



Sandford Hill Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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Time to say goodbye...

As the academic year comes to an end and the summer break begins, we reflect on the events throughout the year. From trips, music concerts, transition events and Easter bonnets to sports days, Fabulous Female and Marvellous Male mornings and the summer fayre. What a fantastic year it's been! This time of year also brings a feeling of sadness as we say goodbye to our Y6 pupils, as they start a new chapter of their lives. Amongst us we have future doctors, nurses, vets, youtubers, engineers, artists, athletes and dancers and we encourage them to strive to be the very best that they can be. Sandford Hill certainly won't be the same without them and we wish them the best of luck for the future. Always remember to be kind and to carry our school ethos with you always: Thoughtfulness, Respect, Hard Work.



New School Year

New end-of-day collection times

To reduce the amount of time families with children in different year groups spend waiting between collections, dismissal times will now be:

EYFS (N&R) - 3:10pm, **KS1 (Y1&Y2)** - 3:15pm and **KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)** - 3:20pm.

Magic Breakfast Scheme

Unfortunately, the Magic Breakfast scheme has now ended, so bagels will no longer be available from September. We are actively exploring alternative funding opportunities to see whether we can reintroduce a breakfast provision in the future. In the meantime, please ensure that your child has eaten breakfast before arriving at school each morning.

Toilet access

From September, there will no longer be access to the school toilets after dismissal. With the new staggered collection times being much closer together, we hope this will have minimal impact on families.

Sports Awards

A huge well done to all of the pupils who have proudly represented our school in sporting events this year. We are incredibly proud of your commitment, teamwork and achievements!



Bronze award:

Year 3 - Harper, Arthur, Thomas, Neave, Ollie, Macie, Mya, Harrison. **Year 4** - Robert, Ethan, Luna, Amelia, Alex, Hana, Lettie, Pyper, Harry, Ava, AJ, Elijah, Empress, Emily **Year 5** - Ben, Layla, Noah, Cassandra, Jessica, Simi, Casey, Faith, Gracie-Mae, Lacie-Mai, Isabella, Noah, Freddie, Malachi, Austin, Jessica, Megan, Stanley, Kiera. **Year 6** - Chavindu, Eliza, Winnie, Elliott, Mya, Vinny, Nina, Cooper.

Silver award:

Year 3 - Calla, Eva, Harley, Sunny **Year 4** - Leah, Archie **Year 5** - Henry **Year 6** - Kaiden, Kylan, Ava-Grace, Millie, Jack, William, Hashir

Gold Award -

Year 3 - Betsy, Vinnie, Logan **Year 4** - Hashim, Lola, Edie, Elliot, Archie, Toni, Ayo, Josh **Year 5** - Kakra, Panyin, Maddison, Myla, Freya, William, Lottie, Charlie, Tommy, Charlotte **Year 6** - Miller, Amelia, Poppy, Thea, Alfie, Jaxon, Lexi, Mollie, Layla, Grayson, Ralphie, Lewis, Jack.

Sports Personalities of the year:

Poppy T and Miller C

Time to say goodbye...

Today we say a fond farewell to Mr. Walford as he retires after an incredible 32 years of dedicated service to our school. Throughout his time with us, he has been a constant source of support, commitment and kindness, making a lasting difference to countless children, staff, and the wider school community. Mr. Walford will be greatly missed by everyone who has had the pleasure of working with him. We thank him for his many years of service and friendship, and we wish him a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.





"Great things happen to those who attend"

This week, our school attendance is **95.7%**

Our school attendance target is 96%



This weeks attendance
winner is:



**Mrs Morton's class and Miss Lockett's class
with 100%.**

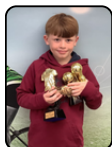
WINNER



A huge well done to Miss Gerrard's class and Miss Gregory's class who are the attendance winners this half term!



Well done to Ollie who has shared the haul of trophies he's received from his football team. Ollie is especially proud of his trophy for being the top goalscorer for his team. Well done Ollie!



Congratulations to our latest word millionaire. A huge achievement - well done Kakra.



Congratulations to Elrayah who was very excited to share his Stanley 2 swimming award. We are very proud of you.



Well done to Oakley who received a medal from his boxing class for hitting the bag in a 1, 2 formation. Keep it up!



Arthur was keen to share the trophies he awarded from his football team, Werrington Wanderers including the trophy for 'Coaches Player'. Well done Arthur - we're really proud of you!



Malachi was very proud to share with us his football trophies, having spent the season playing for Unity F.C. Malachi has been declared this season's 'Player's player of the season', having scored a remarkable 12 goals. Great job!



It was a pleasure to hear that Macie has taken her Brownie Promise. She was very proud to share her badges and certificate. Great job Macie.



Congratulations to Betsy for achieving her Level 3 award at swimming. Well done!



Well done to Finley for his hard work at football!



Wow, what a weekend for Belle. Two medals, three tiaras and three diamond dancer sashes for her acro performance in the competition at The Mitchell Arts Centre this weekend. Amazing as always!



