

NEWSLETTER

Term 3B

A message from our Principal – Mr Metcalfe

This year, our pupils have been involved in some great projects, playing active roles in and around school, positively impacting the world around them. Earlier in the year our amazing Year 6s took part in a Social Justice Project with the other academies in our Trust, sharing their learning at Hall Cross. Pupils have also been involved in the Great British Litter Pick and have supported several charities. This week, representatives from our school council attended the first whole-Trust pupil parliament to discuss and debate how pupils can make a positive contribution within our communities - the children gave fantastic contributions and had such well-articulated ideas.

We have also had some fabulous work taking place in the Arts. Our singers have joined with thousands of pupils from across the region at Young Voices and more recently they gave brilliant performances at the Dome as part of Sing Out. All classes took part in national live lessons with artists as part of our Art Festival week. Our Year 4s have trailblazed the use of drama to explore ideas before creating some wonderful writing inspired by history. Last week, in addition to learning their individual instruments, our musicians came together to share several performance pieces. In sport, we began the year with success in lots of competitions. This continued until the end of the year with our pupils giving an excellent account of themselves in the Trust Games at the Keepmoat Stadium. The range of opportunities over recent years also enabled us to achieve our Platinum School Games Award.

Finally, our children have accessed all of these events, whilst maintaining a strong focus on their key learning in reading, writing and maths. Achievement in all of the statutory assessment year groups is at least in line with the national average, with many measures being better than that:

- Early Years: above the national average for a good level of development
- Key Stage 1: above the national average for phonics and learning to read
- Key Stage 2: above the national average for pupils in the multiplication tables check, in line with the national average for combined reading, writing and maths, and above the national average in individual maths and writing.

While I'm really pleased with the headline results, I've been most impressed by pupils' learning and dedication across the year, as it is this which has led to their successful outcomes. We were recently visited by current and former Ofsted inspectors, and they noticed that their lessons lead to learning that is second to none. At the end of last week, several pupils from each year group also received Governor Star Awards in recognition of their positive attitudes to learning and progress throughout the year. Governors also recognised pupils with 100% attendance for the whole year, which is an amazing accomplishment.

At the end of term, I would like to take a moment to thank our staff: they do whatever it takes for our children. While much of their commitment often goes unseen and is far beyond teaching great lessons, the great opportunities are a result of their collective excellent work in and out of school hours. I'd also like to pass on the thanks of everyone at Sandringham Primary School to parents, families and friends for your support during the year. This has been much appreciated by staff, whether practising phonics, encouraging children to read a minimum of 5 times a week, or ensuring the completion of other home learning.

The end of year is a time of goodbyes and hellos. Firstly, a big hello to our new starters: we look forward to welcoming our new pupils and new staff. It has been wonderful to meet you over recent weeks and we are delighted that you are joining the Sandringham family. And then some goodbyes. To our Year 6 pupils as their time at primary school draws to a close. We have loved seeing your children grow during their time at Sandringham and we wish them every success as they move on to their many different new schools. To our departing staff: you have made such a difference to the lives of the children and colleagues that you have worked with. And a special mention to our cook, Pat, who after 38 years is hanging up her chef's hat and beginning her retirement. Pat first came to our school as a relief cook for 2 weeks and never left! Thank you for the delicious meals, for the incredible dedication, and of course, for the chocolate concrete - we wish you a very happy retirement.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Sandringham, I would like to wish pupils and their families a happy and relaxing summer break, and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Safeguarding Support During the Summer Closure

Where you believe there is immediate risk of significant harm the police should be contacted on 999.

To discuss any concerns with school staff, phone our main school number 01302 361880 or our duty safeguarding officer on 07736912657 (Monday to Friday: 8.30am-3.30pm in term time / 10.00am-2.00pm during school holidays) or email safeguarding@sandringham.school.

General information and support is available from Doncaster Safeguarding Children Partnership. For urgent safeguarding concerns please call the Duty team on 01302 737777.

