



Sandford Hill Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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Transition Morning

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for this week's Transition Morning. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school and give you a glimpse into your child's new learning environment. The children have settled in beautifully and are already beginning to adjust with confidence, excitement and enthusiasm, your support makes such a difference in helping to ensure that the transition to a new class is a smooth, happy and positive experience for everyone. Thank you once again for being part of such a special morning and for your continued support!

Fluenz

The School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting the school again on **Monday 5th October** to deliver nasal flu vaccinations to pupils in **Reception through to Year 6**. You will receive communication from The School Age Immunisation Team soon regarding how to give consent, explain what the vaccine is for. Please contact the Immunisation Team if you have any further questions.

School Nursing Service

Starting school is an exciting and important milestone in your child's life. As a parent or carer, you may have questions about your child's development, how they are settling into school, or how they are getting along with their friends. Our School Nursing Service would like to introduce ourselves, share some helpful tips and provide information about where you can access further support should you need it. Click on the link below to view the [School Nursing Service e-leaflet](#). This short leaflet highlights some of the key areas that can support your child's growth, learning, wellbeing and overall health. Every child is unique and develops at their own pace. The leaflet provides helpful information and guidance on where you can find further support.



Stoke-on-Trent Hub

Telephone - 0808 178 3374
09.00 - 17.00, Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 25th September, we will be hosting a coffee morning for parents and carers at school from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. There will be plenty of tea, coffee and, of course, lots of delicious cakes! We were absolutely overwhelmed by the fantastic turnout last year and would love to welcome you again this year.

Wellbeing Warriors

We are delighted to announce that the following children have been chosen to become our Wellbeing



Warriors! **Ava P, Cassandra E, Jessica G, Roxanna W, Frankie C, Harrison P and Kakra B**. These pupils will play an important role in promoting positive wellbeing across our school, helping to create a happy, supportive and caring environment for everyone. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in their new roles.

Open Evening

Our Open Evenings will take place on **Monday 19th October** and **Wednesday 21st October**. Appointments will go live on Arbor on Monday 21st September at 6:00pm and will be listed as **"Guardian Consultations."** Please see the link below to the Arbor Support guidance, which provides details on how to book an Open Evening (Guardian Consultation) appointment, as well as how to cancel or reschedule an appointment.

[How to book, reschedule and cancel guardian consultations](#)

Admissions

Below are the key dates for admissions this year:

Nursery—Applications open on Tuesday 1st December and close on Friday 26th February.

Reception—Applications open on Monday 2nd November and close on Friday 15th January 2027.

Secondary—Applications are now open and will close on Friday 31st October 2026



"Great things happen to those who attend"

This week, our school attendance is **95.89%**
Our school attendance target is 96%

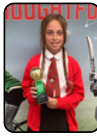
This weeks attendance winner are:



R1 with 100%



Congratulations to Lottie in Year 6, who was awarded the 'Parents' Player of the Match' trophy at her football match yesterday. Well done Lottie!



Congratulations to Olivia who received a 'star of the week' swimming award during the summer holidays. We are super proud of you.



Congratulations to Harley, who has completed the Summer Reading challenge as well as achieving her Level 4 award at swimming. Well done Harley!



Well done to Beatrix for passing her grading at GKR Karate and receiving her green belt on earlier in the month.



Well Done to Owen who has achieved his Duckling 2 swimming certificate this week. We are very proud of you.



Harvert Appeal

Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank has shared its Harvest Appeal, and we would like to support this important cause. Please see the shopping list to the left for items that are currently needed. Any donations, no matter how big or small, would be greatly appreciated and will help support local families and individuals in need. Please send donations to your child's classroom by Tuesday 6th October. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Shopping list

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned veg/fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Coffee
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Cereals
- Fruit juice (long-life)
- Tinned pudding
- Jam
- Instant mashed potato

Class	Attendance	Points	Total
N1	87.23%	3	4
N2	90.24%	5	7
N3	80.00%	2	5
N4	78.72%	1	11
R1	100.00%	10	19
R2	99.06%	8	15
Y1/G3	89.42%	4	8
Y1/G4	98.08%	7	13
Y2/G1	99.46%	9	17
Y2/G2	92.31%	6	11
Y3/F3	97.50%	4	8
Y3/F4	95.54%	1	7
Y4/RBL	97.32%	3	6
Y4/RBR	98.33%	7	12
Y5/FBL	98.21%	6	8
Y5/FBR	96.30%	2	3
Y6/F1	97.50%	5	12
Y6/F2	99.14%	8	16

Attendance

Good attendance is essential for pupils to make the most of their learning and reach their full potential. At Sandford Hill Primary School, our school attendance target is 96%. We kindly ask parents to report absences as early as possible via the Arbor app and, where applicable, provide medical evidence for any appointments or absences during school hours.



PARENTAL SESSIONS & ASSEMBLY DATES

Parental sessions will start at 9:10am and end at 10:00am

Fabulous Females - 11/03

Marvellous Males - 17/06

Class Assemblies

Doors will open at 9:00am and will begin at approximately 9:10am

Miss Hodgson - 29/04

Mrs Poole - 20/05

Mrs Johnson - 28/01

Mrs Smith - 04/02

Miss Humphries - 22/04

Miss Lockett - 08/10

Mr Farr - 18/03

Miss Gerrard - 04/03

Mr Frost - 21/01

Mrs Frost - 14/01

Mr Alcock - 13/10 (St Marys and Chad Church)

Mrs Carney - 11/02

Mrs Hassall - 15/10

Miss Gregory - 15/10

Christmas Assemblies

Doors will open at 9:00am and will begin at approximately 9:10am

Miss Hodgson, N1 (Strawberry Group) and N2 (Pear Group) - 07/12

Mrs Poole, N3 (Orange Group) and N4 (Apple Group) - 08/12

Year 1 - 09/12

Year 2 - 10/12

Year 3 - 11/12

Year 4 - 15/12

Year 5 - 16/12

Year 6 - 17/12

SEPT '26

25/09 - Macmillan Coffee Morning (9:00-10:00am)

25/09 - Swimming Starts (Y4&5)

28/09 to 02/10 - Y6 Visit To Stanley Head

OCT '26

05/10 - Nasal Flu Vaccination

19TH & 21ST - Parents Evening

22/10 - Individual/Family Photos

23/10 - Pupils Last Day

24/10 - Staff Inset Day

W/C 24/10 - October Half Term

31/10 - Secondary School Applications Deadline

NOV '26

02/11 - Pupils Return To School

02/11 - Applications for Reception Open

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 21st Sept 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

Week Commencing 28th Sept 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	Hot Dogs, Twister Fries and Sweetcorn	Hot Dogs, Twister Fries and Sweetcorn
Fri	Battered Fish and Chips with Peas or Beans	Battered Fish and Chips with Peas or Beans

Week Commencing 5th October 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.