



# Sandfield Close Primary School



## May 2025 Newsletter

### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been a very short half term, but as always, we have packed in lots of learning. We are really proud of the resilience shown by the Year 6 children who took the SATs tests last week. They ended the week with treats from a kind donation given to the class. We are also very proud of Miss Vernon who took part in the London Marathon for a second time. Her determination and perseverance are an inspiration to us all.

It has been lovely to see many of you at the class assemblies. The children always enjoy sharing their learning with you. There will be more opportunities for you to come into school during sports days.

This week we have been celebrating International week. Each class has been learning about the culture, language and traditions of a different country. We hope this will promote understanding, respect and appreciation for all countries and their culture in our children.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mrs S Lad

### Important Dates

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 3 Class Assembly
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May - May Half Term
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Meet new Reception parents and children
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June (pm) - KS2 Sports Day
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June (pm) - Reception and KS1 Sports Day
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Year 6 Transition day to secondary school
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - 2.00pm - Year 6 Leavers Performance
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term

## School News

### Goodbye to Staff

At the end of this academic year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Odedra and Miss Vernon. Both teachers have made many valuable contributions to school life during their time at Sandfield Close and will be missed by all.

#### Mrs Odedra

Congratulations to Mrs Odedra who is leaving us to start her first headship at Herrick Primary School. She started her teaching career here at Sandfield Close just over nineteen years ago. She has been an integral part of curriculum development and has always committed herself to bringing out the best in all children. Her dedication to the school has been remarkable. We wish Mrs Odedra every success at her new school.

#### Miss Vernon

Miss Vernon is leaving us to continue her teaching career at Avanti Fields Primary School. During her time here, she has always gone above and beyond to ensure all children in her class are learning to the best of their ability. Beyond the classroom, Miss Vernon has developed the sports leaders and provided many sporting opportunities for the children. Her passion and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.



Thank you to all of our families who actively travel into school, we really appreciate your support.

Every morning our children record their mode of transportation into school.

For children/families who actively travel into school i.e. walking, cycling, scooter or park and stride for at least 3 occasions per week during a month are awarded a badge.

We award our WOW trophy to the class with the most active travel during that month.

**Our Travel Tracker winners for April/May 2025 were Dolphin class. Well Done!**

### **Cheer Leaders Performance**

This month, the cheerleading group performed a well-rehearsed routine in assembly, showcasing the dance they've been learning at the after-school club with Amy. The girls have put in a lot of time and effort, practising regularly to perfect their routine to APT. Their dedication and teamwork really paid off, and their performance was full of energy and enthusiasm. They did a fantastic job and truly inspired the other children. All the teachers were very impressed—well done, girls and thank you Amy!



A big shout out to our cheer leaders: Pavneet, Aahana, Disha, Vihani, Aurelia, Anika, Nia, Aria, Aleena and Jagdeep!

# PTA News

## Sandfield Close PTA Update

### Easter Bake Sale

**Thank you to everyone who supported our recent cake sale!**

We're thrilled to share that we raised a fantastic **£366.62** thanks to your generosity. The School Council has chosen to use the funds to purchase new benches for the playground — a wonderful addition to the outdoor space for all the children to enjoy. We'll be continuing to liaise with Mrs Lad to have the benches delivered and in place as soon as possible.

All the cake competition entries were amazing. We were very impressed. Well done to the winners Hayana, Anaiya, Jasmin and Caiden, pictured below with their prizes.



### Year 6 Leavers Party Update

Unfortunately, we haven't had as many parents register interest as we'd hoped. We'd love for all of our Year 6 students to be part of the celebration, so we're extending the registration period until Tuesday next week Tuesday 27th May 2025. If you haven't done so already, please register your interest by emailing [sandfieldpta@outlook.com](mailto:sandfieldpta@outlook.com) — we'd love to see every Year 6 child there!

We know things have been a little quiet on the PTA front lately — thank you for bearing with us. Behind the scenes, we've been busy planning the Year 6 Leavers Event. Apologies for the radio silence, but we're working hard to make this a truly special and memorable send-off for our pupils.

### Looking Ahead

We're also planning an exciting raffle — all funded by the PTA — and we'll be sitting down with Mrs Lad in September to plan our events for the next school year. More details to follow soon!

If you have any suggestions or ideas, we'd love to hear from you — please email us at [sandfieldpta@outlook.com](mailto:sandfieldpta@outlook.com).

We also regularly share updates, news, and events on our Facebook page — please head over to Facebook and search "Sandfield PTA" to stay connected and up to date!

Thank you again for your continued support!

Regards

Jas Sura

Sandfield Close PTA

# Attendance

## May Class Attendance Figures

Attendance has been really good lately. Thank you everyone for making a great effort to be in school everyday. Well done to Year 4 Seal class for just creeping into the lead this month.