If you have urgent concerns regarding a child or young person's mental health, please call the DCST's Duty Team on 01302 796191.

NHS health information is available from www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school. The School Nursing Team can be contacted on 01302 566776.

Attendance

When pupils return in September, new government regulations will have come into effect. Our target for pupil attendance is 96%. Regular school attendance continues to play a part in determining whether pupils will achieve well in school. Children who attend well, achieve well. Children with lower attendance do not. Please continue to support your child's education next year by ensuring your child is only absent for NHS-recommended reasons. From September we are unable to authorise absences for social reasons, including holidays. Parents are asked to plan holidays and other trips in the 175 days that school is closed to pupils. For updated information on the new Fixed Penalty Notices, please [click here](#).

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to visit our Travelling Book Fair in June. During those three days, we raised an incredible £900! This means that school will be rewarded with **£450** to spend on updating the books in our school libraries in the next academic year! Once again, thank you to everyone who bought a book and supported the fair. The Book Fair will be back in June next year.

Sports

It's been a very busy and successful year at Sandringham Primary School from our year 5/6 Boys Football team coming First Place, our year 4's reaching the Basketball Regional Finals, our year 5/6 Mixed Netball coming Fourth place.

Both Sports Days from Years 1 to 6 on 26th June and Nursery to Reception Classes on the 1st July had perfect weather conditions which helped to provide such wonderful performances from our pupils. Even better, both Sports Days were held on their original dates and didn't have to be rescheduled!

The Trust Games held at the Doncaster Athletics track on 2nd July was our final event in our sporting calendar which was full of drama. All our pupils gave their best and it showed in our overall third place. We were up against tough competitors and seeing how Sandringham pupils composed themselves along with excellent behaviour was a brilliant combination.



Platinum Sportsmark

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded Platinum for the School Games Mark for 2023/2024.

We have gained this award because all of the children at Sandringham Primary School achieved 60 daily active minutes. This is done through the activities provided at playtimes and lunchtimes, Daily Mile, PE lessons, after-school clubs and through active brain breaks in the classroom.



School Council

This year's school council have been amazing and organised a whole host of fundraising events.

Thanks to their amazing efforts this year we have supported, St Aidan's Harvest festival where food was donated to the Trussell Trust. McMillan Cancer Support with a very yummy cake sale. Save the Children with our very festive, Christmas Jumper Day and our school grounds & local community with their sponsored litter pick.

Overall, this school year, we have raised an outstanding **£1814.60!!**



Year 6 Leavers Party

We would like to say a very big thank you to our Friends of Sandringham who took time out of their busy schedules to organise an incredible Graduation party for our Year 6 pupils.

We wish all of our Year 6's well as they enter the next chapter of their lives, moving up to Secondary School. We know you will all be amazing. Be you & aim high and you will achieve what you desire.





Our learning this half-term

Nursery

Nursery have enjoyed their garden area growing strawberries and raspberries. The children have had a lovely time picking and eating them. They have spent time in the wildlife area looking at the tadpoles turning into frogs, watching summer flowers grow and all the different colours. They also enjoyed their trip to Cleethorpes, paddling and playing in the sand, and also eating ice cream on the beach.

Reception

Children in Reception have been learning all about the woods! They have been studying the animals that might be found in the woods, as well as the plants and the trees. They went on a lovely walk to Sandall Beat Woods, where they played games, hunted for wildlife and built dens! They have thoroughly enjoyed their core text, 'The Gruffalo', and have been fantastic at retelling it! On Foodie Fridays, they have enjoyed making thumb buns, pizza twists, and fresh bread. They even shaped their bread to look like hedgehogs! They loved getting active on Sports Day and had an amazing graduation celebration!

Year 1

Year 1 have been revisiting their learning about plants in and discovered plants don't need soil to grow. They all enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The children's behaviour was excellent and they were a pleasure to take out of school. They enjoyed watching the animals and they even got to touch some animals during their educational talk about animals and their habitats. The children also worked really hard on their phonics screening assessments which showed in their amazing results.

