



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness,  
Respect and  
Hard Work

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## Dates for your Diary

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Sept**

SportsWeek (P.E. kit to be worn all week for Rec-Y6)

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept**

Swimming starts Y3 & Y6

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Swimming starts Y4 & Y5

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Sept - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Oct**

Y6 Stanley Head

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Oct**

School photos

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Oct**

HALF TERM

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Rec to Y6 Fluenz vaccine

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**

LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Choir to Young Voices

## Welcome Back to All

It has been so lovely for us all to welcome all the children and parents/carers back to school this last week. Everyone seems to have settled in really quickly and with restrictions easing, activities are gradually getting back to normal - we actually had singing in assemblies this week which was really special.

A special welcome to our Sandford Hill family to any new children, including our Nursery children who are quickly finding their feet and enjoying playing with new friends.

We would like to thank you all for your support and patience since our return, coping with a much busier start and end to the day. We all got used to a much less crowded experience with the staggered starts and collection. Please can we ask that you continue to support us by keeping the main paths clear when dropping off and collecting your child. Thank you.



The Tony Hughes medal for 'Thoughtfulness and Respect' awarded each week to a child in every class.

R1	Ethan D
R2	Akuila T
Y1/G3	Caleb M
Y1/G4	Lottie S
Y2/G1	Layla M
Y2/G2	Cooper W
Y3/F4	Parker F
Y3/F3	Poppy J
Y4/F2	Abby-Jaye T
Y4/F1	Zeen A
Y5/RBL	Skyla-Beau R
Y5/RBR	Mconnel B
Y6/FBR	Gracie-Mae C
Y6/FBL	Oliver J

**Arrival:** ALL children 8:45 to 9:00 a.m.

**EYFS** -taken to their building

**Y1, 2, 4** - front entrance

**Y3** - caretaker's entrance

**Y5** - up the ramp, to the back

**Y6** - straight into front block

## Collection

**Early Years** - 3:00 p.m.

**Y1** - 3:10 p.m. rear school doors

**Y2** - 3:10 p.m. front door

**Y3** - 3:20 p.m. top of ramp

**Y4** - 3:20 p.m. front door

**Y5** - 3:20 p.m. up ramp far end

**Y6** - 3:20 p.m. straight out

## This is your Newsletter!

Whenever we start a new school year we review our activities to ensure we are best meeting the needs of the children, parents/carers and staff. One such aspect we want to review is our communication via the school newsletter. This is because we received a huge number of calls into the office before the start of term, asking about the return to school arrangements. All this information was published in the last newsletter of the summer term, (as shown left) so we wonder the extent to which the newsletter is read and whether it is the best way of sharing information. As the newsletter takes a considerable amount of time to write each week we will be sending out a ParentMail survey next week to gather parent/carer feedback. So please do let us know what you think.

## School Meals

Last year during Covid, parents/carers could order a child's meal on ParentMail. Whilst we realise this was popular with parents, it will not be possible to sustain this when school dinners return to the hall after sportswave, so today's choice option for next week will be the last one sent. Instead we will publish the weekly menu here in the newsletter for you to share with your child and they just tell the teacher if they want a school dinner at registration.

To remind, meals are £2.50 per day, £12.50 for the week and must be paid for by the Monday morning of that week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main meal</b>	Pizza, Diced Roasties & Beans	Beef Burgers in Bap, Pommies & Mixed Veg	Cheese whirl, Diced Potatoes, Sweetcorn	Roast Pork Dinner, Stuffing, Gravy, Mash Potato & Mixed Veg	Fish Cake, Chips & Peas
<b>Alternative Option</b>	Baguette/Fruit	Sandwich/Crisps	Roll/Crisps	Bap/Crisps	Baguette/Fruit

## SPORTSWEEK next week

We are really excited about Sportsw week. We have planned so many different activities for the children to experience, some of which are listed below.

