

NEWSLETTER

A message from our Principal – Mr Metcalfe

Our first half term of 2024 seems to have flown by. While it has been short, it has certainly been action packed. Our children in key stage 2 began the term with excellent singing performances as part of the Young Voices 2024 concert in Sheffield. Not only did they sing their hearts out, but children had the opportunity to see performances from world class musicians and dancers, including teenage drumming sensation Nandi Bushell (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_2giTlcTo4). Our younger pupils have been busy finding out about some of the different careers available to them, with visits from the Reverend Priestley, and the Police and Fire Service amongst others.

This term has also seen the return of some familiar and new members of staff. We have welcomed back Miss Richardson, Mrs Feirn and Miss Peate. Later in February, we are also re-joined by Miss Budd. Despite budgetary pressures, I am particularly pleased that we have been able to appoint some additional staff to provide extra support for pupils in lessons, with Miss Clark and Miss Thiede taking up posts with us. Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Milne and Miss Kasbia this week, and we have also begun the recruitment of their replacements. We do however wish them the very best of luck as they move on to pastures new and thank them for their support for pupils at Sandringham.

Finally, you will see from the information about what classes will be learning next half-term that we have some great experiences planned for pupils. If you have any questions about the learning that will be taking place, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

On behalf of everyone at Sandringham, I hope you are able to have an enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 20th February.

New school dinner system

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our Parents & Carers for your support in setting up the new school dinner booking system. We would like to remind all families that all school meals must be booked at least 1 week in advance. The deadline for each week, is the Sunday evening, 1 week prior. Below is the deadline dates up until the end of the school year.

Please remember, that all bookings must be paid for at the time, or within 2 hours of booking otherwise the system will automatically cancel your child's meals. Any child who does not have a school meal ordered in time, will be required to bring a packed lunch from home. Text message reminders have been set up for every Wednesday and Sunday up until Easter half-term for the deadlines.

Book meals by midnight on	For Week Commencing
Sunday 31 st December	Monday 8 th January
Sunday 7 th January	Monday 15 th January
Sunday 14 th January	Monday 22 nd January
Sunday 21 st January	Monday 29 th January
Sunday 28 th January	Monday 5 th February
February Half-Term	
Sunday 11 th February	Monday 19 th February
Sunday 18 th February	Monday 26 th February
Sunday 25 th February	Monday 4 th March
Sunday 3 rd March	Monday 11 th March
Sunday 10 th March	Monday 18 th March
Sunday 17 th March	Monday 25 th March
Easter Holidays	
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Book meals by midnight on	For Week Commencing
Sunday 7 th April	Monday 15 th April
Sunday 14 th April	Monday 22 nd April
Sunday 21 st April	Monday 29 th April
Sunday 28 th April	Monday 6 th May
Sunday 5 th May	Monday 13 th May
Sunday 12 th May	Monday 20 th May
May Half-Term	
Sunday 26 th May	Monday 3 rd June
Sunday 2 nd June	Monday 10 th June
Sunday 9 th June	Monday 17 th June
Sunday 16 th June	Monday 24 th June
Sunday 23 rd June	Monday 1 st July
Sunday 30 th June	Monday 8 th July
Sunday 7 th July	Monday 15 th July
Sunday 14 th July	Monday 22 nd July
Summer Holidays	

Uniform Reminder






We allow pupils to wear a range of options linked to our school colours and traditional uniform:

- navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo optional)
- white polo shirt (school logo optional) or white blouse/shirt with navy tie (optional)
- navy/grey/black skirt or trousers
- grey/black school shorts
- grey pinafore or blue gingham dress
- black sensible school shoes/school trainers (no high heels, slip-ons or sandals, preferably Velcro-fastening for younger pupils)
- navy, white or black hair accessories.
- cold weather: warm coat, hat and gloves
- warmer weather: waterproof jacket and navy, black or white sunhat without logos.

We do not require pupils to wear any items with logos, although these are an option for families who would like this.

We encourage families to adapt uniform to take into account their cultural backgrounds or religion.

The school also specific rules regarding hair styles and the wearing of make-up, nail varnish and nail extensions. This is because we want pupils to focus on their learning. We do not want to encourage an environment where children are competing in terms of their appearance or how “fashionable” they look.

Essential Uniform Items	
	Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo optional) No hoods on jumpers.
	Plain white polo shirt in cotton material. We do not allow polo shirts in any other colours, including blue. <i>Embroidered logo polo shirts are available to buy through Cliffs Doncaster (optional item with the logo).</i> White traditional school shirt with a plain collar. Shirts can have either long or short sleeves. Navy clip-on tie (optional)
	Grey or black knee length skirt or pinafore dress in traditional school uniform tailored material. Mid-Grey or black smart school skirt or dress, knee length only. No denim or jersey material skirts or dresses.
	Grey or black trousers or shorts. Mid-Grey or black smart school trousers only. Shorts must be mid-grey or black and to the knee, all in traditional tailored school uniform material. We do not allow cargo style shorts or trousers with large pockets on the sides. No denim or jersey trousers or shorts. Leggings or tight trousers are not allowed.
	Summer Uniform Blue and white, knee length gingham design dress or romper with shorts.

