



# Sandford Hill Primary School Newsletter

Thoughtfulness

Respect

Hard Work

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## Snow has fallen

The weather this week has been somewhat chilly and yesterday, I had to close the school for the safety of all staff and pupils. This is never an easy decision to make but due to the treacherous road and path conditions, the majority of staff were unable to make it into school and we simply had no choice but to close. A ParentMail message was sent to families informing you of this school closure. If you did not receive this message, please let us know by emailing [parent@sandfordhill.org.uk](mailto:parent@sandfordhill.org.uk) so that we can look into it. Despite having to close yesterday, the children certainly had fun on



Wednesday, making snow angels and building snowmen!

## Staff Strike Update

You may have seen on the news that the largest teacher's union, The NEU, have announced that they will shortly be taking industrial action. Further details about how this will affect our school, will be shared with you early next week. The first date of the industrial action is **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

## Performance Tickets

Tickets are now available for the Dance Show and for the Y4 Recorder Festival. Tickets for the Dance Show can be purchased via ParentMail at a cost of £8.00 each. Tickets for the recorder festival must be purchased directly from [atgtickets.com](http://atgtickets.com) or The Victoria Hall and are £5.00 each.

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

## Birthdays

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

- Lottie S
- Mathieu R
- Charlotte W
- Liam B
- Imogen W
- Jackson G
- Isla P



## Food Technology Treats

On Tuesday, Y1 pupils made their very own strawberry and banana smoothies using strawberries, bananas, milk and yoghurt. Looking at the [blog](#), it seems that there were very mixed reviews on the taste!



The children in Y2 are currently reading the story of Paddington and on Wednesday, they made their own marmalade sandwiches. They went into the technology room and developed their skills of spreading, cutting and most definitely tasting!



## Weekly Maths Challenge 1

My journey to school usually takes 34 minutes each morning. Yesterday, due to the snow, it took me double the amount of time to get to school. A quarter of my time was spent travelling up Anchor Road. How long was I on Anchor Road for?

## Weekly Maths Challenge 2

214 snowflakes fell each hour yesterday. How many snowflakes fell in 270 minutes?

## Phonics in School

Below are the phonemes (sounds) the children have been learning about this week.

Year Group	Phonemes (Sounds)	Example words
Rec	y z zz	yes, zip, buzz, yap, yak
Year 1	le	tie, lie, pie, replied, lied, fried
Year 2	el	funnel camel, jewel

N	Isla B
R1	Nevaeh R
R2	Blayke D
Y1/G3	Lucas V
Y1/G4	Lillia-Grace B
Y2/G1	Henry F
Y2/G2	Oakley-James J
Y3/F3	Oliver B
Y3/F4	Kylan M
Y4/RBL	George C
Y4/RBR	Kayden C
Y5/1	Ellie-Mae G
Y5/2	Troy R
Y6/FBL	Leyton H
Y6/FBR	Rae B

## Parent Notice—Smoking

It has come to our attention that some parents/carers have been smoking on the school site when dropping off and/ or collecting their children and leaving used cigarette butts on our MUGA. Can we please remind all parents/carers that we are a **NO SMOKING** site.



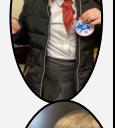
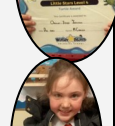
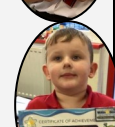
### Headteacher's Star Award

Congratulations to these children who received this week's Head Teacher's Star Award for Hard Work.

N	Daisy-Beau MN
R1	Harper H
R2	Kacy-Kristen B
Y1/G3	Luna H
Y1/G4	Nathan P
Y2/G1	Ellise P
Y2/G2	Mathieu R
Y3/F3	Alfie H
Y3/F4	Freya L
Y4/RBL	Harry C
Y4/RBR	Harper B
Y5/1	Lexi W
Y5/2	Molly B
Y6/FBL	Tilly H
Y6/FBR	Sienna-Mae HJ

## Congratulations and Well Done

- Well done to **Nevaeh R** who has been awarded a rosette for her fantastic tap and ballet dancing. Fantastic Nevaeh!
- Congratulations to **Freya L** who has achieved her Puffin award at swimming. Well done Freya!
- Well done to **Layla M** who was awarded 'Player of the Match' by her football team. Fantastic Layla!
- Congratulations to **Oakley-James J** who has passed his Little Stars Turtle swimming award. Well done!
- Well done to **Lacie-Mae H** who has achieved her 10 metre and 15 metre swimming awards!
- Congratulations to **Austin P** who has received his Learn to Swim Level 1 swimming award. Amazing Austin!



**School Attendance Target is 96%**  
This weeks attendance is 92.9% which is **below** our school target.

N1	84.8%	Y3/F3	93.3%
N2	100%	Y3/F4	88.3%
N3	93.3%	Y4/RBL	97.2%
R1	87.9%	Y4/RBR	96.7%
R2	89.2%	Y5/F1	92.4%
Y1/G3	92.9%	Y5/F2	97.5%
Y1/G4	94.6%	Y6/FBL	95.0%
Y2/G1	94.2%	Y6/FBR	95.4%
Y2/G2	95.5%		

Everyday counts  
Attend Today  
Achieve Tomorrow

## Dates for the Diary—Spring Term

### Thursday 26th January

Interim Governors Meeting 5:00 p.m.

### Friday 27th January

Choir to Young Voices

### Monday 31st January

Y3/F4 to Gladstone Pottery Museum

### Tuesday 7th February - DATE CHANGE

Y3/F3 to Gladstone Pottery Museum

### Thursday 9th February

EYFS & KS1 non-uniform 'Wear what you love'

KS1 Valentines Disco 3:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

### Friday 10th February

KS2 non-uniform 'Wear what you love'

Y3/4 Valentines Disco 3:20 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

Y5/6 Valentines Disco 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**\* Mon 20th to Fri 24th February—Half Term\***

### Friday 3rd March

Swimming starts for Y3 and Y6

### Monday 6th March

Dance 2023 at The Victoria Hall

### Tuesday 7th March

Y1/G4 to Brampton Museum

### Wednesday 8th March

Y1/G3 to Brampton Museum

### Tuesday 14th March

EYFS to National Forest Adventure Farm

### Monday 20th March

Y3/4 Easter Bake Off

Open Evening 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday 21st March

Y5/6 Easter Bake Off

Y4/RBR Recorder Festival 12:30 p.m.

### Wednesday 22nd March

Y4/RBL Recorder Festival 12:30 p.m.

Open Evening 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday 29th March

Easter Bonnet and Egg Parade

### Thursday 30th March

Governors Meeting 6:00 p.m.

### Friday 31st March

Last Day of Spring Term

**\* Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April—Easter Holiday\***

## Dinner Menu—Week Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

All meals are served with a dessert and drink (vegetarian options available). An alternative option of jacket potatoes and sandwiches are available.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Minced Beef Yorkshires or Cheese Whirl	All Day Breakfast	Beef Burger with Chips	Roast Chicken Dinner or Cheese and Onion Lattice	Fish Stars, Chips and Peas/Beans