



Sandford Hill Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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Stanley Head

This week, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to Stanley Head, filled with adventure, laughter, and lasting memories. The children were absolutely fantastic throughout the trip, demonstrating brilliant teamwork and resilience during every activity. From the excitement of the scavenger hunt and the challenge of the nightline, to squeezing through tight spaces, exploring Deep Hayes, canoeing, climbing, and crate stacking, every activity provided opportunities for the children to build confidence and develop new skills. It was wonderful to see the children supporting one another with such enthusiasm and encouragement. Watching relationships grow and seeing the children step outside their comfort zones was a real joy. It was a truly special experience, and one that has created memories that will last a lifetime!



Open Evening

Our Open Evenings will take place on **Monday 19th October** and **Wednesday 21st October**. Appointments are still live on Arbor 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](#)

Fluenz

The School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting the school again this year on **Monday 5th October** to deliver nasal flu vaccinations to pupils in **Reception through to Year 6**. You should have received an email on Wednesday regarding how to give consent, explain what the vaccine is for. Please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 124 0366 between 8:30am and 2:30pm if you have any further questions.

Mental Health Awareness Workshop

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to a Mental Health Awareness Workshop delivered by our Educational Mental Health Practitioner, Danielle Costa. The session will take place on Wednesday 7th October at 9:00am and will last for approximately one hour. This informative workshop will provide practical advice and guidance on supporting children's emotional wellbeing, recognising signs that a child may be struggling, and promoting positive mental health at home. We warmly encourage all parents and carers to attend and take advantage of this valuable opportunity to learn more about supporting their child's mental health and wellbeing. We look forward to seeing you there.

Harvest - St Mary and St Chad's Church

On Tuesday 13th October, pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going to watch Mr Alcock's class Harvest assembly. The assembly will be at St Mary and St Chad's Church on Anchor Road and will start at 10:00am. The children will be walking to the church supervised by a number of staff. If you have any queries please email parent@sandfordhill.org.uk.

Harvest 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 right 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 next Tuesday. 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



Attendance and Awards



This week, our school attendance is **96.79%**

Our school attendance target is 96%

Isaac has been awarded Sports Men of the Year for his enthusiasm and sportsmanship. He proudly received his award from the Deputy Lord Mayor. We are so proud of you Isaac.



Congratulations to Phoebe who received this medal at her troop competition this weekend. What a superstar!



This weeks attendance winner are:

Y4/RBL, Y5/FBL and Y6/F2



Attendance				Awards				
Class	Attendance	Points	Total	Thoughtful	Star	Reading	Maths	Curriculum
N1	93.64%	4	12	Harriet E	*	Zakery S	Louisa P	Sydney M
N2	96.00%	7	24					
N3	93.26%	3	9					
N4	89.00%	1	18					
R1	98.44%	9	36	Olivia C	Maha H	Scarlett H	Jaxon C	Amendial L
R2	95.09%	6	29	Callum H	Lukas H	Aloher A	Mia H-S	Rex C-B
Y1/G3	93.20%	2	13	Emrae A	Finley B	Kai-Hudson C	Nellie W	Hania W
Y1/G4	98.46%	10	28	Maisie F	Maddie M	Abraham V	Rennie J	Kenny P
Y2/G1	94.35%	5	29	Finley H	Leighton P	Snow H	Jasper D	Leia H
Y2/G2	96.25%	8	21	Ella-Grace W	Aurora E	Poppy-Rose B	Arthur S	Leighton C
Y3/F3	98.00%	4	20	Isatou J	Lyla-Rose B	Freddie B-W	Ava-Mae B-J	Pippa L
Y3/F4	97.14%	3	11	Lily M	Freya M	Daisy-Beau M-N	Riley K	Ellison B
Y4/RBL	100.00%	8	17	Ariana W	Hugo C	Noor A	Hiba K	Kacy-Kristen B
Y4/RBR	95.00%	2	19	Izzabella P	Lennon J	Elliarina T	Sunny M	Henry D
Y5/FBL	100.00%	8	23	Robert B	Rosie E	Isaac P	Leah H	Eeligh R
Y5/FBR	94.81%	1	8	Charlie-George C	Elliot D	Empress D	Edie C	Nevaeh R
Y6/F1	98.66%	5	23					
Y6/F2	100.00%	8	26					

