



Headteacher

NEWSLETTER



Staffing Update & Transition Information

We are pleased to inform you that following a successful recruitment process, we have some new Teaching Staff joining Sandy Lane! From September, Ms Bannister will be joining us as Year 5 Class Teacher. Ms Schaldemose will be joining us in Year 1 on a part-time basis, covering Ms Freitas' Maternity Leave. Finally, we have Ms Whitehead joining us as a qualified teacher in Reception in September and Ms Garner, who will be completing her training alongside 'on the job' teaching in Reception from September. We're really pleased to welcome our new staff to our teaching team!

Just a reminder that our transition days will take place on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd July, and we're looking forward to welcoming children into their new classrooms during the school day. **On both of these days, we'll also be hosting 'Meet the Teacher' drop-ins after school (around 30 minutes)** – a relaxed chance for you to pop in, say hello, and begin building those important relationships. These are not formal presentations, just a friendly hello.

Please note: full handovers between current and new teachers will take place during our upcoming INSET days, so your child's new teacher will not yet have had access to detailed information at this early stage.

Exciting News from Year 6!

Our amazing Year 6 students have been busy bringing their entrepreneurial ideas to life as part of the Young Enterprise Fiver Challenge! Each group has created their own mini business and designed fantastic products to sell – from delicious baked treats to beautiful handmade crafts.

We'd love for all families to come along and support their hard work at our special sales events, taking place on the middle playground after school on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th July.

Please note: This is a CASH-only event. While the children will have some change available, it would be a huge help if you could bring along small change if possible. We can't wait to see you there – come along and grab something special while supporting our young entrepreneurs!



IN THE SANDY LANE SPOTLIGHT...



Christian F
FOXES Class
PRIDE Award

Whole Class
Rabbits Class
PRIDE Award

Whole Class
Hedgehogs Class
PRIDE Award

Harry
Hummingbirds Class
PRIDE Award

Parth
Kingfishers Class
PRIDE Award

Bella
Robins Class
PRIDE Award

Andrew M
FOXES Class
PRIDE Award

Sidtratul
Rabbits Class
PRIDE Award

Hunter
Hedgehogs Class
PRIDE Award

Safiya
Hummingbirds Class
PRIDE Award

Arabella
Kingfishers Class
PRIDE Award

Joyah-Pamela
Robins Class
PRIDE Award

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FOXES Class
PRIDE Award

Aarunya
Rabbits Class
PRIDE Award

Emily
Hedgehogs Class
PRIDE Award

Olivia
Kingfishers Class
PRIDE Award

Whole Class
Swifts Class
PRIDE Award

Theo
Robins Class
PRIDE Award

Poppy
Otters Class
PRIDE Award

Lucy
Owls Class
PRIDE Award

Sreekar
Zebras Class
PRIDE Award

Archie W
Meerkats Class
PRIDE Award

Louis
Penguins Class
PRIDE Award

Zahrah
Turtles Class
PRIDE Award

Aaroh
Otters Class
PRIDE Award

Evie
Owls Class
PRIDE Award

Whole Class
Zebras Class
PRIDE Award

Joshua F
Meerkats Class
PRIDE Award

Lydia
Penguins Class
PRIDE Award

Ashwitha
Turtles Class
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Otters Class
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Owls Class
PRIDE Award

Luca
Zebras Class
PRIDE Award

Kethava I
Meerkats Class
PRIDE Award

Milton
Penguins Class
PRIDE Award

Antoni
Turtles Class
PRIDE Award

Jessie
Turtles Class
PRIDE Award

Adin A
German Award

Brian
German Award

Chaitanya
German Award

Zack B
German Award

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TERM 6 DATES



Term 6 Key Dates

Whilst we endeavour to ensure that you get as much notice as possible for all school key dates, there might be times when this isn't possible. Thank you in advance for your understanding when this does happen!