PE Kit

Pupils should wear their usual school jumper on PE days.




Pupils in Years 1 to 6 should arrive at school dressed in their PE bottoms and will wear these all day.

Our school PE kit includes:

- usual navy-blue sweatshirt (for outdoor PE, school logo optional)
- usual white polo shirt (school logo optional)
- navy blue/black sports shorts (no logos)
- navy blue/black leggings or tracksuit bottoms (for outdoor PE, no logos)
- plain trainers

Hair Accessories	
	Small hair accessories including bows must be in school uniform colours. Blue, Grey and Black accessories are allowed. We do not allow multi-coloured or non-uniform colours.

Essential Footwear	
	Shoes (to be worn on all days apart from PE days) Smart Black traditional school shoes. Low heeled and full shoes are allowed. No slip on shoes.
	PE Uniform trainers (to be worn on PE days) Sensible trainers that enable both indoor and outdoor activity are permitted. We urge parents to provide either black or white trainers with discrete logos, preferably plain.

Essential PE Uniform items	
	Usual navy-blue cardigan or jumper
	Usual white polo shirt or plain white round neck t-shirt
	Plain black shorts, plain black jogging bottoms or plain black leggings. No branded/ logo items to be worn. Shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh length

Please refer to our uniform policy on our website for full guidance for September - <https://www.sandringham.school/school-uniform/>

Nursery

Nursery have had a great half term learning all about 'People Who Help us'. They've had visits from many people to learn about their jobs including: the police, a train driver, a radiographer and some of the different staff in school.

Reception

Reception children have enjoyed learning about our local area, our country and some other countries around the world! They have been learning about hot and cold climates, have enjoyed using globes and maps, and have been spotting the features of our local area.

Year 1

In English, Year 1 have been learning how to write a letter to describe our toy. They have enjoyed sharing many stories, their favourite story was 'Arlo.' In Maths they have been learning about numbers to 20, using addition to solve problems. They have enjoyed learning about our King and different members of the royal family in history.

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about Africa through our class novel Anna Hibiscus and also by researching African animals in order to create information texts. In computing they have been working on algorithms by programming sequences for floor robots. In science they have studied different materials and their uses. What materials can you spot around your home?

Year 3

Y3 have started reading their new book 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown and have used this as inspiration for narrative writing, thinking about what Roz could see and hear. They have been learning about the countries and counties of the United Kingdom and their human and physical features.

Year 4

Year 4 have been writing a Newspaper Report based on their class text. They have continued to work on multiplication & division, learning about related facts and factors and products. In Science, they've looked at teeth and how they help in the digestive system. Their Geography focus has been lines of longitude and latitude and how they help us find places around the world. They've started with the recorder in Music, learning how to read music and playing new notes.

Year 5

As part of their Earth and Space topic, Year 5 have been reading the book "Cosmic" by Frank Cottrell Boyce alongside using Apollo 13 as their stimulus for writing. The children have been exploring forces and the impact of Gallio in science and biomes in Geography. As part of their DT food and nutrient topic, Toucans had a wonderful visit to pizza express.

Year 6

Year 6 have had another positive half term! They have very much enjoyed starting their new class novel Fireweed, a story of two evacuees during the Second World War. They have just started their ratio unit in maths and the children are nailing it! They have also been practicing their arithmetic skills and the teachers have been very impressed with the progress that the children are making. Let's keep this up!



Our learning next half-term

Nursery

Nursery's next topic is 'In the Garden'. The children will be looking at growing things from seeds and bulbs and looking at different plants and trees in the garden. **Reminders:** Please keep working on teaching your child to do their own zip in the cold weather. As it also starts to get warmer we will be back to Muddy Monday's so please ensure your child has their wellies in school.

Reception

Reception are so excited to learn all about our oceans and their inhabitants in our next topic. They are looking forward to their key text, 'Rainbow Fish'. Their trip to 'The Deep' is going to really bring their learning to life! What amazing creatures they will see? **Reminder:** Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day and also to bring their wellies or outside shoes for Forest Fridays. **Don't forget to log your child's reading on [LearningWithParents](#).**

Year 1

Year 1 will be learning about materials in science and continents, oceans, UK countries, capital cities and surrounding seas in Geography. They will be reading many more stories including 'Where the Wild Things Are,' and learning how to write a fantasy story. **Reminder:** Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day. Pupils should be reading at home 5 times per week and completing 20 minutes of Times Table Rockstars each night. **Don't forget to log your child's reading on [LearningWithParents](#).**