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

Parent/Carers are invited to attend their child's class assembly. 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 - (10:00am at St Mary and Chad's 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/OCT '26

05/10 - Nasal Flu Vaccination

07/10 - Mental Health Awareness Workshop for parents/carers (9:00am) - School Hall

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

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 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

Week Commencing 12th October 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	Staffordshire Lobby with Crusty Bread	Staffordshire Lobby with Crusty Bread
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 19th October 2026		
	Nursery	Reception – Year 6
Mon	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons with Pommes and Corn on the Cob or Beans	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons 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	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)	SCHOOL CLOSED (INSET DAY)

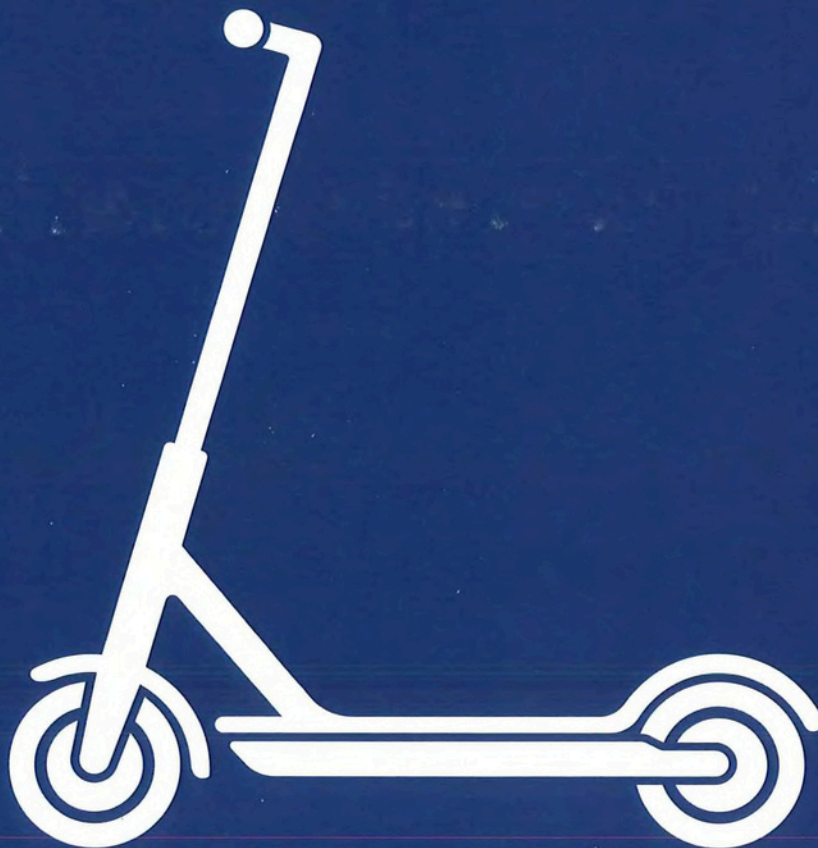
All dietary requirements will be catered for. We will endeavour to offer all pupils their first choice but if they do not like the options or an item runs out, jacket potatoes and sandwiches will be offered as an alternative. Please use this menu as a guide. There may have to be changes prior to/in the week depending upon product availability.

Allergen information available upon request.



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ESCOOTERS & THE LAW



DO YOU KNOW THE LAW IF YOU HAVE AN E-SCOOTER?

What is the law if you have an e-scooter?

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land with the landowner's permission.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Powered Transporters, so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.

What happens if you are stopped?

We understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone.

Following controlled trials of e-scooter hire in two Staffordshire towns these have since come to an end due to the risk and legal implications.

E-scooters are subject to the rules and regulations outlined in the Road Traffic Act 1988. There have been prosecutions in Staffordshire of e-scooter riders in relation to dangerous driving and other offences resulting in their disqualification.

What is a section 59?

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows police to give road users a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance. Staffordshire Police also have the powers to seize vehicles. Please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

Report a crime to us at staffordshire.police.uk or call **101**. In an emergency call **999**.



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