Monday 2nd June 2025	INSET Day - School closed to all children
Tuesday 3rd June 2025	First Day of Term - All children back in school
Thursday 5th June 2025	SEND Coffee Afternoon (2pm - 3pm)
Monday 9 June to Friday 13 June 2025	KS1 Phonics Screening Week TBC School-wide Sponsored Read Week
Friday 13th June 2025	SLSA 'Marvellous Men Sale' in Eagles Classroom
Monday 16th June 2025	Kingfishers Class Assembly (2.30pm)
Tuesday 17th June 2025	Hummingbirds Class Assembly (2.30pm)
Thursday 19th June 2025	Reception Class Assembly (2.45pm)
Thursday 19th June 2025	Owls Class Assembly (2.15pm)
Friday 20th June 2025	Hedgehogs Class Assembly (lower hall) 2.30pm
Tuesday 24th June 2025	Year 6 Geography Field Trip (Afternoon)
Wednesday 25th June 2025	Year 4 and Year 6 'Euros Event' (9:15-12pm)
Thursday 26th June 2025	Years 1, 2 and 3 Sports Day (9.15am - 11.30am)
Thursday 26th June 2025	Years 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day (1.15pm - 3.10pm)
Friday 27th June 2025	Nursery and Reception Sports Day (9.15am - 11.30am)
Friday 27th June 2025	Hexagon Choir Performance (Afternoon & Evening)
Monday 30th June 2025	Foxes Sports Day (9.15am - 10.30am)
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Transition Day 1 (Year 6's go to their new Secondary School and Year Groups have 'taster days' with their new Teacher)
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Transition Day 2 (Year 6's go to their new Secondary School and Year Groups have 'taster days' with their new Teacher)
Friday 4th July 2025	Year 4 Living Rainforest Trip
Saturday 5th July 2025	SLSA Summer Event
Monday 7th July 2025	'Year 6 Fiver Challenge' Sale (After School in the Middle Playground)
Tuesday 8th July 2025	'Year 6 Fiver Challenge' Sale (After School in the Middle Playground)
Tuesday 8th July 2025	Rocksteady Concerts All Day (details will be sent nearer the time)
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Rabbits Class Assembly (2.45pm)
Thursday 10th July 2025	INSET Day - School closed to all children
Friday 11th July 2025	INSET Day - School closed to all children
Tuesday 15th July 2025	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle
Tuesday 15th July 2025	Year 6 Production - First Showing 2pm
Wednesday 16th July 2025	Year 6 Production - Second Showing 3.30pm
Thursday 17th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Disco (5 - 6.30pm)
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	End of Term Reward
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	Leavers Assembly 9am Middle Playground - Year 6 parents invited
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	Year 6 Final Farewell - Year 6 Parents welcome to wait on gate (1.45pm)
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	Last day of Term - Finish at 2pm

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TBC: Year 6 in-school events funded by Fiver Challenge
TBC: Nursery Class Assembly

To Note: All children in Foxes Class are invited to take part in their class assembly. However, we understand that some children may find this experience overwhelming. As a reasonable adjustment, participation is optional, please liaise with Ms Allen about this.

SEND UPDATE FROM MR WALSH, OUR SENDCO:



The Importance of Social Stories

As children prepare to meet new teachers and transition to new classes, it's natural for them to experience big feelings. At Sandy Lane Primary, we use Social Stories to support children through these changes.

What are Social Stories?

Developed by Carol Gray, Social Stories are a valuable tool for sharing accurate social information with children. They describe social concepts, skills, and events, helping children understand social situations and cues.

It's crucial to remember that Social Stories aren't designed to change a child's behaviour. Instead, they provide clear information to help children respond positively by offering a "meaningful voice" to accurate descriptions of social situations.

For transitions, Social Stories are particularly effective because they:

- Provide clear, accurate information: Such as describing a new classroom or teacher.
- Reduce anxiety: By explaining what to expect in a positive and reassuring tone.
- Build trust: As children learn to rely on the accurate guidance provided.

Key Features and How to Use Them

A good Social Story is positive, uses direct language, and has a clear introduction, body, and conclusion. They often include visual supports (photos or pictures) alongside text, especially for younger children.

When using a Social Story, we recommend:

- Introducing it when everyone is calm and relaxed.
- Using a straightforward approach, for example, "I have written this story for you. Let's read it together."
- Reviewing the story as often as needed with patience.
- Ensuring a quiet and comfortable environment.

For example, a Social Story for a class transition might include:

- "Soon, I will be in Year 3."
- "My new teacher will be Miss Green."
- "Our new classroom is next to the library."
- "I can ask Miss Green questions if I need help."



By using these simple, factual, and reassuring narratives, we can help prepare children for exciting changes and support their understanding of new school routines or other social situations.

MINI MANE EVENT

The SLSA would like to invite you to join us after school on Friday 18th July from 3:15pm for our mini summer event.

Whilst the ice cream van joins us so you can purchase an after school treat, we shall have a range of tombolas, our pot of gold raffle, 'Beat the Goalie' with Mr Nower, a second-hand book sale and a special 'Rainbow Hamper' to win!

If any one can spare an hour or so to support a stall, then we may be able to add a few more items to our 'Mini Mane Event.' Please contact us at slsa@sandylanebracknell.com if you can offer any help.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!

SLSA



Congratulations to our school choir for their outstanding performance in A Night at the Movies at The Hexagon, in partnership with the Berkshire Music Trust. The event was a celebration of iconic movie themes, and our students truly rose to the occasion, delivering a performance full of energy, enthusiasm, and musical excellence. We were treated to familiar movie favourites at the beginning and end of the performance. In the middle we enjoyed several pieces from Mozart's The Magic Flute with the story explained by interpreters selected from the many schools involved, including our very own Antoni & Zanetta who brought charm and confidence to the stage and made us all proud. It was an unforgettable experience for our students to perform alongside professional musicians giving them a real taste of the world of live performance at its highest level.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bray and Mrs Oliver who have run choir this year and without whom our children would not have this fantastic opportunity.



Sandy Lane Sports Days: A Resounding Success!

