



Headteacher

NEWSLETTER



As my first "big" term as Headteacher at Sandy Lane draws to a close, it genuinely feels like I've been part of this school community forever, not just since April! I want to extend my thanks to all our families for making me feel so incredibly welcome. Your readiness to embrace change and work in partnership with us has been truly inspiring, and I'm incredibly excited about the future of Sandy Lane and our continued collaboration with you.

We're actively seeking more opportunities for you to come into school, whether it's for coffee mornings, performances, or parent workshops. Please keep a close eye on our Key Dates section, where you'll find all the upcoming events and ways you can be a part of school life. Your involvement is something we value and appreciate.

From September, you can look forward to a new half-termly newsletter from our fantastic new team leaders. Mr. Reilly will be leading Year 1 and 2, Ms. Oliver will be leading Years 3 and 4, Ms. Waters will be leading Years 5 and 6, Ms. Ingram will continue to lead Nursery, and Ms. Whitehead will be leading Reception. Their newsletters will be packed with information, including: PRIDE Awards and other recognition for our pupils, curriculum updates and coverage, important information on how you can support your child's learning and any achievements or initiatives they wish to celebrate and promote. I will continue to send out my regular newsletter, but the PRIDE Awards will now be featured in the team leaders' half-termly updates.

Our end-of-term reward for this half term is a much-anticipated movie afternoon on Tuesday 22nd July. The unanimous pupil voice voted for this fun treat! Children will be invited to bring their 'comfies' and a small teddy or pillow to enjoy the film. Teachers will inform you of the chosen movie in due course. A huge thank you to the SLSA for their continued support in making these valuable PRIDE events possible each term, allowing us to share positive experiences together as a school family.

You'll be receiving your children's reports very soon. It has been an absolute pleasure for me to read through them and witness the successes and achievements of our children this year. I am immensely proud of each and every one of them!



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Please remember that our new uniform policy will come into effect in September. Before you head out for your school uniform shopping, please ensure you have read and understood the new guidelines. We will be challenging uniform in September, as we believe taking pride in our appearance is just as important as taking pride in our work. We want our pupils to look super smart and feel proud of both their school and themselves.

A massive congratulations to our Year 6 pupils on their fantastic SATs results! They have been truly incredible this half term, showcasing immense effort and dedication, particularly with their Fiver Challenge, which raised over £800! Their production of "Robin Hood" was truly outstanding – quick-witted, funny, and an absolute pleasure to watch. Well done to every single one of them! Our Year 6's have been a credit to Sandy Lane, and while we will miss them loads, we wish them all the very best as they embark on their secondary school journeys in September.

Finally, a warm welcome to all our new families joining EYFS in September! We are so excited to have you join our Sandy Lane "pride."

I want to publicly extend my gratitude to the entire staff at Sandy Lane. They consistently go above and beyond to support our children and families every single day. They are truly the heroes behind the scenes and a credit to Sandy Lane. I want each and every one of them to know how valued and appreciated they are by the entire school community.

As the school year draws to a close, I wish all our families a lovely summer. Please stay safe, enjoy valuable family time, please be mindful of screen time, and promote reading as much as possible. Most importantly, have fun and stay safe!

The 2025/26 academic year promises to be an incredibly exciting one for Sandy Lane and our rapid school improvement journey, which I am so proud to lead and be a part of.

See you in September!



OUR PRIDE, LIMITLESS TOGETHER



TERM 1 KEY DATES



Click here for a [handy printable for the fridge!](#)

Monday 1st September	INSET Day - School closed to all children
Tuesday 2nd September	INSET Day - School closed to all children
Wednesday 3rd September	First Day of Term 1 - All children back in school
Tuesday 9th September	3.30pm in Classrooms: "The Year Ahead" Parent Presentation (What To Expect and When) (All Year Groups, please select a suitable date)
Wednesday 10th September	3.30pm in Classrooms: "The Year Ahead" Parent Presentation (What To Expect and When) (All Year Groups, please select a suitable date)
Monday 15th September	9:15 - 10.00am: Parent Phonics Workshop - What is Read, Write Inc (RWI) and How to Access the RWI Portal from the School Website (Library)
Friday 19th September	9.15 - 10.00am: Parent Workshop - How to Teach/Support Your Child to Read at Home.
Friday 26th September	European Day of Languages - celebrating all the languages at Sandy Lane by learning greetings in our class languages.
Monday 29th September	9.15am - Year 5 and 6 Harvest Assembly to Parents/Carers
Tuesday 30th September	9.15am - EYFS (Reception and Nursery) Harvest Assembly to Parents/Carers
Wednesday 1st October	9.15am - KS1 Harvest Assembly to Parents/Carers
Thursday 2nd October	Flu Immunisations
Friday 3rd October	9:15 Year 3 and 4 Harvest Assembly to Parents/Carers
Tuesday 7th October	9 - 10am and 10 - 11am: Reception School Tours (advertising w.c. 15th September)
Wednesday 8th October	1 - 2pm and 2 - 3pm: Reception School Tours (advertising w.c. 15th September)
Friday 17th October	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 22nd October	Last day of Term 1



GIVE US A FOLLOW AND JOIN THE JOURNEY!
(CLICK THE PLATFORM YOU WISH TO FOLLOW)

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@sandyanebracknell.com if you can offer any help.