We start the week with two GB athletes, Feron Sayers and Ryan Raghoo, who will lead an assembly and then work with all the classes. They are both long jumpers and Feron was the first British boy in history to jump over 7m at the age of 14 years old. Ryan is a Paralympian who took up the long jump when he was 15. His motto is 'Enabled not disabled'.

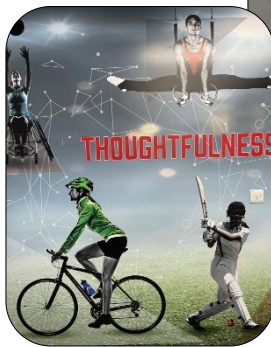


Reception- Rugby Tots, Muay Thai Boxing, Cricket  
Y1 and 2 - Boogie Bounce, Bocchia, Muay Thai Boxing  
Y3 and 4 - Blind football, skipping, Stoke City FC  
Y5 and 6 - wheelchair basketball, clubbercise, fencing

Additional information for sportsw week:

- Children need to wear their PE kit every day next week.
- If the forecast is for rain on any day, please would you send your child with a spare set of top and bottoms for them to change into if necessary.
- Please ensure your child brings their **named** refillable drinks bottle with them every day.
- All earrings should be removed before they come to school. If your child has had their ears pierced within the last 6 weeks, as we do not want any child to miss out on these experiences, we are making an allowance for next week only. So if your child is unable to remove the earrings, please send them with the earrings tightly covered by a plaster with padding that protects the back of the earring.

Finally, we are really pleased with our new sport themed wall art in the hall corridor which promotes our school values, linked to sporting activities.



## PE

Week commencing 13th September

PE kit every day next week

Week commencing 20th September

P.E. kit to be worn as indicated below:

Reception - Mon

Y1 - Tues & Thurs

Y2 - Wed & Fri

Y3 - Mon & Thurs (incl. swimming)

Y4 - Tues & Fri (incl. swimming)

Y5 - Wed & Fri (incl. swimming)

Y6 - Tues & Thurs (incl. swimming)

A reminder please that children should only wear: red polo/T-shirt, **plain** black shorts, hoodie and joggers. Also please do remember to label **all** your child's clothing items. Thank you.

## Congratulations and Well Done

- Congratulations to **Chloe S** who completed the S-on-T Reading Challenge during the holidays. She read 6 books and recommends The Rainbow Magic books!
- Well done to **Bessie R** who has passed her Learn to Swim 4 during the holidays. Congratulations Bessie!



## Headteacher's Star Award

Congratulations to these children who will receive a card from Mr Wardle for their Hard Work.

R1	Jensen B
R2	Roberta S
Y1/G3	Faith A
Y1/G4	Elliott L
Y2/G1	Nina B
Y2/G2	Lily-Grace D-S-D
Y3/F4	Evie W
Y3/F3	Bobbi M
Y4/F2	Peter K
Y4/F1	Liam B
Y5/RBL	Daniel I
Y5/RBR	Daniel D
Y6/FBR	Noah F-J
Y6/FBL	Hayat H

## Birthdays

Wishing all these children a very **Happy Birthday** next week:

- Daniel I
- Aston M
- Logan P
- Abby-Jaye T
- Elijah F
- Caleb J



## School Attendance Target - 96.5%

This week is 94.8% - below our school target.

R1	92.3%	Y3/F4	99.7%
R2	97.6%	Y4/F1	93.0%
Y1/G3	98.7%	Y4/F2	99.0%
Y1/G4	95.5%	Y5/RBL	97.6%
Y2/G1	99.3%	Y5/RBR	91.0%
Y2/G2	93.2%	Y6/FBR	90.3%
Y3/F3	95.7%	Y6/FBL	94.5%

## Clubs

'Today, all parents/carers of Y1 to Y6 children will have received a ParentMail form regarding school clubs for the Autumn Term. Please discuss the clubs available with your child and complete the form by 9:00 a.m. Monday 13th September. Places are limited so please only request clubs that your child will commit to attending. Allocated places will be sent out by Friday 17th September.