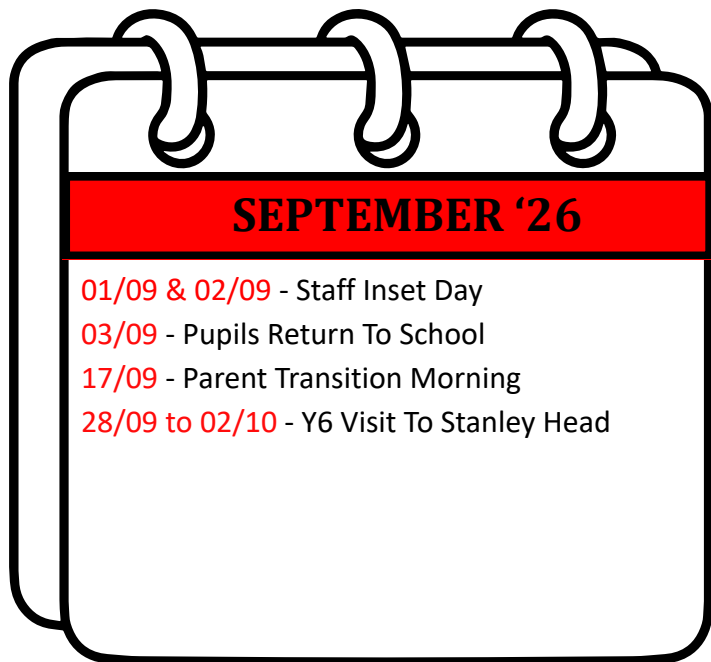
Great British Summer Savings



From 25 June to 1 September 2026, VAT is temporarily being reduced from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom. As part of this campaign, there is an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Notices

- **Milk** - Orders for milk will go live on Monday 20th July. If your child would like to receive a milk carton daily (1/3 pint) then please visit the school shop on Arbor and order by Thursday 3rd of September. Milk will begin W/C 14th September.
- **Clubs** - Clubs for the Autumn term will go live on Arbor the second week back after the summer holiday to start W/C 14th September. Clubs are now available on a first come first serve basis. Once the club has reached capacity you will no longer be able to register your child for that club.
- **PE Days** - PE days will be confirmed in September. There will be NO PE on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. PE Kit is now available to purchase on Arbor in the 'school shop'. All remaining stock has been added and we will no longer be replenishing PE stock.



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



Autumn Term 2026

Staff Inset Day: Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September

Pupils: Thursday 3rd September – Thursday 22nd October

Staff Inset Day: Friday 23rd October

Holiday: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Staff & Pupils: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Holiday: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

Spring Term 2027

Staff & Pupils: Monday 4th January – Thursday 11th February

Staff Inset Day: Friday 12th February

Holiday: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Staff & Pupils: Monday 22nd February – Wednesday 24th March

Staff Inset Day: Thursday 25th March

Holiday: Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Staff & Pupils: Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

May Day: Monday 3rd May (School Closed to Staff & Pupils)

Voting: Thursday 6th May (School Closed to Pupils)

Holiday: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

Staff & Pupils: Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

Holiday: Thursday 22 July – Wednesday 1st September 2027

Headteacher Termly Awards— Summer 2 2026

Nursery—Mrs Morton, Mrs Chetwynd, Mrs Gater

Lilah-Rose J, Mila S, Nyle K, Chanai P, Carter H, Mason C, Phoebe-Rae W Eddie H Oscar R Lyla M Alfie B

Reception - Miss Hodgson

Reception - Miss Humphries

Elrayah M, Bailey P, Polly M, Isabelle H, Olly K,
Elsie H

Hania W, Elijah C, Danny B, Mabel B, Reeve B,
Albi F-S

Year 1 - Mrs Johnson

Year 1 - Mrs Smith

Reuben G, Leighton C, Joshua M, Arthur S, Sienna C,
Ayden K-W

Oakley W, Emmon R, Kaiden R, Liam-Junior B-J,
Defne O, Stanley B

Year 2 - Miss Gregory

Year 2 - Miss Lockett

Jaxson F, Hollie H, Dontae P-M, Luca L, Reggie B,
Harrison B

Roman S, Sophie B, Albert E, Mylo J, Ezra M

Year 3 - Mr Farr

Year 3 - Miss Gerrard

Lennon J, Evie-Leigh E, Elliarna T, Adam R, Arabella
H, Izzabella P, Neveah R

Elijah K ,Blayke D, Chloe G, Thomas C-M, Stephen S,
Elijah K

Year 4 - Mr Frost

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Jacob C, Lucas W, Olivia C, Amelia T, Jaxon B,
Sienna K

Darci M-N, Haiza N, Briar B, Harry R, Empress D,
Toni K, Edie C

Year 5 - Mr Alcock

Year 5 - Mrs Carney

Noah D, Mathew W, Simi K, Cassie E, Mathieu R,
Casey H, Mathew W

Spencer H Faith A Noah M Freddie M Lola-Mae F
Ivy-Jane F

Year 6 - Mrs Pritchard & Mrs Bullock

Year 6 - Mrs Hassall

Sofia P Mikayla M Grayson-Isaac C Amelia C

Keaton M Henry H Alisha S Madison J Dlnaz 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 31st August 2026

	Nursery	Reception – Year 6
Mon	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Tue	INSET DAY	INSET DAY
Wed	INSET DAY	INSET DAY
Thu	Chicken balls with Curry Sauce, Rice and Green Beans	Chicken balls or Samosas with Curry Sauce, Rice and Green Beans
Fri	Fish and Chips with Beans or Peas	Fish and Chips with Beans or Peas

Week Commencing 7th September 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 14th September 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.