Year 2

Year 2's new novel will be, Bill's New Frock. Their topic in history will be about 'The Great Fire of London'. In maths they will continue with multiplication and division so please keep practising on Times Tables Rock Stars! **Reminder:** Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day. Pupils should be reading at home 5 times per week and completing 20 minutes of Times Table Rockstars each night. **Don't forget to log your child's reading on [LearningWithParents](#).**

Year 3

Year 3 will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. They shall be visiting Danum Museum to help bring our learning to life. **Reminder:** Pupils should be reading at home 5 times per week and completing 20 minutes of Times Table Rockstars each night. **Don't forget to log your child's reading on [LearningWithParents](#).**

Year 4

Year 4 will be following Edward Tulane on his miraculous adventure in their English and shared reading lessons to inspire their own pieces of creative writing. They will also be learning about the Viking Invasion of Anglo-Saxon Britain as well as the Norman Invasion in 1066. They're super excited for their trip to York to explore Jorvik's DIG experience to learn more about the Vikings and their famous battle strategies. **Reminder:** Pupils should be reading at home 5 times per week and completing 20 minutes of Times Table Rockstars each night. TT Rockstars is a great way to practice for the upcoming Multiplications Checks in June! **Don't forget to log your child's reading on [LearningWithParents](#).**

Year 5

Year 5 are looking forward to finding out how the book ends, as well as moving onto their History topic where they will study Myan's. They have also booked the Wonderdome to come into school, so please remember to make payment on parent pay. **Reminder:** Pupils should be reading at home 5 times per week and completing 20 minutes of Times Table Rockstars each night. **Don't forget to log your child's reading on [LearningWithParents](#).**

Year 6

As Year 6 move onto their history unit, they will be looking at some of the causes of the war and the different countries that were involved. They're even going to write a newspaper report detailing the outbreak of the war. **Reminder:** SATs booster sessions will start after school on Tuesday 20th February – make sure you have signed up to these. It will be great for revision. Don't forget TT Rockstars, 20 minutes each night to really help improve in maths. Read 5 times per week. All practice will help with SATs. **Don't forget to log your child's reading on [LearningWithParents](#).**



Sporting Events

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of Athletics this half-term, competing against other Doncaster schools and gained 5th place overall. We are so proud of all the pupils for giving 100 percent.



We say goodbye...

At the end of this term, we are unfortunately saying goodbye to Miss Kasbia & Mrs Milne. We would like to wish them both the best of luck in their new and exciting ventures. You will both be missed by all.

Reading at home

All pupils should be reading at home 5 times per week & logging their reading online using Learning with Parents. If you require the details to be resent, please speak with your child's class teacher.



A message from the Chair of Governors – Maggie Blount

On behalf of the Governing Board I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and although it seems a long while ago I would like to wish you all a happy 2024.

The spring term started on a high with some of our children singing in Young Voices. I understand it was a fabulous evening. Well done to all children and staff involved.

I am not sure where the time goes as by February half term we will be half way through the year. The term promises much exciting learning for all our children. As governors we always look forward to school visits. The best part of which is always interacting with the children who are always excited to tell us about and show us the evidence of their learning.

Home and school are such an important partnership. Thank you for your continued support.

P.E. Days

Reception Dolphins: Wednesdays
 Reception Whales: Tuesdays
Reception pupils now require a P.E kit.
 Year 1: Tuesday & Friday
 Year 2: Monday & Thursday
 Year 3: Tuesday & Wednesday
 Year 4: Wednesday & Thursday
 Year 5: Monday & Friday
 Year 6: Tuesday & Thursday

School reminders

School start times:
 Nursery: 8:30am to 11:30am or 12:30pm to 3:30pm
 Gates open at 8:30-8:40am, 12:30-12:40pm & 3:20-3:30pm

Reception to Year 6: 8:45am to 3:15pm
 Gates open at 8:40-8:50am & 3:05pm-3:25pm

Absences must be reported to the main office no later than 9:30am. Unexplained absences may result in a home/welfare visit from the school.



Dates for your diary!

Date	Event
Friday 9 th February	Last day in school for pupils
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February	Half-term break
Monday 19 th February	School CLOSED to pupils for staff training day
Tuesday 20 th February	School REOPENS to all pupils
Thursday 29 th February	Reception: Visit to The Deep
Tuesday 5 th March	Year 3: Visit Doncaster Museum Year 5: Wonderdome Planetarium workshop
Friday 8 th March	Year 4: Visit to Jorvik DiG
Tuesday 12 th March	Year 5 & 6 Football event at New College – selected pupils
Friday 15 th March	KS2 Festival of Sport – selected pupils
Monday 18 th March to Thursday 28 th March	Great British Clean event – more information to follow
Tuesday 26 th March	Orchestral concert – more information to follow
Wednesday 27 th March	RockSteady concert – more information to follow
Thursday 28 th March	Last day in school for pupils
Friday 29 th March	School CLOSED for bank holiday
Monday 1 st April to Friday 12 th April	Half-term break
Monday 15 th April	School REOPENS to all pupils