



# **NEWSLETTER**

#### A message from our Principal - Mr Metcalfe

As we reach the end of a very busy and successful first half-term, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on what a fantastic start to the academic year we have had. It has been an absolute pleasure to see how brilliantly our pupils have settled in and embraced their new classes. There is a wonderful sense of purpose and enthusiasm in the classrooms and a fantastic, positive atmosphere around the school.

As I have walked through school and visited lessons, I have been incredibly impressed with the hard work I have seen. Our pupils are full of concentration as they practise their handwriting, diligently learn their new spellings, and tackle challenges with great determination in their maths work. There has been a really great commitment from everyone.

I have particularly enjoyed spending time with our newest starters in the Nursery and Reception classes. It has been a joy to watch them grow in confidence and see their incredible imagination at work. Dolphins and Whales have been making the most of the autumn weather by taking their learning outdoors, and I was delighted to see them working together (and getting roped in) to make some delicious pumpkin soup! They have settled in so well, and their energy and curiosity are a wonderful addition to our school community.

#### A Note on Attendance

To ensure that every child can achieve their full potential, excellent attendance is crucial. Every day of learning counts, and being in school regularly helps pupils build friendships, feel part of our community, and develop a strong routine.

The only time a child should be absent is when they are genuinely unwell. We understand it can be tricky to decide whether to send your child to school, so we encourage you to use the official NHS guidance, "Is my child too ill for school?", which provides clear and helpful advice.

To avoid disruption to your child's education, we also request that all family holidays and planned leave are booked within the designated school holiday periods.

#### **Events After the Break**

As we look towards the next half-term, we have a calendar packed with exciting events and performances that showcase our pupils' hard work and talent. We would be delighted for you to join us and celebrate their achievements. Please keep an eye on the school calendar for the dates and times of our upcoming Year 6 Social Justice performance, our beautiful Candlelight Concerts, and of course, our wonderful Christmas productions. We look forward to welcoming you into school for these special occasions.

Thank you to all our families for your wonderful support throughout this half-term. I am immensely proud of everything our pupils have achieved. I wish you all a very pleasant and restful break, and look forward to seeing everyone back at school, refreshed and ready for the exciting half-term ahead.

#### **Class Attendance**

Bears:	93.4%	Dragons:	95.9%
Dolphins:	98.3%	Unicorns:	94%
Whales:	92.3%	Phoenix:	96%
Lions:	95.7%	Flying Fish:	92.4%
Giraffes:	95.1%	Swans:	96.1%
Lizards:	96.1%	Toucans:	96.5%
Chameleons:	96.9%	Doves:	97.2%
		Eagles:	97.1%

We aim for an attendance of 95% or above

#### **Safeguarding Support During the School Closure**

Where you believe there is immediate risk of significant harm the police should be contacted on 999.

To discuss any concerns with school staff phone our main school number 01302 361880 (Monday to Friday: 8.00am-4.00pm in term time) or email safeguarding@sandringham.elp.org.uk (monitored during school holidays).

General information and support is available from Doncaster Safeguarding Children Partnership.

For urgent safeguarding concerns please call the Duty team on 01302 737777.

If you have urgent concerns regarding a child or young person's mental health, please call the DCST's Duty Team on 01302 796191.

NHS health information is available from www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school. The School Nursing Team can be contacted on 01302 566776.



## **Staffing Changes**

As the half term draws to a close, we are sad to share that Mrs Sinnott will be leaving us at the end of the first week back. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful contribution she has made to the pupils and wider Sandringham community. We wish her every success and happiness in the future.

We're really excited to share that after the half-term break, a few new faces will be joining our Sandringham team!

- Mrs Stanley will be joining our Year 4 teaching team in Flying Fish class on Thursdays and Fridays.
- Ella Ryan and Jessica Littledyke will be joining our wonderful teaching assistant team.
- Pia Antoniw will be joining the office team as our new Finance and Admin Officer.

We can't wait to welcome them all to Sandringham, they'll be fantastic additions to our school community. Please give them a warm Sandringham welcome when you see them around school!

#### **Sports**

#### **Autumn Fun**

#### **Finger Bats**

All the pupils have really enjoyed all the autumn activities available at break and lunch times which have included crafts, games, sports and themed games such as spooky ghosts, where pupils have to throw ghosts into a box to gain points. This has improved throwing and maths skills too.





#### **Tag Rugby**

We were incredibly proud of our fantastic Year 5 and Year boys and girls who represented the school in the Trust Tag Rugby competition, earning an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place!! This was a brilliant achievement and we couldn't be prouder of them all!