## Rainbows and Brownies

'20th Longton Rainbows and Brownies are welcoming girls back to face-to-face meetings from Wednesday 15th September at Sandford Hill Primary School 6pm until 7pm.

Rainbows is for girls aged 5-7 and Brownies is for girls aged 7-10.

If any girls are interested in joining please register them on the Girlguiding website.

[https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/.](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/)

Please see Rainbow and Brownies posters with more information on page 4 of this newsletter.

## Are your children safe online?

The start of a new school term is a great time to talk to your child about keeping safe on the internet. National Online Safety have produced this handy guide which takes a look at a number of tips such as how to spot fake news, reporting something offensive online and how to deal with bullies. Regularly talking with your child about staying safe on the internet really can make a difference.

Further information is available on our school website <https://sandfordhill.org.uk/safeguarding/e-safety/useful-links/>

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Online Safety Tips for Children

Wow, it's September already! The month when autumn officially starts and ... oh yeah, the beginning of a new school year. Every cloud has a silver lining though! Another term means new friends to make, different stuff to learn, fresh online trends to jump on and exciting new games to play on your phone, computer or console. We've compiled a list of our top tips to ensure that - whether you're going online to chat, research things or just have fun - you can do it safely.

### Be cautious with your profile

Be careful not to give out too much info on your social media or gaming profiles. Details like your full name, address or school's name could all help strangers to actually find you offline. A trusted adult can help you make your profiles private - so only your family and actual friends can contact you.

### Lock your devices

Taking your phone or tablet to school? Turn password protection on. It keeps your private info safe and stops anyone accessing your device without permission. Passwords should be memorable to you - but difficult for anyone else to guess. Get a trusted adult to write it down in case you forget it!

### Be smart with screen time

Too much screen time, especially just before bed, can affect your quality of sleep. Losing sleep, or not sleeping well enough, messes with your concentration and energy levels. Try muting notifications so you don't get pinged late at night: you'll feel fresher and more focused the next day.

### Know how to deal with bullies

Sadly there are people online who enjoy picking on other users. If you ever feel like you're being bullied online - by anyone, not just someone from school - talk to a trusted adult about it. Together, you can discuss possible steps, such as blocking or reporting the person who's targeting you.

### Manage online relationships wisely

Most people in a relationship chat to their partner online. Just be mindful that once you send a pic or message (even if it's private), you no longer control who else might see it. Messaging someone you've never actually met - and who might not be who they say - is definitely best avoided.

### React well to inappropriate content

When you're researching something online, there's always a chance of finding content that makes you feel uncomfortable or upset. If this happens, you can report it as inappropriate and (hopefully) get it taken down. Tell a trusted adult what happened: they'll help you decide what to do next.

### Report offensive in-game chat

If you game online with your mates, you'll know things can get competitive and heated on the in-game chat. Playing against people you don't know (especially if they're older) raises the risk of offensive comments and even threats. Our advice? Find out how to block or mute those bad losers.

### Learn to spot fake news

If you're looking into a topic for homework or a project, be careful not to get taken in by fake news: content that's deliberately created to mislead people. Check the story with credible sources, like the BBC or Sky News. Trust your instincts, too - if it seems too unbelievable to be true, it's probably fake.

### Keep it 'real' with online friends

Everyone enjoys adding friends and followers on social media. It's important, though, that the people you interact with online really are your friends. If they're just random people you've connected with to increase your contacts, you don't know if they could be trolls or bullies (or worse).

**NOS** National Online Safety®  
#WakeUpWednesday

For girls aged 5 to 7  
(4 to 7 in Northern Ireland)



'We play loads of fun games and do activities and challenges and a few times we get badges.'

Matilda, aged 6

**Rainbows learn by doing** – they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts, and play games.



Find out more about Rainbows at [girlguiding.org.uk/rainbows](http://girlguiding.org.uk/rainbows). Register your daughter at [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://girlguiding.org.uk/joinus) or call 0800 169 5901.

For girls aged 7 to 10

**Brownies**



'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself.'

Poonam, aged 10

**Brownies offers girls** exciting opportunities to take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them.



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