Year 2

Year 2 have made interesting abstract relief sculptures and textured collage circles for their whole school display as part of Art Festival week. In maths they enjoyed learning to tell the time and how to record and interpret data. They have gotten creative by beginning to develop their own musical compositions using the glockenspiels and Mrs Sutton's special dice. Their musical creativity also extended to the digital world when they were making music using computer technology. They also enjoyed a fabulous trip to Austerfield which was a brilliant way to consolidate their learning this term.

Year 3

Year 3 have been loving their book Julius Zebra: Rumble with the Romans. They imagined what it would be like to be the characters and wrote a diary entry about Julius' rumble with the gladiators of Rome. They also have imagined how it would feel to live in Rome. They topped off their summer term with a trip to Eureka! After an extremely long and stop-start bus journey, they had a great time learning all about the digestive system and even learnt about Poo! What an exciting end to the year!

Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and have been working alongside Carly in their storytelling sessions to bring Ancient Egypt to life. The children have shown tremendous enthusiasm in this topic and have demonstrated a great understanding of knowledge. In our final session with Carly, she expressed how lovely it has been working with the pupils in Year 4 over the course of the year. We also had the incredible opportunity to visit The Point in Doncaster and participated in a river workshop to consolidate our learning from the Autumn Term.

Year 5

Year 5 have had an incredibly busy and exciting end to the year. They enjoyed their visit to the salvation army, where they learnt about what the salvation is, and their impact on society. Their DT-day saw the making pulleys and their Art week meant they could explore reduction printing, which they had learnt earlier in the year with Art John. Their biggest highlight was their residential to Whitby, where they learnt more about Dracula's connection to Whitby, linking their Geography and English work together.

Year 6

It's been a busy final half term for Year 6, as they finished up the last of their assessments. The final pieces of writing that they produced this half term has been really strong and they're really looking forward to you all being able to read them when they bring their books home. They had a terrific day on Sports Day and their workshops looking at the history of the Holocaust were really fascinating and insightful. They all visited their new secondary schools for transition and enjoyed their final few weeks here at Sandringham. They finished off with a fantastic leavers party, kindly hosted by the Friends of Sandringham and a group of Year 6 parents. Finally, we want to say a huge well done to all Year 6 pupils on their amazing efforts for their SATs exams. Your efforts really shone through in your results.

