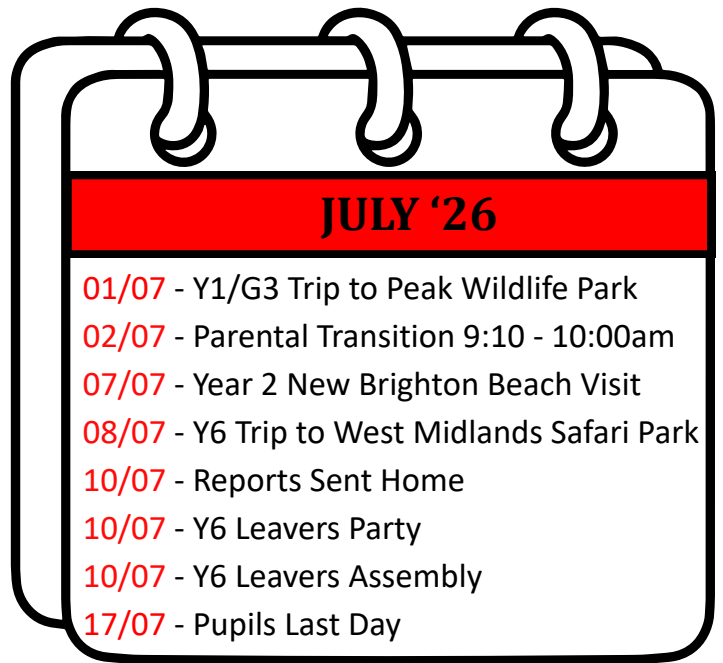
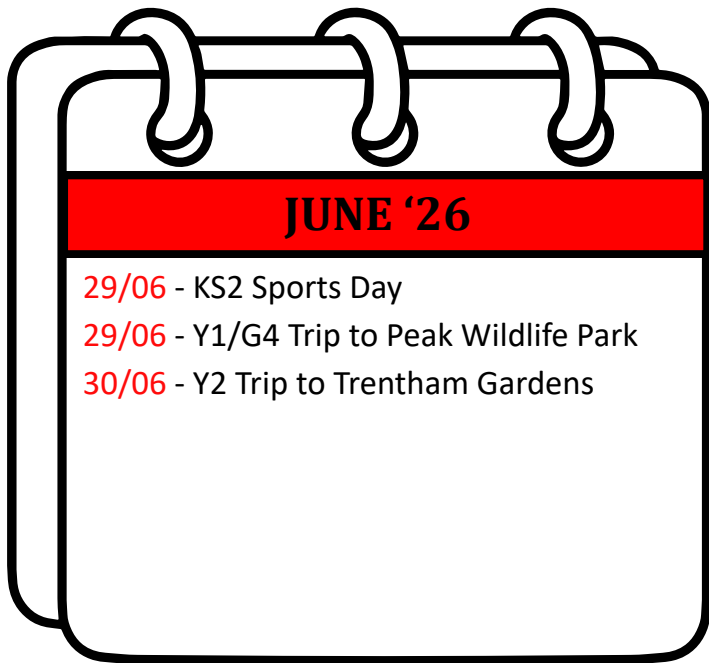
### Academisation Consultation

On Monday we held a meeting in school to answer any questions and/or give parents and carers the opportunity to provide feedback on the academisation proposals, as outlined in the letter sent on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. A reminder that the consultation deadline is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 12 noon. A copy of the academisation letter and FAQ's can be found on the front page of our school website. All feedback should be emailed to [consultation@sandfordhill.org.uk](mailto:consultation@sandfordhill.org.uk) to be discussed during our next Full Governing Body meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026. If you would like to read more about The Societas Trust, you can visit their website by [clicking here](#)

### Transition Dates

This week, we had our first transition session where the children visited their new classrooms and had the opportunity to meet their new teachers. We would like to invite parents and carers of pupils in **current Nursery to Y5** to join us for our next transition session on **Thursday 2nd July - 9:10am - 10:00am.**

This will be a wonderful opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and meet their teacher. We look forward to seeing you there. For our Year 6 pupils, high school transition days will take place on Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July. Information regarding your child's high school transition arrangements will be provided directly by their secondary school. Please contact the high school if you have any questions about these arrangements.



