

NEWSLETTER

A message from our Principal – Mr Metcalfe

Welcome back to the start of our Summer term. It has been wonderful to see our pupils return with such energy, and I have enjoyed reflecting on the fantastic achievements from the Spring term.

- ☆ **Sporting Success:** Our KS1 children represented Sandringham for the first time at a multi-skills festival. Year 6 achieved 2nd place in their first-ever hockey competition, and our KS2 cross-country teams brought home several top 10 finishes and a 1st place trophy.
- ☆ **Sustainability:** Our Eco-Ambassadors successfully increased recycled waste and decreased general waste across all classrooms.
- ☆ **Fundraising:** Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised £1,265.98 through fundraising. These funds have already been used to purchase "Buddy Benches" and new playtime equipment, including hoops, bean bags, and balls.

Year 6 SATs Preparation: I want to recognise the incredible maturity, resilience, and determination shown by our Year 6 pupils. They have worked tirelessly across the curriculum to build their confidence and stamina in preparation for their upcoming SATs. We are immensely proud of how they are rising to these expectations.

Looking Ahead: We have an exciting Summer term ahead, filled with opportunities for our children to shine. We are especially looking forward to our upcoming end of year events, including Sports Day, the Summer Fair and Year 6 celebration events.

I would also like to draw your attention to some upcoming "With Me In Mind" parent workshops on "Managing Big Worries" on Apr 28, 2026, and "Sleep" on May 05, 2026, from 9AM–10:30AM in the KS2 hall.

To ensure every child reaches their full potential, regular attendance is vital. Our school goal is a minimum of 95% attendance. Every day of learning counts; therefore, we ask that holidays are not taken during term time. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is in school every day and on time.

I look forward to a successful and productive final term of the academic year.

Class Attendance

Bears:	94.3%	Dragons:	95.4%
Dolphins:	98.1%	Unicorns:	93.6%
Whales:	92.6%	Phoenix:	93.5%
Lions:	94.3%	Flying Fish:	90.3%
Giraffes:	95.7%	Swans:	95.0%
Lizards:	96.2%	Toucans:	94.5%
Chameleons:	97.2%	Doves:	97.5%
		Eagles:	96.5%

We aim for an attendance of 95% or above ★

Celebrations

PE and Sport

Last term was an exciting and active term for PE at Sandringham, with many competitions and sporting events taking place. Our KS1 children attended a multi-skills festival where they took part in a variety of activities set up in a carousel. This was their first sporting event representing Sandringham, and they showed great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the day.

Year 6 pupils also took part in a hockey competition, where they performed brilliantly and achieved second place. This was Sandringham's first hockey competition, and the children demonstrated excellent skill, teamwork and technique, making the school very proud.

In March, KS2 boys and girls attended a cross-country competition. Many of our Sandringham pupils finished in the top 10 of their races, with two of our children winning their events. Thanks to these fantastic performances, the boys' team proudly brought home a first-place trophy, while the girls also achieved excellent results.

Year 3 pupils were also given a fantastic opportunity to attend a Festival of Sport at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. The children took part in a range of exciting sports, many of which they had never tried before, all within a professional sporting venue. It was a wonderful experience and a memorable day for everyone involved.

Eco Ambassadors

Last half term, the eco-ambassadors have been working hard to drive sustainability initiatives across school. The team have been encouraging the correct use of our new recycling bins across every classroom. The children are doing an amazing job at this. Mr Makin has recently reported a huge increase in recycled waste and a decrease in general waste! The children also supported the Big Walk and Wheel event, which encouraged lots of children to actively travel to school.

This half term, the eco-ambassadors will be supporting our planned cycle training sessions and giving the Sandringham Garden a tidy and refresh!

Pupil Leadership – Fundraising Project

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas fundraising last term. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £1,265.98 through raffles, concert ticket sales and our Christmas wishes.

We are delighted to share that the money has been used to purchase two fantastic Buddy Benches for our playgrounds. Hopefully you have seen these in place and being used. These provide a special place for children to sit if they are looking for a friend, helping to promote kindness, inclusion and positive friendships across the school.