Sunshine Room	90 %
Reception Rabbit	97.1 %
Year 1 Hedgehog	96 %
Year 2 Mole	98.0 %
Year 3 Fox	96 %
Year 4 Seal	98.5 %
Year 4 Otter	95 %
Year 5 Bat	98.2 %
Year 6 Dolphin	98.1 %

Green	Amber	Red
Attendance is 95% and above	Attendance is 91%-94%	Attendance is 90% and below

# Easter Competition

Well done to all the children who took part in the Easter Egg Colouring Competition. They made a lovely colourful display in the hall. The winners were:

Afnan, Hari, Mia, Aahana, Jorawar, Maira, Crislin and Trupt.





# Sports News

## Mini London Marathon in schools - A Great Week of Running

At the end of April, our children took part in the Mini London Marathon Schools Challenge. Across the week, each child ran a total of 2 miles during school time, with many choosing to go even further by completing extra laps each day. It was a great opportunity to stay active, build stamina and enjoy running together as a school.

The children showed real enthusiasm and commitment, and we were really impressed with their efforts throughout the week.

Taking part supported our wider PE and wellbeing goals by encouraging physical activity, resilience and a positive mindset.



## **Miss Vernon's London Marathon Experience**

On Sunday 27th April, I had the incredible experience of running the London Marathon - all 26.2 miles of it! This was my second marathon, and although I trained for 16 weeks through the winter, the race day turned out to be one of the hottest of the year, which made things even more challenging. Despite the tough running conditions, I managed to cross the finish line - thanks to determination, both physical and mental strength, and the support of an amazing crew cheering me on throughout the course.

I took on this challenge to raise money for the British Heart Foundation and I'm really proud to have raised over £1,700 for such an important cause.

Running a marathon isn't easy, and the day didn't quite go as smoothly as my training runs, but it reminded me of something important: with hard work, perseverance, and a positive mindset, we can achieve more than we think - whether it's in sport, learning, or any goal we set ourselves.

I hope sharing my experience inspires some of you to keep active, give your best, and believe in what you can achieve.

Even when it gets tough - dig deep, and you'll get there!



# Sports News

## Sports Leaders

A big well done to all our Sports Leaders for their hard work and commitment to their role. They've shown great dedication in leading activities with the KS1 children and have done a fantastic job supporting younger children in staying active and engaged during lunchtimes.



### Being a Sports Leader by Anaya J

#### **What do I like about being a Sports Leader?**

I like it because I get to teach younger children different ways to stay fit and healthy over lunch time.

#### **How do you plan activities?**

Miss Vernon helped us sort out our groups. We had to choose different activities that we thought the children would enjoy doing. We planned fun activities like obstacle courses, football games, handball and clear the area. There were also options to choose what days we do our activities so that we know we can commit to it.

#### **What skills have you learnt being a Sports Leaders?**

My confidence and leadership skills have improved. I have to be a bit bossy sometimes for the children to listen. I have become more organised as my group always plans the day before so that we know what equipment we need.

## Badminton Tournament

A big well done to the four Year 6 children who went on to take part in the Badminton tournament. Despite not having a full team, the children played extremely well and won many matches. The children showed great determination and resilience - well done you are superstars!





## Sunshine Room



In Science, the children in the Sunshine Room have been learning about mini beast and habitats. We created different types of mini beast by using different materials.



The children made their own dough to make their own creepy crawlies.





# Reception - Rabbit

## Understanding the World-Making a Sandwich



We learnt to make our very own banana sandwich. The children learnt about the ingredients they would need and the method they would use to make a sandwich. We looked at safely using a dinner knife and cutting skills using the 'bridge & claw' method. The children also learnt about keeping their table hygienic and clean and always washing their hands before preparing and handling food. What's your favourite sandwich?

## Understanding the World-Planting and caring for growing plants

The Reception children prepared potatoes for planting. This method is called 'chitting'. Now that the potatoes are ready for planting, the children took it in turns to dig up some soil and plant the chitted potatoes in our Reception garden.

This term we have been working hard to learn more names of plants and flowers. In the Autumn/Spring term the children planted some sunflower seeds and some daffodil seeds. They have been quite excited and eager to plant some more flower seeds to help make our garden look beautiful. The children have been busy sorting and selecting seeds to plant.

Since we are having some glorious weather, we thought it will be a good idea to plant some more flower seeds, this term. The children planted some wild flower seeds by scattering them onto the soil and watering them. We can't wait for them to bloom.



# Year 1 - Hedgehog

## Geography

As part of our current geography unit, we went on a little walk in and around our school environment. We were looking for different human features and if there were any physical features around our school. We thought about why we had the services we did in our local area and we even drew a map of the route we took.



## English

In English, we have been reading *Handa's Surprise*. The fruits in the book were exotic fruits that some of the children were unfamiliar with. We brought the fruits in for the children to see, feel, and smell. We also looked at what they were like once they had been cut opened. Some of the children were very surprised by what the inside looked like. All of them had lots of fun, learning about the new fruits!





# Year 2 – Mole

## Class Assembly

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed sharing their class assembly with all their parents. They had a fantastic time learning about the Victorians and were proud to share their favourite facts and a school role-play based on their Victorian school adventure. They also enjoyed sharing what they love about being in a modern-day school.

