Sandford Hill Primary School
Weekly Newsletter

Issue 9 - Friday 6th November 2026 Tel: 01782 235781 Email: parent@sandfordhill.org.uk

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

On **Tuesday 10th 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!

Pupil Data Collection 2026

Please check your Arbor app over the next few weeks to ensure that all contact information is up to date, including mobile numbers, work telephone numbers and postal addresses. We also ask that you review the permissions and consent preferences recorded on the app, including those relating to digital images, name sharing on social media, and name sharing with parents/carers. Please ensure that all details and permissions accurately reflect your current preferences and are amended where necessary.

Illness & Medication

As we approach flu season and the weather becomes colder, please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the colder weather, wearing a warm coat and, where necessary, a hat, gloves and scarf. We would also like to remind parents and carers that if your child is unwell or has any medical appointments, please provide medical evidence to support their absence wherever possible. You may be asked to provide medical evidence if your child is absent for more than 4 consecutive days (8 sessions). Medication can be administered during the school day where necessary; however, antibiotics can only be given in school if they are prescribed to be taken four times a day. All medication must be in date and clearly labelled with your child's name. It must be brought to the school office by an adult with parental responsibility, where it will need to be signed in. Medication must then be collected from the school office by an adult at the end of the school day.

Longton Junior Parkrun

Junior parkrun is a fun, free weekly 2km event held in Longton park each Sunday morning for children aged 4-14 and their families. Whether you walk, jog, run, volunteer or cheer from the sidelines, everyone is welcome! As a parkrun Primary School, we are encouraging our pupils and families to get active together and discover their local junior parkrun. We have been invited to 'take over' Longton Junior parkrun on **Sunday 15th November,** and a representative from parkrun will be visiting school on Monday to tell the children more about it. It would be wonderful to see lots of our pupils taking part and to see them wearing their red Sandford Hill PE Top.

Date: Sunday 15th November
Time: 9:00am
Venue: Longton Park

If this is your child's first junior parkrun, you can find out more and register for free at juniorparkrun.com. We look forward to seeing as many of our pupils, families and some of our staff as possible joining for what promises to be a fun and active Sunday morning!

Y5 Visit to Tittesworth Reservoir



This week, our Year 5 children visited Tittesworth Reservoir. The children enjoyed taking part in a scavenger hunt whilst they walked around the reservoir and even had time to play on the park!

Notices

- **Clubs** - Clubs will start again next week. The last week of clubs this term is the W/C 23rd November. (With the exception of choir which will continue until Wednesday 16th December.
- **Individual and Sibling Photo's** – Photo proofs from Tempest Photography have been delivered and have been sent home. Orders placed within the next few weeks are eligible for free delivery to school.

Christmas Assemblies

The doors for the Christmas assemblies will open at 9:10am and the assemblies will start around 9:15am once pupils are registered. We are limiting the number of adults to 2 per family for each performance. This year the assemblies will again include the whole year group and therefore there will be no exception to the number of adults allowed 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. You will NOT receive a ticket for your entry however we will have a list on hand on the days of the assemblies.

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



Personalised Christmas Cards



This year we will once again be selling personalised Christmas Cards. The children are busy designing their cards which will then be scanned in and sent home for you to see. Personalised Christmas Cards can be purchased on Arbor in the school shop. You do not need to return your child's design as we will have already taken a copy. Each pack will contain 12 cards and envelopes and will cost £4.50 per pack. Christmas Card designs will be sent home on Monday 16th November. **All payments must be made by Monday 30th November 2026.**

Christmas Dinner Day

This year, our Christmas Dinner Day will be a little bit different as you will no longer need to pre-order your child's Christmas dinner is advance. Our Christmas dinner this year will take place on **Monday 14th December 2026 for all pupils.** Our school Christmas dinner includes, turkey, sausage, stuffing, mashed potato, roast potatoes, a selection of vegetables, gravy and a Christmas ice cream and biscuit. All dietary requirements will be catered for. The only option for dinner on Monday 14th December will be a Christmas dinner. **There will be no alternative food option on this day.**

'Elfridges

We are excited to announce that we will again be holding our very own Christmas shop, Elfridges, in school! This festive event allows the children to come along and choose a pre-wrapped gift for their loved ones. Elfridges gifts are available to purchase on Arbor in the school shop. When purchasing a gift please write in the 'order notes' who the gift is for (for example Mum, Grandad, Sister Paige, Uncle Jamie). We will then give the pupils a token for each gift purchased to use at the 'Elfridges' shop. All items will be £2.50 and pupils can pick a maximum of 4 gifts. **All payments must be made by Monday 30th November 2026.**



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!

Sandford Hill Primary School
Diary Dates

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

NOV '26

10/11 - 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

30/11 - Payment deadline for Christmas Cards and Elfridges' Gifts

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 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

Week Commencing 16th November 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 Sweercorn	Cheesy Baguette with Hash Browns and Beans or Sweercorn
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 23rd November 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	Battered Fish and Chips with Peas or Beans	Battered Fish and Chips with Peas or Beans

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.