We have also invested in a range of new playtime equipment, including hoops, bean bags and balls, to encourage active and enjoyable play for all pupils.

Thank you again for your continued support—it really does make a difference to our children's experience at school.

Uniform

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

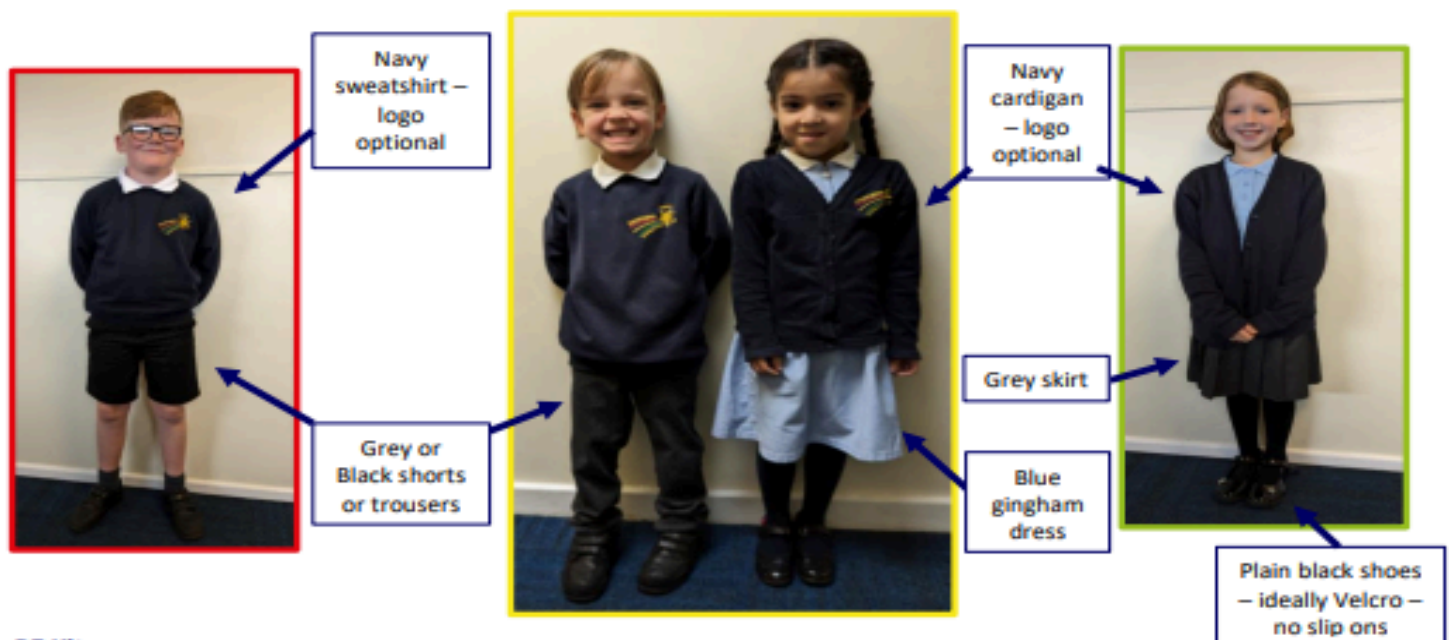
- navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (school logo optional)
- white polo shirt (school logo optional) or white blouse/shirt with navy tie (optional)
- navy/grey/black skirt or trousers
- grey/black school shorts
- grey pinafore or blue gingham dress
- black sensible school shoes/school trainers (no high 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. Please click [here](#) for further information on our website.

Pupils are not permitted to wear hoodies within school.

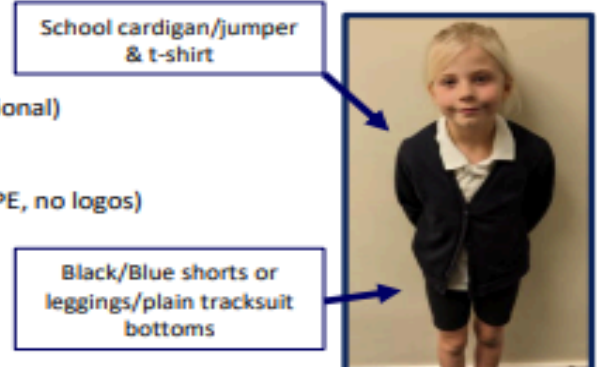


PE Kit

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





Nursery – Bears



A message from Mrs Stringfellow...