We were really proud of how well the children performed. They made a great effort to speak clearly and confidently, and their performance of *It's Good to Be Me* was a wonderful way to end the assembly.



## Computing

In Computing, the children have been learning about data and how to present it using pictograms. They began by thinking about what they had learned in Maths, using tally charts to collect data on different topics. They then used this information to create clear and colourful pictograms on the computer. The children have really enjoyed this project—so much so that many have even been carrying out their own surveys and creating pictograms during their free time.



Mole class absolutely loved running in the mini marathon and doing 2 miles over the week! Lots of the children even did more laps.

I love how enthusiastic the class are at tackling challenges and doing exercise.

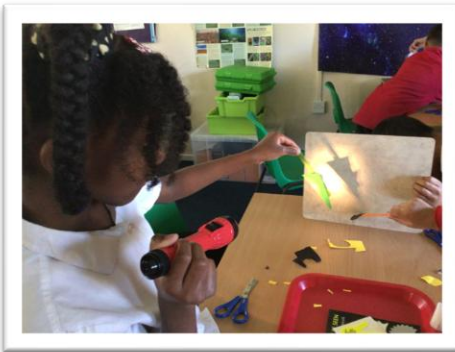


## Year 3 – Fox

### Science and D&T

In Science, Year 3 have been learning about the topic of 'Light'. The children looked at reflective items. They used a torch and sorted through many different items to see which ones are reflective or opaque.

This also helped to link in to the learning in D&T where children were creating a reflective item to help them to be visible in the dark. The children used their scientific knowledge to create some amazing pieces of digital wearable pieces of technology, incorporating micro: bits into their designs.



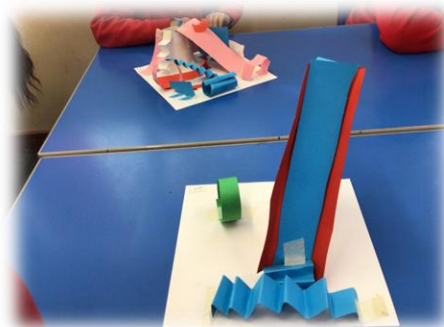
### Art

In Art, the children have been looking at different types of shapes and exploring how to create a 3D shape from a 2D shape. They did this by looking at sculptures and learning simple techniques, like roll, fold and concertina, to change the 2D shape into a 3D shape.

The children worked in groups, to help build their teamwork and communication skills, investigating how to create a sturdy structure that is able to stand on its own.

The children looked at the sculptors Anthony Caro and Ruth Asawa to help inspire them and give them ideas to create their sculpture.

This project is on-going, but the children have enjoyed working in groups to design and create their sculpture.

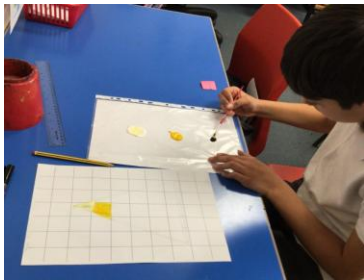
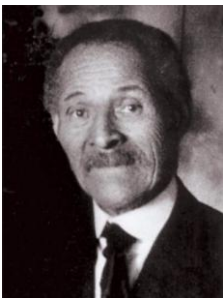


## Year 4 – Seals and Otters

### Artist Appreciation

As part of the school's artist appreciation work, Otter Class studied Charles Ethan Porter who was an American still life artist. His work used paint in different tints and shades to create realistic still life art. He was one of the first African Americans to exhibit his work at the National Academy of Design in New York City.

Otter class practiced using tints and shades to create a 3D effect for our still life paintings inspired by Charles Ethan Porter's work.



Seal Class studied a Turkish born artist called Ozlem Sorlu Thompson. Her work is quite abstract and usually based on nature or imagination and dreams. She uses vibrant colours in her paintings. In Seal Class, we had a lot of fun experimenting with different tones of colour, sketching out different design compositions and trying different painting techniques. Our final paintings in Ozlem Sorlu Thompson's style were amazing - we even gave them their own titles!





## Year 5 – Bat



### Bikeability!!

Year 5 had great fun with Bikeability. They spent the week learning how to ride their bikes safely both on and off the road. John and Tim showed them how to make sure their bikes are roadworthy by checking tyre pressures, breaks and handlebar stability. Once they had mastered the basics in the playground, John and Tim took them out on to the road to develop their awesome cycling skills!

It was a very exciting week!





## Year 6 – Dolphin

### SATs Week

A huge well done to all the children in Year 6 for working so hard this year and getting through SATs week! You have all made us so proud with the levels of resilience and perseverance that you have demonstrated throughout the week. I'm sure the children will agree when we say the best thing about this week was the toast!



### Memory Sculptures

In Art this term, the children worked hard to create 3D memory sculptures that represent important things in their life. They collected different items that represent their precious memories and presented them in a box.



### PSHE Healthy Me

In PSHE we have been learning all about managing our stress levels. The children have worked hard to create lovely cubes that give them lots of ideas on strategies to use when they become stressed.

