Sandford Hill Primary School
Weekly Newsletter

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October Half Term

We can hardly believe how quickly the first half term of the academic year has flown by! It's been a wonderful start filled with exciting activities and special moments from parent transition events and residentials, our Macmillan coffee morning, phonics sessions, mental health workshops and a lovely harvest celebration. We are so proud of how well the children have settled into school life and embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm. As the weather becomes cooler and more unpredictable, please make sure your child brings their coat to school each day, so they can stay warm and comfortable while enjoying time outdoors. We hope that everyone has a fantastic half term break. Here's to another fantastic half term ahead!

We're Fundraising! Crazy Hair Day & Children In Need

On **Wednesday 11th Novembe**r, we are having a 'Crazy Hair Day' in school! Our School Council are raising money for the Lord Mayor's Charity to help people with dementia. The children can have their hair in any style they like - spiky, lots of bobbles, curly, clips, twisty - just anything crazy!

On **Friday 13th November,** we will hold a non-uniform day for all pupils and staff to raise money for Children in Need. Y3-6 are also invited to discos after school (tickets to be purchased via Arbor). Thank you in advance for your donations!

Christmas 2026

Personalised Christmas Cards -

This year we will once again be selling personalised Christmas Cards. All designs will be created by the children within the first two weeks back after half term and will then be scanned and sent home for you to see. More information regarding how to purchase Christmas Cards is available by visiting the School Shop in the Arbor app.

Christmas Chat 'n' Wrap -

It's that time of year where again we need your help! We will be having our Christmas Chat 'n' Wrap sessions in school to help prepare for all of the Christmas events we have taking place. Chat 'n' Wrap sessions will take place each Thursday at 9:15am on 19th November, 26th November and 3rd December. We look forward to seeing you there!

Winter Uniform

Pupils will return to school on Monday 2nd November. After half term, all pupils should wear their winter uniform, which consists of a red jumper or cardigan, grey trousers or skirt, a white shirt, a school tie (see notices) and black shoes. Please note that trainers are not permitted. We also kindly ask that children do not wear jewellery or makeup, including nail varnish.

Nursery Visit to Longton Park



This week, our Nursery children visited Longton Park as part of their Autumn topic. They enjoyed exploring the park and looking for signs of autumn, including the beautiful changing colours of the leaves and conkers scattered on the ground. The children had a lovely time discovering the changes in nature and spotting all the wonderful signs of the season.

WINNER

A huge well done to
Miss Hodgson's class and **Mr Alcock's class**
who are the attendance winners this half term!

Notices

- **Clubs** - Clubs will start again the second week after half term (W/C 9th November) with the exception of choir.
- **Dinner Money**—A reminder that all dinner monies must be paid in advance. Dinners are £2.80 per day, £14.00 per week.
- **Individual and Sibling Photo's** – We found out this morning that pupil photos are now printed off site. Children will come home with their photo proofs once they have been delivered to school after half term.
- **Ties** - Ties are expected to be delivered after half term. Once they have been delivered, the stock will be added to the School Shop on Arbor.

Headteacher Termly Awards— Autumn 1 2026

Nursery—Mrs Morton, Mrs Chetwynd, Mrs Gater, Mrs Mclean-Inglis	
Harriet E, Noah M, Emilia K, Opal G, Mabel J, Jackson W, Ronnie H, Ebuwa A, Serena S, Luna L, Jaxson R, Hollie B, Owen B,	
Reception - Miss Hodgson	**Reception - Mrs Poole**
Theodore R, Lana K, Jayden M, Maha H, Ruby G, Luca R	Evarnii A, Nye K, Neko W, Blake W, Chanai P, Aloher A
Year 1 - Mrs Johnson	**Year 1 - Mrs Smith**
Abraham V, Oliver S, Maddie M, Oscar G, Ethan P, Amiyah-Mae M	Finley B, Danny B, Evah M, Sienna-Rae P, Hania W, Frankie T
Year 2 - Miss Humphries	**Year 2 - Miss Lockett**
Mariam S, Leia W, Liam-Junior B-J, Parker P, Defne O	Phoenix J, Aurora E, Mohammed A, Sienna C, Deondrei P
Year 3 - Mr Farr	**Year 3 - Miss Gerrard**
Ava E, Arthur H, Jessica G, Ava E, Aurora C-B, Adelina V	Freya M, Ellison B, Hollie H, Riley K, Daisy-Beau M-N, Mya P
Year 4 - Mr Frost	**Year 4 - Mrs Frost**
Harley C, Eliza-Mae B, Hugo C, Elijah K, Freya A, Ellena P	Calla-Jane F, Eva J, Sunny M, Jaxson R, Arthur R, Adam R
Year 5 - Mr Alcock	**Year 5 - Mrs Carney**
Skylar M-W, Sienna K, Ethan D, Jensen B, Kruthik V, Grace M	Charlie-George C, Emily-Rose F, Ava R, Jack S-G, Akuila T, Empress D
Year 6 - Mrs Hassall	**Year 6 - Miss Gregory**
Charlotte W, Adrian D-K, Kakra B, Ethan B-S Theo T, William L	Lola-Mae F, Henry F, Mason H, Keira M, Josiah D, Caleb M

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

Mr Farr - 18/03

Miss Gerrard - 04/03

Mr Frost - 21/01

Mrs Frost - 14/01

Mrs Carney - 11/02

Christmas Assemblies

Doors will open at 9:00am and will begin at approximately 9:10am. There is a limit of 2 adults per family for each performance due to fire regulations and capacity in the school hall. For pupils who have families in more than 1 household, priority will be given to parents who have parental responsibility.

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

23/10 - Staff Inset Day

W/C 26/10 - October Half Term

NOV '26

02/11 - Pupils Return To School

02/11 - Applications for Reception 2027 Open

03/11 - Mrs Carney's Class Visit to Tittesworth Reservior

05/11 - Mr Alcock's Class Visit to Tittesworth Reservior

11/11 - Crazy Hair Day!

11/11 - Year 6 Heights & Weights (1:00pm)

13/11 - Children in Need - Non uniform and Discos

24/11 - Year 6 Visit to the Imperial War Museum

DEC '26

01/12 - Applications for Nursery 2027 Open

14/12 - Christmas Dinner Day for all pupils

18/12 - Last day for Pupils

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 2nd November 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	BONFIRE NIGHT SPECIAL - Hot dog or Cheese Whirl with wedges and beans or corn on the cob	BONFIRE NIGHT SPECIAL - Hot dog or Cheese Whirl with wedges and beans or corn on the cob
Fri	Pizza with twisty fries with beans or peas and sweetcorn	Pizza with twisty fries with beans or peas and sweetcorn

Week Commencing 9th November 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.