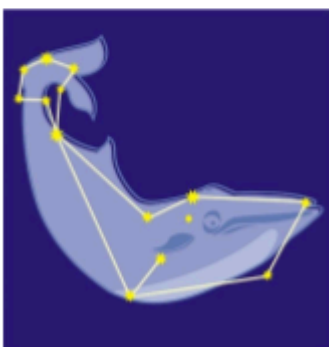
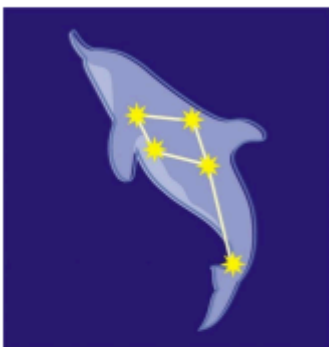
Last half term the children in nursery were learning all about plants and growing through our topic 'In the Garden'. They enjoyed searching for plants that are growing around school and in the nursery garden and they have planted many different seeds such as sunflowers, radishes and beans too! Their favourite was watching the cress grow so quickly! We will continue to watch and care for plants growing in our garden during the rest of the year.

This half term, we introduce our topic of 'Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!!' We will be receiving a very special delivery, containing some eggs at the start of the half term and we will be able to observe the life cycle of and care for the insect which grows. We will learn about names for insects in the garden as well as looking at features of them; their habitats and answering any questions which the children may have.

Reminders for Nursery are:

- Please ensure children have a named water bottle in school especially as the weather becomes warmer.
- Please ensure all clothing, especially cardigans and jumpers are clearly labelled with names.
- Remember that children can choose a new book from our lending library any day of the week. They just need to return their previous book in their book bag.
- Please check Tapestry at least once a week. We will be looking for parent volunteers in for gardening & baking opportunities.

Reception – Dolphins & Whales



A message from Miss Wainwright & Miss Blakemore...

Last half term was very exciting and busy in Reception! We had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day. The children arrived to a big surprise when they discovered that Paddington Bear had secretly visited our classroom! We also celebrated World Sleep Day, where the children came to school in their pyjamas and enjoyed a range of calm and relaxing activities. We talked about why sleep is important for our bodies and minds and explored healthy bedtime routines.

Our topic last half term was "The Big Blue." We learned all about our oceans and how we can help to protect sea animals by recycling and being more sustainable. The children have shown lots of interest in caring for our planet and understanding how small actions can make a big difference.

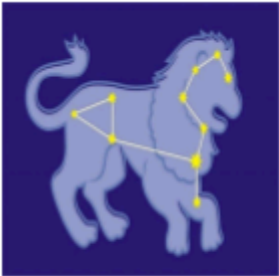
This half term our new topic is "On the Farm." The children will be learning about the life cycle of a chicken, farm animals and where our food comes from, our teeth and oral health, and how to look after them, growing outdoors and caring for plants. We are also very excited that the children will have the opportunity to visit a real-life farm, where they will be able to see some of the animals we have been learning about.

Key Reminders:

- Please do not bring toys into school unless an arrangement has already been made with a member of staff.
- Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled.
- Children should bring a water bottle to school every day.

Key Stage 1

Year 1 – Lions & Giraffes



A message from Mrs Smithard, Mrs Waterland & Mrs Shepherd...

Last half term we enjoyed sharing many stories, our favourite story was 'Where the Wild Things Are'. In Maths we were learning about numbers to 50 and started learning how to measure the length of different objects. We enjoyed learning about continents, oceans and the four countries of the United Kingdom in Geography.

This half term we are continuing our learning about plants and animals in science, we will also be learning about the lives of significant people such as David Attenborough in History. We will be reading many more stories including Dogger, which we are sure will be a favourite with the children.