Uniform for September

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

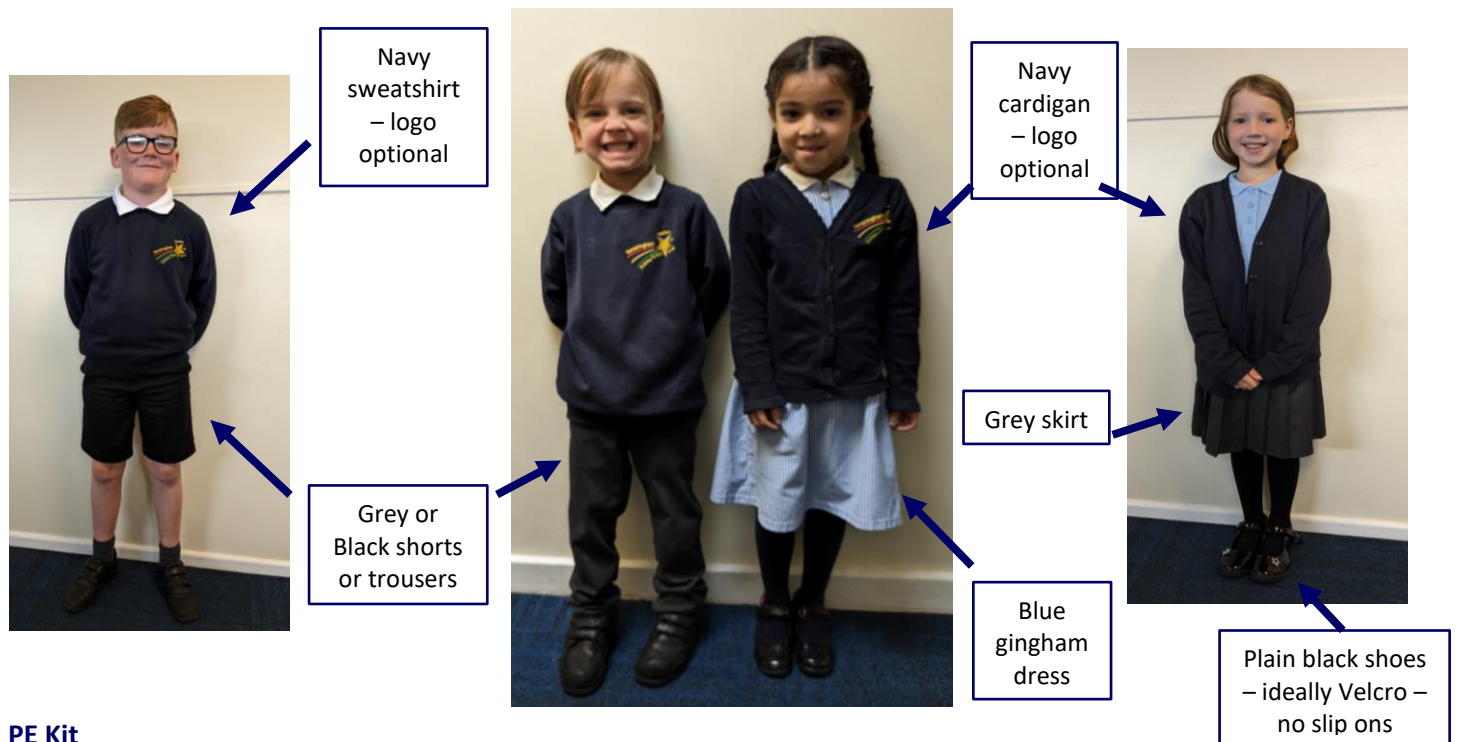
- navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo optional)
- white polo shirt (school logo optional) or white blouse/shirt with navy tie (optional)
- navy/grey/black skirt or trousers
- grey/black school shorts
- grey pinafore or blue gingham dress
- black sensible school shoes/school trainers (no high 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 consider their cultural backgrounds or religion.

The school also has 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.

Pupils are not permitted to wear hoodies within school.

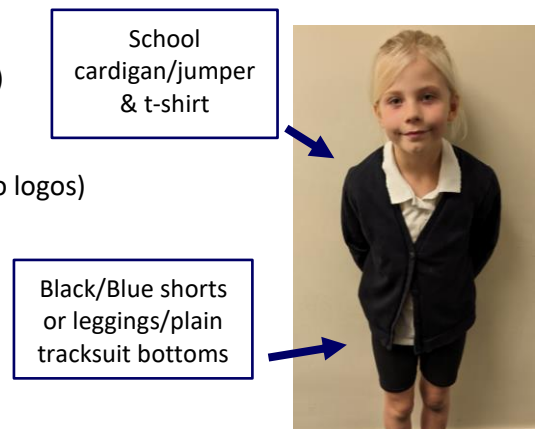


PE Kit

Pupils should wear their usual school jumper on PE days (not tracksuit tops). Pupils in Years 1 to 6 should arrive at school dressed in their PE bottoms and will wear these all day.