What truly fabulous Sports Days we had at Sandy Lane Primary! We're thrilled to share that it was an incredible success, filled with joy, enthusiasm, and proud moments for our children.

We've received so many lovely comments from parents about how much they enjoyed the day and how wonderfully everything was put together. The atmosphere was fantastic, and it was clear to see the effort that went into making it run so smoothly.

But the most important thing, and what truly made the day, was seeing how happy and proud the children were. Their infectious smiles and boundless enthusiasm were the highlight of the event. Every child shone, and their participation made the day unforgettable.

We extend a special thank you to all the staff who worked tirelessly alongside Mr Nower to organise and support the event. Their hard work ensured a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Go Team Sandy Lane!



SPORTS DAY ACTION SHOTS!



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Connecting Our Community...

SLSA

MINI MANE EVENT

A LITTLE ROAR CAN GO A LONG WAY!

FRIDAY

18th July

- TOMBOLAS • BEAT THE GOALIE •
- ICE CREAM • SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE •
- POT OF GOLD • RAINBOW HAMPER •

LOWER PLAYGROUND
3:15PM

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	Stop and think.
	Stay together.
	If in danger
	Call 999.
	Float on your back.

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard. Don't enter the water to rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



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Family Hubs summer programme 2025

Visit: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/family-hubs to find your local family hub.

Day	Date	Location	Time	Activity
Week 1				
Tuesday	22/07/2025	The Oaks	1.30 - 2.30pm	Family play
Wednesday	23/07/2025	The Rowans	9.30 - 10.30am	Family play
Friday	25/07/2025	Farley Wood Recreation Ground	11am - 3pm	Binfield Summer of Fun
Week 2				
Monday	28/07/2025	The Alders	1 - 2pm	Family play
Tuesday	29/07/2025	The Rowans	9.30 - 10.30am	Family play
Wednesday	30/07/2025	Warfield Memorial Ground	11am - 3pm	Warfield Summer of Fun
Thursday	31/07/2025	The Oaks	10.30 - 11.30am	Family play
Week 3				
Monday	04/08/2025	The Alders	1 - 2pm	Family play
Tuesday	05/08/2025	The Rowans	9.30 - 10.30am	Lego Duplo*: Introducing maths to your child (for parents and children aged 2-4 years)
Wednesday	06/08/2025	Great Hollands Recreation Ground	11am - 3pm	Great Hollands Summer of Fun
Friday	08/08/2025	Sandhurst Memorial Park	11am - 3pm	Sandhurst Summer of Fun
Week 4				
Monday	11/08/2025	The Alders	1 - 2pm	Lego Duplo* (see description above)
Tuesday	12/08/2025	Morgan Recreation Ground	11am - 3pm	Crowthorne Summer of Fun
Thursday	14/08/2025	Locks Ride Recreation Ground	11am - 3pm	Winkfield Summer of Fun
Friday	15/08/2025	The Oaks	1.30 - 2.30pm	Reception Ready Steady Play*
Week 5				
Monday	18/08/2025	The Alders	1 - 1.30pm	Singing and storytime
Wednesday	20/08/2025	Braybrooke Recreation Ground	11am - 3pm	Bracknell Town Summer of Fun
Thursday	21/08/2025	The Oaks	9.30 - 10.30am	Reception Ready Steady Play*
Friday	22/08/2025	The Rowans	10 - 11am	Lego Duplo* (see description above)
Week 6				
Monday	25/08/2025	Bank Holiday		
Tuesday	26/08/2025	The Rowans	9.30 - 10.30am	Family play
Friday	29/08/2025	The Oaks	1.30 - 2.30pm	Reception Ready Steady Play*



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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

**Managing Anxiety - Tuesday 8th July
10 to 12noon**

**Sensory Processing - Wednesday 9th July
7 - 8.30pm**

**Empowering Calm - Tuesday 15th July
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**Navigating School Avoidance - Tuesday 16th
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July 2025

We will be taking a break for August & September whilst we focus on extending the opening hours of our School Days Low Cost Uniform Shop in central Wokingham. Please check our website for opening hours <https://www.firstdays.net/what-s-on>

2nd Tuesday Priestwood Community Hall Kerith Centre Bracknell	09:30-10:30 10:45-12:00	3rd Wednesday Kerith Centre Bracknell Great Hollands Community Centre	10:00- 11:00 11:30-12:30
2nd Wednesday Woodley Precinct Highfield Park Wargrave Penfields Twyford	10:00-12:00 12:30-13:15 13:30-14:00	4th Monday Shinfield Community Church	12:30-13:30
		4th Wednesday Woodley Precinct Rainbow Centre Winnersh	10:00-12:00 12:30-13:00

Plus 3 Community School Uniform Sales 14:00-17:00

Tuesday 1st FBC Centre, Gorse Ride North, Finchampstead RG40 4ES
Wednesday 2nd Shinfield Community Church, Fairmead Road, Shinfield RG2 9DL
Thursday 3rd The Centre Stage, Woodley Precinct, Woodley RG5 3JH



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