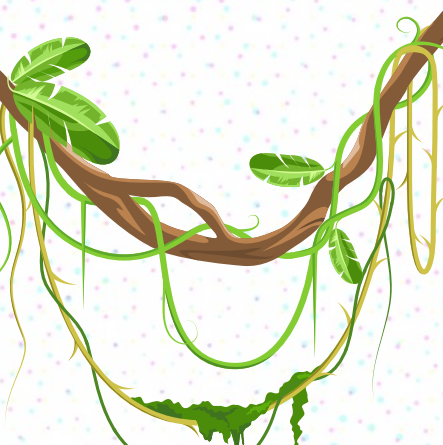
Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!
SLSA



Here are some photos of a recent trip our Foxes Class took to Thames Valley Adventure Playground. They were all fantastically behaved and a brilliant time was had by all - children and adults!




Year 4 also went on a trip to learn more about Living Rainforests...



'A Virtual Trip to the Euros in Switzerland 2025'!!



Earlier this half term, Year 6 took the Year 4s 'virtually' to the European Football Championship in Switzerland. Year 4 arrived at Grenzkontrolle (Border Control) where they were asked three questions and answers in German before having their passports stamped. They were issued boarding passes for their flight from Bracknell to Basel, which showed seat numbers written in German. As they boarded the plane, they were welcomed by the Flugkapitänin (captain), Rebecca as well as the rest of the Flugbegleitern (cabin crew), who helped them find their seats. The flight safety briefings were read in German and English by Chef Flugbegleiterin (Chief Air Steward) Frau Marshall and demonstrated professionally by Naomi and Lina. The Year 4s' jaws then dropped as they watched a video from Air Traffic Controller Herr Clarke at Heathrow Terminal 3 saying that 'Sandy Lane' was cleared for take-off!!



Once landed safely in Basel, Year 4 were shown a video of where the matches were going to be taking place during the real Euros 2025 tournament. The cabin crew then escorted their passengers to a Basel Market. They were given travel money (paper Euros) to spend on buying snacks, drinks, supporters flags as well as football programmes, prepared by the teams playing. The market stall holders had prepared posters for their stalls and price lists all in German and encouraged the Year 4s to ask for items using their German as well.

Four teams then battled it out in a 5-a-side football tournament: England, Deutschland, die Schweiz und die Niederlande. Players had planned their team sheet positions in German. Referees and scorers had also learned football terminology to use in German during the matches. All teams played incredibly well in some very close matches. Pitch side, it was wonderful to see the Year 4s and the rest of Year 6 cheering on all four teams and waving their flags saying 'Auf geht's....!'. Unbelievably, it was another England vs Germany final, a very close game which ended in penalties with England clinching the win! All the teams then gathered and clapped each other before England raised the winning trophy!

It was such a fantastic afternoon, full of German language and football skills! There were smiles all round, in fact Mr Nower and Frau Marshall are STILL smiling and feel very proud of how well everyone got so involved in the event. A HUGE DANKE SCHÖN (thank you) to Amanda at Tesco Warfield and Mr. Westwood for providing the food, Mr Clarke for recording the Air Traffic Control video and to Mr Soole for lending us the Lufthansa model plane and lanyards.

Frau Marshall and Mr Nower





Connecting Our Community...

How To Get Support:

As a parent/carer you can refer your child by requesting a referral form via: Email, Phone or Post, or Contact the Mental Health Lead in school and request a referral to the MHST

@ CAMHSGettingHelpEast@berkshire.nhs.uk

☎ 0300 247 3002 (Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm)

📍 CAMHS Getting Help East Service, Fir Tree House, Upton Hospital Albert Street, Slough, SL1 2BJ

If your child requires **Urgent** out of hours mental health support, please call our Urgent Helpline **0300 247 0000**. This phone line is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Your child should be taken to A&E (or call for an ambulance) if they require urgent medical attention that is life-threatening such as:

- Recent overdose (medication, harmful liquids etc)
- Significant cuts (deep cut(s) and/or bleeding profusely)
- Burns that are blistering/red
- Loss of consciousness

Please remember that **999** is for life-threatening medical emergencies only. This is when someone is seriously ill or injured and their life is at risk. Other sources of support available are ChildLine on 0800 1111, Samaritans on 116 123



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🔗 <https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/mhst>

This leaflet has been adapted from Burton and Uttoxeter MHST, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust with kind permission.



