



Sandford Hill Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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Welcome Back ...

On behalf of all the staff and Governors, I would like to warmly welcome all our children and families to the start of another exciting school year. A very special welcome goes to all our new pupils, who have already settled in so well, made new friends and become part of our school community. It was wonderful to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms and arriving with such happy smiles yesterday. Next week, we are also looking forward to welcoming our Nursery children and their families. Our staff are excited to get to know their new classes and are looking forward to working together with children and families to make this a positive, happy and successful year for every child. There are lots of exciting opportunities to look forward to over the coming months, including school assemblies, educational visits, clubs, celebrations and many other special events that we can enjoy together. Our first event will be our Parent Transition Morning, taking place on **Thursday 17th September, from 9:10–10:00 a.m.**, for families of children from Reception to Year 6. The doors will open once all pupils have been safely registered. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or would simply like to talk to us, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. Appointments with your child's class teacher can be arranged through the school office or by emailing parent@sandfordhill.org.uk.

Mrs Smith Headteacher



PE Kit

The uniform for P.E. kit is a red polo, black shorts/joggers, a black zipped hoody and trainers. Pupil's P.E. kit should not have any large logos, patterns or stripes and should be plain where possible. All jewellery must be removed for PE. If pupils have had their ear(s) pierced over the summer holidays and are currently unable to take their earrings out, we will allow them to wear plasters for the next two weeks only. After the next two weeks, all earrings must be removed otherwise your child will not be able to take part in PE lessons. Please see the PE days for this academic year below:

Reception—Monday

Year 1—Tuesday and Friday

Year 2—Tuesday and Friday

Year 3—Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Year 5—Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Year 6—Tuesday and Wednesday

Swimming

Swimming for Year 5 and Year 4 will start on Friday 25th September. Swimming kits should consist of a swimming costume/swimming trunks (no bikinis or baggy shorts), a towel, comb and swimming cap for those with longer hair. If your child requires goggles when swimming, a note must be provided as requested by Fenton Manor.

New School Year

New end-of-day collection times

Dismissal times:

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

Toilet access

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.

Notices

- **Clubs** - Clubs for the Autumn term will go live on Arbor next week in order 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.
- **Arbor School Shop** - We have currently sold out of school ties. More stock has been ordered and, once delivered, the ties will be added to the School Shop on the Arbor app for purchase. The remaining PE kit is also available to purchase through the School Shop on the Arbor app.

SEPT/OCT '26

16/09 - Stanley Head Meeting
 17/09 - Parent Transition Morning
 28/09 to 02/10 - Y6 Visit To Stanley Head
 05/10 - Nasal Flu Vaccination
 19TH & 21ST - Parents Evening
 22/10 - Individual/Family Photos

Young Voices 2027

Every year our KS2 choir take part in Young Voices in Birmingham. Next year we will be attending Young Voices on Friday 29TH January 2027. This is a fantastic event where children get to sing and dance in a choir of over 6000 other children. If your child (KS2) would like to take part, they will need to attend choir on a Wednesday morning. We have reserved 47 seats for Young Voices. Further details will be sent out next week to those children who sign up to choir.

Dance 2027

Each year, our KS2 Dance Club takes part in the Stoke School Sport Partnership's annual dance event. The event brings together many schools from across Stoke-on-Trent, with each school performing a dance routine based on the theme chosen for that year. Further details about next year's event will be shared with children who sign up for Dance Club once we receive the relevant information from the Stoke School Sport Partnership.



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 22nd July – Wednesday 1st September 2027

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 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.