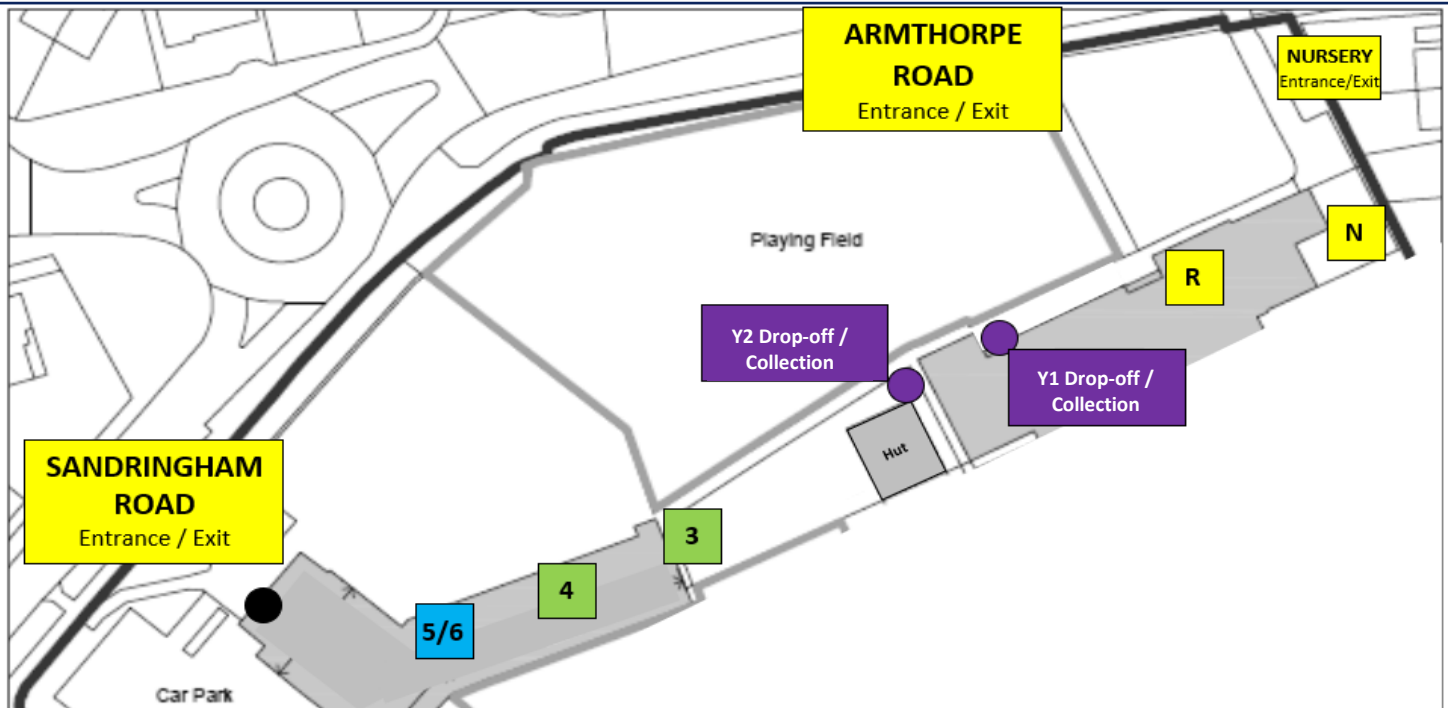
Our school PE kit includes:

- 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



Below indicates the entrances for each year group for September.

Entry & exit to the school site is via the Sandringham Road gate or the Armthorpe Road gate.
Nursery have their own entrance which runs down the site of the KS1 building.



Leavers & September Staffing

It is with sadness that at the end of term, we say goodbye to a number of colleagues. Miss O'Brien, Mrs Teather, Miss Walker, Miss Dickson, Mrs Bentley & Mrs Logan-Nelson all move on to pastures new. We thank them for the wonderful contribution they have made to the pupils of Sandringham and wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Also, after 38 years working in our school kitchen, we say goodbye to our cook Pat who retires at the end of term. Pat has cooked some wonderful meals over the years and definitely deserves a rest.

September Arrangements

EYFS

Nursery – Mrs Tomlinson & Mrs Watts
Dolphins – Miss Wainwright
Whales – Miss Blakemore

Key Stage 1

Lions – Mrs Smithard & Mrs Waterland
Giraffes – Mrs Waterland & Mrs Shepherd
Lizards – Mrs Speck
Chameleons – Miss Derbyshire

Lower Key Stage 2

Dragons – Miss Briggs
Unicorns – Mrs Newton
Phoenix – Miss Richardson
Flying Fish – Miss Ramshaw

Upper Key Stage 2

Swans – Mr McCurdy & Mrs Milnthorp
Toucans – Mrs Sutton
Doves – Mr Campbell
Eagles – Mrs Feirn



Bears – Mrs Tomlinson

Hello!