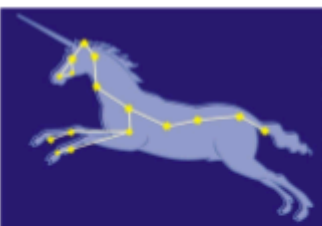
Our PE days are Monday and Thursday after the Easter break. Please ensure children come dressed in school PE kit on these days. Please can we also ask that your child brings in their book bag every day.

Phonics screening check for Year 1's will begin on Monday 8th June 2026.

Reminder about the trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park in June, if you would like to make contributions via Parent Pay to avoid paying in one payment, you are welcome to add payments for this.

Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 – Dragons & Unicorns



A message from Mrs Speck & Mrs Hales-Beck...

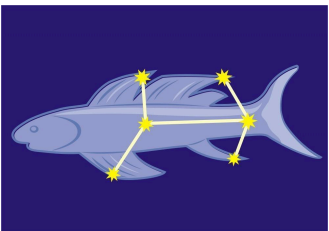
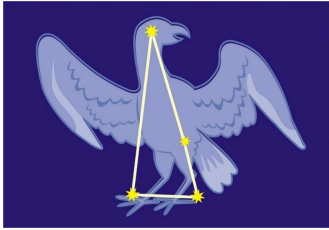
Last half term year 3 loved designing our own classroom helper robot in English, taking inspiration from our class novel the wild robot. In maths we have continued our work on multiplication and division and children have loved learning to play recorders in music.

This half term we are excited to begin our new novel Julius Zebra, to continue learning all about the Romans and their impact on Britain and to start training for sports day!

Year 3 PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please ensure all children come to school with a water bottle and in full uniform, or PE uniform on PE days- uniform details can be found on our website. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are struggling with this.

Year 4 – Phoenix & Flying Fish



A message from Miss Briggs, Mrs Jenkinson & Ms Clements ...

Last half-term, we were learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings across several subjects. In English, we read *Anglo-Saxon Boy*, which helped us to understand what life may have been like during this time. Using the story as inspiration, we wrote persuasive letters imagining that we were trying to convince the villagers to join the Anglo-Saxon army. We also wrote detailed historical narratives about a boy living during the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era, focusing on describing the setting, building tension, and showing what daily life might have been like during times of conflict. We linked our classroom learning to an exciting school trip to the Jorvik Centre in York, where we discovered more about the Vikings, including where they originated from and how they lived. We explored Viking artefacts and learned about the impact they had on Britain.

In Geography, we have been learning about the lines of latitude and longitude and why they are important for locating places around the world. We used atlases and maps to find the coordinates of different countries and practised identifying locations using these grid references.

In Maths, we have been learning how to divide using the formal written method and have been developing our confidence in solving division problems step by step. We have also continued to practise our times tables regularly to strengthen our number fluency and prepare for our upcoming multiplication check.

In Art, we explored body proportions and learned how artists use these to make drawings look more realistic. We used templates to experiment with different poses and movements, helping us to understand how the human body moves.

In PE, we have been focusing on hockey. We learned how to hold the hockey stick correctly, control the ball, and pass accurately to our teammates. We have also been practising working together as a team during small games and developing our coordination and control.



Year 5 – Swans & Toucans



A message from Mr Campbell & Miss Mawson...

Last half term was a busy and exciting term for Year 5, with lots of opportunities for the children to showcase their learning. A particular highlight was our visit from the Wonderdome planetarium, which linked brilliantly to our upcoming space topic in science. The children impressed us all with their enthusiasm and the knowledge they were already able to share.

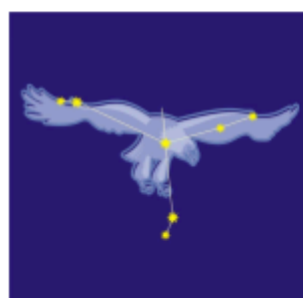
We also enjoyed a fantastic Lego Robotics day led by Yorkshire Water. The children used their computing skills creatively to design and programme systems to deliver water around a town, demonstrating excellent teamwork and problem-solving throughout the day.

More recently, during our business studies enterprise day, the children worked in groups to design and pitch their own sensory rooms. They showed great imagination and confidence when presenting their ideas, thinking carefully about how their designs would meet different needs.