Slough Borough Council



Bracknell Forest Council



Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services
Berkshire Healthcare

This leaflet is for children aged 5-11 years

CAMHS Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Mental Health Support for Children of Primary School Age



Early intervention in childhood has long-term benefits such as improving self-esteem, social development and performance at school

If you would like to hear more about our service, please contact us via: CAMHSGettingHelpEast@berkshire.nhs.uk

About our service

Who Are We?

Mental Health Support Team (MHST) supports children and young people (5-18) with emerging, mild or moderate mental health difficulties which may be affecting day to day life.

In selected schools, our Education Mental Health Practitioners (EMHPs) offer the following:

Peer Mentoring

Consultations for staff

Mental Health Network meetings

Staff training and support schools to have more of a focus on emotional wellbeing and mental health

Interventions to support children with mild to moderate mental health difficulties

Online access to resources and peer support on emotional wellbeing and mental health for parents/carers and professionals via digital platforms called SHaRON

Depending on the age of the child or young person, we may work either directly with them or with their parents/carers. We also work with school staff supporting them to have a greater focus on emotional health and wellbeing in the various aspects of school life. To view the list of MHST Schools we support, please visit: cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/mhst

Ways We Can Support You

- Managing fears and worries
- Separation anxiety
- Panic attacks
- Phobias eg: dogs, the dark
- Behavioural and sleep difficulties
- Problem solving

What To Expect

After an initial assessment with both you and your child, we work collaboratively with you, the parent/carer, over 6-8 sessions. These sessions may consist of:

- Learning about the cause and maintenance of anxiety/behavioural difficulties in children
- Setting and working towards goals that your child would like to achieve
- Developing techniques in sessions that you can use at home when supporting your child

We can also signpost to other services that may be able to better support the child/young person. We can support them to access more intensive CAMHS support if it is needed.

Why Is My Child Worrying?

Worries/fears are **normal**. Worries come and go. Sometimes worries can grow over time and stop your child from doing something or going somewhere. For example, they may make your child:

Avoid going upstairs on their own at home

Avoid speaking to new people

Have sleep difficulties

Avoid going to a park where there may be dogs that frighten them

Feel less confident in themselves, thus unable to do their best or enjoy activities

Working Together To Create Positive Change

We can think of all behaviour as a form of communication. When we hold this in mind it's important we try to understand what drives behaviour. This can often be difficult for children and young people to express or identify themselves.

Through our interventions we will work together with you to help identify needs and emotions underlying the behaviour. This greater understanding offers the opportunity to explore helpful coping strategies to create positive changes over time.

Connecting Our Community...

Have fun on bikes and learn



Summer holidays 2025

Sign up for a Bikeability course

Jock's Lane, Binfield, Bracknell RG42 4UT

Learn to ride  Please reserve your place online avanticycling.co.uk/holiday-courses

Bikeability Level 1 & 2

Bikeability Level 3



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www.sportscool.org



SUMMER HAF HOLIDAY CLUB
For Primary School Children

WHERE?	WHEN?	WHAT'S ON?
Kings Academy Prospect Cockney Hill, Tilehurst, RG30 4EX	<p><u>Week 1</u> 28th July - 1st Aug</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> 4th Aug - 8th Aug</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> 11th Aug - 15th Aug</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> 18th Aug - 22nd Aug 10am - 2pm</p>	<p>Football</p> <p>Glow in the Dark Dodgeball</p> <p>Fun inflatables</p> <p>Archery</p> <p>Plus many more!</p>





All coaches are DBS checked.
Please ensure that your child brings a packed lunch, snacks and plenty of still drinks.
Appropriate clothing for indoor and outdoor activities required please.

HAF Programme! Free for children on free school meals benefit!

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Scan here to book a place 

Join the hearts of Home-Start

 Bracknell Forest

We're recruiting family support Volunteers!

New Training Programme starts **September 2025**

 #MakeADifference



 #TheHeartsOfHome-Start

- 4 day training course
- Starts September 2025
- Tuesdays 9:30-2:30pm
- Bracknell
- Contact: office@hsbf.org.uk

BARRACUDAS ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

HIGHLY RATED School Holiday camps!!!

AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU IN 2025!