My name is Miss Tomlinson, and I am going to be the new teacher in Bear class! This will be my first year at Sandringham Primary School and I am very much looking forward to it. I have worked in other schools in Wakefield, Barnsley and the United Arab Emirates.

I love working in Early Years classes and some of my favourite activities that I like to do are being creative in the play dough area, reading exciting stories and having fun outside and playing ring games. Some of my favourite books are 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Shark in The Park' and 'The Gingerbread Man'. What are some of your favourite stories?

When I am not busy having fun at school, I enjoy running and I have entered lots of races to get lots of shiny medals. I also like to go to the cinema, see my friends and go out for a cup of tea and a slice of cake. I also like to feed and watch the birds in my garden.

Have a wonderful summer and you can tell me all about it in September! Have fun!



Dolphins – Miss Wainwright

Hello, my name is Miss Wainwright and I am going to be Dolphins class teacher next year.

This will be my first-year teaching at Sandringham Primary School and I am really looking forward to working alongside an excellent team of friendly and professional colleagues to provide an amazing learning environment for all of the children joining the Dolphin Class. I am excited to meet you all, and I know we are going to have so much fun together all year!

I have always wanted to be a teacher and I feel so lucky that I get to welcome you all into our classroom, where we will learn lots of cool things, play with our friends and most importantly- have fun! I cannot wait to work with such a wonderful group of children every day and I'm looking forward to learning about all of your interests.

I am most excited about creating a fun learning environment filled with lots of different activities for children to explore and get creative, inside and outside. I love taking children's learning outside - come rain or shine and I can't wait to explore the outside provision with all of you.

In my spare time I like watching films and spending time with my family, friends and my two dogs Chester and Piper, who I can't wait to show you!

I hope you all have an amazing Summer and I can't wait to see you soon.



Chameleons – Miss Derbyshire

Hello! This will be my first class at Sandringham Primary but I have been a teacher for five years. I'm so excited to get to know you all and teach you lots of new things.

I really enjoy teaching and I especially enjoy teaching English, Reading, Geography RE and History. I like my classroom to be a calm and inviting space where you can all be yourselves, enjoy learning and grow both individually and as a class.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, visiting new countries and going to museums. I love spending time with my family. I have a Horsefield tortoise called Sid who is 7 years old and very grumpy!

I love travelling to new countries. I used to live in New Hampshire in the United States of America. It was awesome.

I am sure we will have a fantastic year together. I can't wait. See you soon and have a great summer.



Unicorns – Mrs Newton

Hello!

My name is Mrs Newton and I am going to be Unicorns class teacher.

I am so excited to join Sandringham Primary School and I am really looking forward to teaching you from September. We are going to have such a wonderful year – we will be learning lots, working hard and always trying our best.

I live with my husband and two children. We don't have any pets but my little girl is desperate to have a dog, or a goldfish! My favourite colour is pink and my favourite food is pasta. I really enjoy music and sport. I go and watch music concerts as well as football and cricket matches with my family some weekends. I also love reading and I can't wait to share some of the fantastic books we will read together in Year 3. My family regularly visit the library in my village because we all love borrowing new books that we don't have at home.

I absolutely love teaching, and learning, so it's hard to choose a favourite subject but my top 3 are probably English, Maths and Science.

I hope you have a fantastic summer - I can't wait to see you in September and get our learning journey started.



Phoenix – Miss Ramshaw

Hi, I am Miss Ramshaw and I cannot wait to join Sandringham Primary School as a Year 4 teacher in September.

I have a love for sports, maths, and music. Having recently completed my university degree in Primary Education, I am extremely excited to start this new chapter with my first class.

I look forward to becoming actively involved in the school's community and contributing to its vibrant environment.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer.



