



# Sandy Lane News



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Dear all,

I hope you all had a wonderful week and enjoyed the unseasonable weather on the weekend!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival collection. We are awaiting final confirmation from the Foodbank but I do know the donations were so generous that we needed 2 cars to transport it all! THANK YOU—this will truly make a difference to many families in need.

Thank You to our School Pupil Leadership team for leading us through our lovely Harvest Festival Assembly, too—ensuring we remember it is a time of thanks, celebration and helping others.

As I am sure you are all now aware, I shall be leaving Sandy Lane at the end of the Spring Term. I thought long and hard about this decision but know that it is the right one for me. I do not yet know what or where I will be going but am looking forward to looking into my next venture—whether that be in Headship, teaching or something else entirely (if you find something, let me know:)) THANK YOU for all the kind words I've already received.

Announcing this now will enable us to recruit a brilliant successor ready to take over the reins and lead wonderful Sandy Lane ever forward. BUT I am still here for the next 6 months and am very much looking forward to ensuring they are as successful and memorable as possible!

Have a lovely week,  
Take Care  
Mr D



## PRIDE WINNERS

Caterpillars  
TBC

Ladybirds  
TBC

German  
Ava B

Hedgehogs  
Harry T

Rabbits  
Medhansh K



Hummingbirds  
Ariana M

Kingfishers  
Darsh K

Robins  
James D

Swifts  
TBC

Foxes  
Emilija B

Otters  
Eden T

Owls  
TBC

Giraffes  
Kacie D-K

Meerkats  
Jessie M

Dolphins  
Maria T

Penguins  
Mira S

Turtles  
Yumi Y

## Diary Dates

OCTOBER  
10/10/2023

Black History Month  
Prospective Reception Parents Open Day—9:00 am

11/10/2023

SLSA Meeting Online

17/10/2023 -

Travelling Book Fair

18/10/2023

Nursery & Reception Coffee Morning

18/10/2023

9:00 am—10:30 am

19/10/2023

SLSA AGM Online 8:00pm

19/10/2023

Kingfishers Class Assembly 9:00 am

Year 6—NCMP Heights & Weights

### 23/10/2023—27/10/2023 Half Term

30/10/2023

Prospective Reception Parents Open Day—9:00 am

31/10/2023

SLSA Creepy Cupcake Competition  
Braiswick Photography – Individual Photos

01/11/2023

07/11/2023

Prospective Reception Parents Open Day—9:00 am & 6:00 pm

08/11/2023

Cineworld Visit—Years 5 & 6

09/11/2023

Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9:00 am

09/11/2023

Cineworld Visit—Years 3 & 4

10/11/2023

Remembrance Day

13/11/2023

Anti Bullying Week

17/11/2023

Children in Need

17/11/2023

SLSA Festive Discos—TBA

20/11/2023 -

Year 6 PGL—Mill on the Brue

24/11/2023

22/11/2023

Prospective Reception Parents Open Day—9:00 am

23/11/2023

Cineworld Visit—Years 1 & 2

28/11/2023

Rocksteady Concert to Parents 9:15 am

30/11/2023

Penguins Class Assembly 9:00 am

04/12/2023

Prospective Reception Parents Open Day—9:00 am

04/12/2023

Year 5—Winchester Science Centre

04/12/2023

Parents Meetings 3:30 pm—6:30 pm

05/12/2023

Parents Meetings 3:30 pm—6:30 pm

06/12/2023

Parents Meetings—Turtles Class Only  
3:30 pm—6:30 pm

06/12/2023

Year 1&2 Nativity 9:30 am & 2:00 pm

07/12/2023

Reception Christmas Concert

08/12/2023

9:30 am & 2:00 pm

08/12/2023

Nursery Christmas Concert

08/12/2023

9:15 am & 2:30 pm

11/12/2023

Christmas Jumper Day

12/12/2023

Year 3&4 Christmas Concert

12/12/2023

2:00 pm & 5:30 pm

12/12/2023

Year 5&6 Christmas Concert

2:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Santa Dance

15/12/2023 School Closes for Christmas Break 2:00 pm

02/01/2024 School Opens for Spring Term





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## Ukrainian Community Hub

Liza from Robins class was lucky enough to meet the Princess of Wales last week at the Vsi Razom Community Hub. The hub is located in The Lexicon and the visit coincided with their 1st anniversary. The Ukrainian name Vsi Razom, means "all together".

The Princess spoke to Liza about singing, asking her what her favourite song was before helping to pack boxes to be sent to the Ukraine. A lovely experience for Liza!





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## Harvest Festival

We would like to thank you all for the generous donations that were given to us to help celebrate Harvest festival last week. As a school we collected food for our local food bank which is based at the Kerith Centre and they were very pleased with the huge amount that we collected! Your support, as always, has been greatly appreciated.



## Achievements

Yesterday Maisie from Robins and Annabelle Phillips from Rabbits, competed at the Tudor Rose Dance Festival in Fleet with their Junior Ballet Group in the 10 & under section representing their dance school, Rebekah's Dance School.

There are 9 of them in their group and it was their first time to dance at a dance festival and they received 1<sup>st</sup>, with a score of 85 marks which qualified them for the All England Dance Regional Finals in May 2024. Well done girls!





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## SLSA

### SLSA Meeting!



The next meeting of the SLSA will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, online. If you would like to attend, just click on the link or type in the URL and join in.

<https://meet.google.com/auf-pgus-ejd>

## AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the SLSA will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 8pm online. If you would like more information, please email [slsa@sandylanebracknell.com](mailto:slsa@sandylanebracknell.com) and we will be happy to answer any questions.



SANDY LANE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

## AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome

### GET INVOLVED & STAY INFORMED

All parents/guardians are invited to the SLSA AGM, a place to learn more about the SLSA, about how it serves the school community, and to bring any questions or suggestions moving into the school year. The SLSA are actively looking for new members, both general and committee and need attendants to vote in the new SLSA roles.

**This is your opportunity to get involved and be heard.**

This years meeting will be held online  
WEDNESDAY 19th OCTOBER 8pm



Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much

### Creepy Cupcake Competition 31/10/2023

Calling all budding bakers!! Get baking to enter your creepy cupcake creations—best bakes win a prize!



## CREEPY CUPCAKE COMPETITION



Bring in your "creepy" cupcake creations on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes for the best looking cakes!

**Rules:**

- Only cupcakes (minimum of 6) will be entered into the competition for judging.
- Cupcakes must be delivered by 2:30pm on 31<sup>st</sup> October to the school office.
- All cakes will be sold at a cake sale after school with funds going to the SLSA.
- Entries must have name, contact details and ingredients/allergy form attached.
- Judges decision is final and is based on the look of the cupcakes.





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## Southill Park Pantomime

Following South Hill Park's most successful pantomime ever (*Jack and the Beanstalk* 2022), the magic and mayhem returns to the Wilde Theatre with a brand-new version of the timeless tale *Sleeping Beauty* which opens Friday 24 November 2023. To book tickets, please call the Box Office on 01344 484123 or see our website [www.southhillpark.org.uk/whats-on/pantomime](http://www.southhillpark.org.uk/whats-on/pantomime)