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USE CODE **SCHOOL20** FOR AN EXTRA £20 OFF YOUR BOOKING!

*Maximum 2 days. Must be used in conjunction with other offers.

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- ⦿ Flexible bookings!







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Connecting Our Community...

HOME START
Bracknell Forest

**More than Words
Communication
Group**

For families who would like support with their children's **communication** and language development

Term time group for children aged 2-4 years

Email: office@hsbf.org.uk
Tel: 01344 860 025

Home-Start Bracknell Forest is a registered charity no 1160447



LATIKA JTC

LATIKA JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

Farley Wood Community Centre, Turnpike Road, Bracknell RG42 1FW

Providing fun and quality coaching.

Objectives of the club:

- introduce children to tennis
- develop their tennis & wider skills
- provide a fun environment for learning.

Club Coaching Days: Wednesday (5pm - 7.30pm) & Saturday (9am - 2.45pm)
Price: £9.50 1hr & £13 1.5hrs

- Camps
- Internal competitions
- Events
- Open tournaments



Contact: info@latika.co.uk for 2 free trial sessions

Key benefits:

- Flexible pay as you go club sessions
- Documented progress – '100 steps to success' booklet for all players
- Free court usage to practice and play in your own time
- Award winning coaching team - awarded 1st place in two categories at 2024 Berkshire LTA Awards
- Second highest number of teams entered in the 2024 LTA Berkshire leagues (7-9)



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Google Reviews

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BRACKNELL North Hill College 3G
CAVERSHAM Thameside Primary
WOKINGHAM Floreat Montague 3G
WOODLEY Woodford Park 3G
SLOUGH Claycots School (Townhall)

Camps Start at 9am
Drop Off From 8:30am

5-12 Year Olds to 3pm

£27.50 Per Day

4 Year Olds to 1pm

£21.50 Per Day



MULTI-SPORTS

ARBORFIELD Tronley Hill Primary
BRACKNELL St Margaret's Primary
CAVERSHAM Thameside Primary
SLOUGH Claycots Primary Town Hall
WOODLEY South Lake Primary
WHITLEY Rediffy Field Junior School
READING Newbold Primary School
WINDSOR Hilltop First School
MAIDENHEAD St Luke's Primary School

WWW.U-SPORTS.CO.UK/HOLIDAY-CAMPS



EXPAND THE FUN BEYOND SPORT AT OUR BRAND NEW UKIDS CAMP!

8am - 5:30pm

Late Pick Up Until 6PM + £5

4-12 Year Olds All Day

£44 - £50 Per Day

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HOLME GRANGE SCHOOL



PERFORMING ARTS HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

BOYS & GIRLS AGED 8 - 16

- Brain Busters
- Operation Outdoors
- Crazy Crafts
- Super Sports
- Massive Moments

uShine Workshop Dates: Wed 22nd Fri 24th Sat 25th
uShine Workshop Times: 9am - 4pm (9.30am - 4.30pm)
Workshop Dates: Thurs 23rd, Fri 24th, Sat 25th

uShine Workshop Location: Room 2200 The Hub 100
uShine Workshop Contact: 01344 860 025

uShine Workshop Booking: www.u-shine.co.uk

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WYCOMBE MUSEUM

Summer Holiday Events

25th July - 3rd September (Excluding Mon & Sat)*

£3.15

Bugs & Botany Trail

Learn about plants and pollinators in this summer holiday garden trail. Running all through the holidays. Pre-book online or buy on the door.



Sunday 31st August

£3

Heroes & Villains Family Fun Day

Get lost in a world of stories. Choose your own adventure trail, make a book, build a monster, hear magical tales being woven. With face painting & games.



Discover & Make (best for age 4-11)

Tue 29th & Wed 30th July

£4.75

Tue 5th & Wed 6th Aug

£4.75

Clay Creations

Get inspired by roman pots. Make your own from clay to take away.

I Spy Science!

Discover changing liquids, fizzing lava lamps, watery music and more!

Tue 19th & Wed 20th Aug

£4.50

Tue 26th & Wed 27th

£4.50

Saxon Hoard

Learn about buried Saxon treasure! Make beaded jewellery or a dagger (from cardboard!) to take home.

Pond Dipping

What can you find with magnifying glasses & fishing nets? Create a beautiful dragonfly to take home.

Other events

Fri 29th Aug

FREE

ARKA Creative Writing

Fun workshop to develop children's creative writing skills. For age 6-11.

Thu 21st Aug

£8.90

Forest School

Exploring, campfire cooking & crafts. Summer special for ages 18mth - 7.

*Access to site limited on 31st Aug to Family Fun Day ticket holders.

Book at wycombemuseum.org.uk

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