School Meals in September

As detailed in a recent letter, we have secured a new catering company to provide school meals from September.






Mellors Catering is a family business, with strong family values and have an excellent reputation for providing high-quality, nutritious, and delicious meals in educational settings. They are committed to using fresh, locally sourced ingredients wherever possible and offering a wide variety of options to cater to all dietary requirements and preferences.













Some of the key benefits that Mellors will bring to our academy include:









- **Improved menus:** We have worked closely with Mellors to develop exciting and varied menus that will appeal to all pupils. These menus will be regularly updated to reflect seasonal produce and pupil feedback.
- **Increased Choice:** We have worked with Mellors to increase the choice available to our pupils, with pupils having access to multiple options on a daily basis. This includes the introduction of a daily salad bar, in addition to warm and cold daily meal options.
- **Focus on nutrition:** All meals will be carefully balanced to ensure they meet the nutritional needs of growing children and young people, contributing to their overall health and well-being.
- **Enhanced dining experience:** Mellors will introduce new and innovative dining concepts to make meal times more enjoyable and engaging for our pupils.

From 1st September 2024 paid School meals will be priced at **£2.90 per meal**. All children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 will continue to receive Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM), regardless of your household income. There is no need to apply for UIFSM. Children previously entitled to benefit related free school meals (FSM) will also continue to do so. If you believe that you may be entitled to FSM, please email admin@sandringham.school to request an eligibility check.

Please see below the menus which will be on offer on a 3-week rolling basis.

WEEK 1	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	 Homemade lasagne with herb dough balls	Roast chicken with new potatoes & gravy	All day breakfast	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Creamy tomato pasta	Veggie burger In a roll with diced potatoes	 Vegetable cobbler with mash potato	Vegetarian all day breakfast	 Crispy vegetable fingers with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Baked beans Salads Fresh homemade bread
DESSERTS	Jelly and Ice cream	 Watermelon lolly	Chocolate muffin	Lemon biscuit	Jam & coconut sponge
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND COLD SELECTION	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll

WEEK 2	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Veggie sausage hotdog with baked wedges	 Beef meatballs with wholemeal pasta	Roast turkey with new potatoes	Chicken korma with 50/50 rice	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Macaroni cheese	  Vegetarian meatballs with pasta	 Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	 Quorn™ tikka masala with 50/50 rice	 Quorn™ burger with chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Baked beans Salads Fresh homemade bread
DESSERTS	 Chocolate & banana slice	 Apple & oat cookie	 Flapjack	 Fruit fool	 Chocolate brownie
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND COLD SELECTION	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll

WEEK 3	 MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	  Vegetarian bolognese	Beef burger with baked potato wedges	Roast gammon with creamy mash potato & gravy	Lamb keema with 50/50 rice	Crispy fish fingers with chunky chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	 Quorn™ enchiladas	 Vegetarian cottage pie	Vegetarian toad in the hole served with mashed potato	 BBQ bean & cheese wrap with 50/50 rice	 Quorn™ nuggets with chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Seasonal vegetables Salads Fresh homemade bread	Baked beans Salads Fresh homemade bread
DESSERTS	Marble sponge & custard	 Coconut & cherry flapjack	Raspberry buns	Sticky toffee pudding with custard	Strawberry mousse
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
JACKET POTATO AND COLD SELECTION	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll	Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Choice of Wrap, ½ Baguette or Finger Roll



Date	Event
Monday 2 nd Sept	School CLOSED to pupils – staff training day
Tuesday 3 rd Sept	School REOPENS to pupils
Wednesday 18 th Sept	Reception to Year 6 – Flu Immunisations
Friday 27 th Sept	Parents inclusion coffee morning
Friday 18 th Oct	School CLOSED to pupils – staff training day
Thursday 24 th Oct	Individual school photos
Friday 25 th Oct	Last day in school for pupils
Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	School CLOSED – Half-term
Monday 4 th Nov	School REOPENS to pupils

We wish all of our families a wonderful summer

