Sandford Hill Primary School
Weekly Newsletter

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Longton Junior Parkrun

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

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. It would be wonderful to see lots of our pupils taking part and to see them wearing their red Sandford Hill PE Top.

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 some of our pupils, families and staff joining for what promises to be a fun and active Sunday morning!

Sporthall Athletics

A huge well done to the Y5/6 children who took part in the Sporthall Athletics event yesterday at Fenton Manor. They came a 2nd overall and did exceptionally well. Well done to **Edie, Josh, Elliot, Hashim, Tommy, Freddie, Charlie, William, Kakra, Panyin, Lottie, Freya, Charlotte and Myla.**

Crazy Hair Day



Thank you to everyone who took part in our 'Crazy/Wild Hair Day' on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see so many crazy and wild hairstyles! We managed to raise an amazing **£394.82** for the Lord Mayor's Charity to help people with dementia.

Children In Need 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate Children in Need today. Thanks to your generosity during our non-uniform day and disco, we've raised a fantastic **£748.38** to support this fantastic cause.

Odd Socks Day - Thursday 19th November 2026

This year to help promote Anti-Bullying Week we will be wearing odd socks on Thursday 19th November 2026. Odd Socks Day is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! All you need to do to take part is wear odd socks!

Lest We Forget



This week, the children have been learning about Remembrance Day and the importance of the poppy as a symbol of hope and remembrance. The children took time to reflect on the bravery and sacrifices made by those who served in wars and conflicts. On Wednesday, the children gathered by our Remembrance Sites to pay their respects. Thank you to Mr Gilbert and Mr Prince for making our Remembrance sites so beautiful and peaceful.

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.

Online Safety

We would like to remind families of the importance of children staying safe online. We encourage parents and carers to regularly check their child's devices and talk about the responsible use of messaging apps and social media. Please remind children to be kind and respectful online, never share personal information, and speak to a trusted adult if they receive messages or content that make them feel uncomfortable. Regular conversations at home can play a key role in keeping children safe online. Please note that WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 13 years old. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe online.

Notices

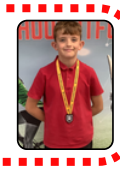
- **Clubs** - The last week of clubs this term is the W/C 23rd November. (Except choir which will continue until Wednesday 16th December.)
- **Individual and Sibling Photo's** – A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Tuesday 17th November 2026.

Attendance and Awards

Congratulations to Eva who has achieved her Level 6 swimmimg award.



Archie was proud to share the medal he was awarded at football.



Congratulations Carter for a great football match. Well done Carter.



Congratulations Henry on being awarded 'Man of the Match' at football.



Congratulations to Betsy who has achieved her Level 4&5 awards at swimming.



This week, our school attendance is

95.58%

Our school attendance target is 96%

This weeks attendance winner are:

Y3/F4 with 100%

Attendance				Awards				
Class	**Attendance**	**Points**	**Total**	**Thoughtful**	**Star**	**Reading**	**Maths**	**Curriculum**
N1	93.64%	4	4	Isaiah I	Serena S	Luca C	Luna L	Emilia K
N2	96%	8	8					
N3	77.50%	1	1					
N4	92%	2	2					
R1	94.23%	6	6	Harper M	Millie M	Anya S	Mason C	Lilah-Rose J
R2	93.96%	5	5	Evarnii A	O'Shea N	Gracie L-F	Amber S	Milo W
Y1/G3	92.31%	3	3	Evah M	Georgia-Neve H	Keanu-Dafydd G	Tyler L	Thomas L
Y1/G4	95.38%	7	7	Alby R	Elsie H	Thomas D	Polly M	Elrayah A M
Y2/G1	96.67%	9	9	Krishitha V	Amelia H	Oakley W	Parker P	Zachariah A
Y2/G2	99.17%	10	10	Oakley T	Taylor N	Ayden K-W	Sienna C	Roman S-H
Y3/F3	98%	6	6	Ava E	Nancy C	Amelia B	Thomas B	Isla B
Y3/F4	100.00%	8	8	Dontae P-M	Harrison B	Ollie S	Eric P	Carter J
Y4/RBL	95.67%	3	3	Chloe G	Enara B G	Matei D	Stephen S	Ollie S
Y4/RBR	96.00%	4	4	Elliarna T	Amber T	Eva J	Arthur R	Harper H
Y5/FBL	98.57%	7	7	Amelia T	Leah H	Archie D	Sienna K	Ethan D
Y5/FBR	95.56%	2	2	Hana A	Briar B	Joshua T	Harry R	Emily-Rose F
Y6/F1	97.24%	5	5	Cassandra E	Simi K	Jessica G	Samuel C	Benjamin Br
Y6/F2	92.73%	1	1	Malachi M	Caleb M	Gabriela P	Millie P	Tommy C

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!

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

20/11 - Year 2 Alice in Wonderland day

24/11 - Mr Frost's Class Trip to Hem Heath Woods (9:00am - 12:00pm)

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

26/11 - Mrs Frost's Class Trip to Hem Heath Woods (9:00am - 12:00pm)

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

JAN '27

04/01 - Pupils return to school

13/01 - Year 5 Visit to The National Space Centre (Leicester)

15/01 - Applications for Reception close

27/01 - Mr Farr's Class Trip to Gladstone Pottery Museum

28/01 - Miss Gerrard's Class Trip to Gladstone Pottery Museum

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 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.