This term, we are excited to begin learning about the Ancient Greeks in our history lessons. This topic will also inspire our writing, as the children explore Greek myths and monsters.

A reminder that PE lessons will continue to take place on Mondays and Thursdays.

Year 6 – Doves & Eagles



A message from Mr McCurdy & Mrs Sutton...

Last half term, Year 6 worked incredibly hard across the curriculum. In English, we explored flashback narratives inspired by *Carrie's War*, and used the film clip 'The Piano' by Aiden Gibbons, focusing on how to use dialogue to convey character and carefully structure a shift between present and past. Pupils developed their use of grammatical features to add depth and control to their writing. In reading, we used past SATS papers to build confidence, stamina and familiarity with question types, with a particular focus on developing inference and explaining answers clearly using evidence from the text. In geography, we compared the Lake District with Jamaica, exploring both physical and human geographical features and analysing similarities and differences between the two locations. In science, we were learning about the human circulatory system, including the role of the heart, blood vessels and blood, and how oxygen and nutrients are transported around the body.

This half term, our focus will continue to be on preparing for SATs, ensuring pupils feel confident, prepared and ready to apply their knowledge across reading, writing and maths. In English, we will be continuing to develop extended writing, with a focus on control, cohesion and writing at greater depth. Alongside this, we will begin to support pupils with transition to secondary school, helping them feel confident and prepared for the next stage of their learning journey. We are also looking forward to working with CAST on a playhouse project, where we will soon be auditioning for the production 'Little Criminals.'

Year 6 P.E. days ~~will continue to be Monday and Friday.~~

Reminders / Messages

Please ensure children are reading regularly at home and continuing to practise key spellings. Homework should be completed and returned on time each week. As we approach SATs, attendance and punctuality are more important than ever.

A final message

We are incredibly proud of the maturity, resilience and determination the children have shown this half term. They are approaching their learning with increasing independence and are rising to the challenge of Year 6 expectations. Thank you for your continued support at home, as it plays a vital role in their success.

Louise Sutton

Wraparound Care



Shining Stars Wraparound is now available to book for ENTER DATES.
To book your place, visit ParentPay and select either Shining Stars Breakfast or Shining Stars After School
to book your required slot. More information can be found at

<https://www.sandringham.school/shining-stars-wraparound-care/>



Shining Stars Wraparound Care



Before and After School Provision

Monday - Friday for Reception to Year 6



Breakfast Club - £3.50 – 7:45am – 8:45am
(Includes Cereal, Toast and Fruit)

After School Club - £5.50 – 3:15pm – 5:15pm
(Includes a light snack)

20 places per session
(Sessions can be booked flexibly)

Bookings are now open!



Dates for your diary!

Date	Event
27 th April	Year 4 Road Safety begins this week
27 th April	3.30pm Year 1/2 Phonics Meeting for Parents
28 th April	<i>With Me In Mind</i> Parent Workshop - Managing Big Worries KS2 hall 9-10:30
28 th April	Nursery Gardening Day
28 th April	Year 3/4 Rounders Trophy
1 st May	Jump, Run, Give – Wear Sports Kit Fundraiser
4 th May	School Closed – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
5 th May	<i>With Me In Mind</i> Parent Workshop - Sleep KS2 hall 9-10:30
11 th – 14 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
20 th May	Y5/6 Rising Rovers Football Cup
22 nd – 31 st May	School Closed – STAFF TRAINING / HALF TERM
1 st June	Pupils return to school
4 th June	Nursery Cleethorpes Visit
8 th June	Year 1/2 Phonics Checks
15 th June	Y6 Bikeability week begins
16 th June	Sing Out (Choir at the Dome)
23 rd June	Y6 Enterprise Day
24 th June	Y1 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park
25 th June	Sports Day (Y1-6 morning – Nursery & Reception afternoon)
29 th June	KS2 Tennis Tournament
30 th June	Summer Concert 9.30
1 st July	Trust Games
2 nd July	Rock Steady Concert
3 rd – 5 th July	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood
14 th July	Summer Fair (afternoon)
13 th July	Reserve Sports Day
15 th July	Arts Festival & Ambition Awards at CAST
16 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly and Party Early Years Graduation