**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 **89.6%**

Our school attendance target is 96%

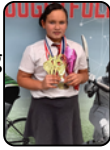


This weeks attendance winner is:

**Miss Gregory's Class with 96.3%**



Freya showcased her ballroom and Latin dancing skills at a competition recently. She is very proud of this incredible haul of medallions and trophies which were awarded to her.



Congratulations to Arabella who has achieved level 5 swimming award! We are so proud of you.



Well done to Izzabella who has been presented with this certificate for developing her water safety skills.



We are so proud of Isla who participated in the 'Calling U Out UK Championships' last weekend. Isla and her team were amazing and were awarded with second place! Well done Isla



Congratulations to Savannah who received her 'Learn to Swim' level 3 swimming award. What a super swimmer you are!



Phoebe was very proud to show off this fabulous medal she received for her super dance moves. Well done Phoebe!



Congratulations to Keira who won 'tots leader' with dance troupe Kaytelle's at the weekend.



Narla was incredibly proud of the trophy she was awarded at the weekend for 'Best Tiny Line Girl'. Keep up the good work Narla!



Class	Attendance	Points	Total
F1/1	91.5%	6	14
F1/2	76.1%	1	6
F1/3	77.8%	2	22
F2/1	92.9%	7	21
F2/2	83.6%	3	15
Y1/G3	89.9%	5	23
Y1/G4	88.4%	4	22
Y2/G1	96.3%	9	33
Y2/G2	94.4%	8	22
Y3/F3	94.4%	7	18
Y3/F4	95.9%	8	27
Y4/RBL	91.5%	5	21
Y4/RBR	85.7%	2	14
Y5/FBL	92.6%	6	16
Y5/FBR	80.4%	1	15
Y6/F1	88.5%	3	7
Y6/F2	89.6%	4	23

Class	Thoughtfulness Award	Star Award (Postcard)	Reading Champion	Maths Champion	Curriculum Champion
N	Amber S	Chanai P	Callum H	Phoebe-Rae W	Jayden M
F2/1	Amiyah-Mae M	Anare T	Abraham V	Huxley T	Reggie H
F2/2	Sienna-Rae P	Shay W	Edward H	Reeva B	Georgia-Neve H
Y1/G3	Defne O	Leia W	Krishitha V	Mariam S	Leighton B-H
Y1/G4	Mohammed A	Kara-Mae L	Taylor N	Aurora E	Joshua M
Y2/G1	Jaxson F	Jaxon M	Daisy-Beau M-N	Freya M	Reggie B
Y2/G2	Arthur H	Ezra M	Isla B	Aurora C-B	Mylo J
Y3/F3	Vinnie B	Lily M	Calla-Jane	Beatrix S	Arabella H
Y3/F4	Macie W	Hiba K	Noor A	Matei D	Lyla T
Y4/RBL	Leah H	Lola W	Quinn-Rose B	Emily L	Alexander R
Y4/RBR	Empress D	Briar B	Lillia-Grace B	Michaela L	Toni K
Y5/FBL	Charlotte W	Archie P	Benjamin Br	Panyin B	Cassandra E
Y5/FBR	Freddie M	Tommy C	Spencer He	Gabriela P	Travis M
Y6/F1	Mya-Lily F	Ava P	Poppy T	Alisha S	Elliott H-T
Y6/F2	Lexi L	Bellamy M	Ieuan P	Aliza A	Mikayla M

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 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 or Cheesy Oatcakes with Crinkle Slices and Peas and Sweetcorn or Beans	Pastry Pizza Swirl or Cheesy Oatcakes 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

## Week Commencing 13th July 2026

	Nursery - Reception	Year 1 - Year 6
Mon	Meat & Potato Pie with Mash and Country Veg	Meat & 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 Black Bean Sauce with Chips, Noodles and Green Beans	Chicken with Black Bean Sauce with Chips, Noodles 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.

Allergen information available upon request.