#### **Dodgeball**

We are so proud of our Year 3/4 Dodgeball Team for winning the Exceed Dodgeball Competition this week! They showed great skill, determination and teamwork to come away with the trophy!



#### 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

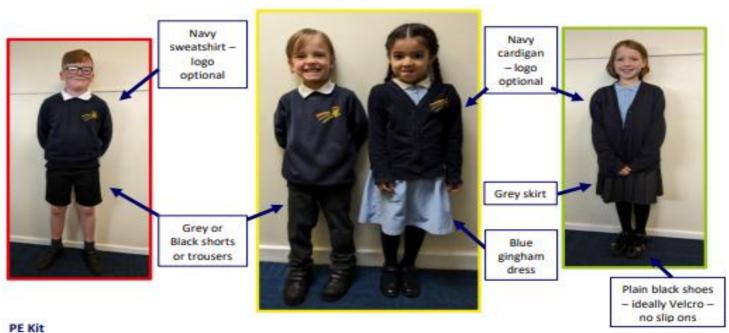
warmer weather: waterproof jacket and navy, black or white sunhat without logos.

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.



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.

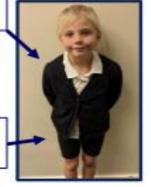
Our school PE kit includes:

- 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

Black/Blue shorts or leggings/plain tracksuit bottoms

School cardigan/jumper

& t-shirt



#### **EYFS**



#### Nursery - Bears



#### A message from Mrs Nelthorpe...

This half-term our focus has been 'Marvellous Me'. We've been exploring what makes us special, as well as the similarities and differences between ourselves and our families — including our extended families. The children have created wonderful family masks and enjoyed sharing who is important to them.

Outdoors, we've had great fun building dens, having pretend picnics, and discovering fascinating spider webs around our play area. The children have also been noticing the changing seasons — watching the leaves change colour and feeling the cooler weather.

We are so proud of how well everyone has settled into Nursery. The children have shown such kindness towards each other and are growing in confidence every day. A huge thank you to our families for your continued support — especially for sending in family photos and joining us on this exciting learning journey! Next half-term our topic will be 'Special Times'. We'll be learning a range of nursery rhymes and songs linked to weather and numbers, such as It's Raining, It's Pouring, I Can Sing a Rainbow, Five Little Speckled Frogs, and other traditional favourites.

We'll explore patterns, create colourful firework art, and talk about special celebrations including Diwali, Remembrance Day, and Christmas. As the season changes from autumn to winter, we'll observe the differences in nature — from falling leaves to frosty mornings — and use a variety of materials to paint, build, and create. We're especially excited to begin rehearsals for our Nativity performance and can't wait to share it with you!

- Reminders
  - Please continue to send in weather-appropriate clothing, as we love exploring outside in all seasons!
  - Label all items of clothing clearly.
  - Thank you again for your ongoing support it makes such a difference to your child's learning and confidence.

# Reception – Dolphins & Whales



#### A message from Miss Wainwright & Miss Blakemore...

We have had a wonderful and busy half term in Reception, and it has been fantastic to see the children engaging so enthusiastically with our learning and they have all settled in so well.

This Half Term – "All About Me"

This term, our topic has been All About Me. The children have enjoyed exploring different family dynamics, learning more about themselves, and reflecting on how they have grown and changed since they were babies. We have also started to notice the signs of autumn during our walks to the Wildlife Area. The children have loved observing the leaves changing colour and experiencing the colder weather.

Our reading of Pumpkin Soup sparked a lot of curiosity, and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about pumpkins. Highlights included exploring pumpkins up close and even making our own delicious pumpkin soup!

Next Half Term – "Special Times"

Next half term, we will be learning about Special Times, including a focus on different religious celebrations leading up to Christmas. We will also be preparing for our Nativity performance, which the children are very excited about!

#### **Key Reminders**

Please ensure children bring their book bag every day. Books are changed once a week. Reading should be logged through Learning with Parents, or you can request a paper reading log from your child's class teacher.

Children should bring a coat and a water bottle every day. With the colder weather, please also provide gloves, hats, and scarves.

All clothing should be clearly labelled to avoid lost items.

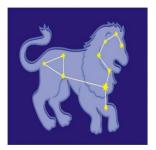
At home time, can parents please line up at the designated side to ensure a smoother pick up. Whales (along the bike racks) and Dolphins (along the KS1 Hall).

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another exciting and festive half term with your children!

## Key Stage 1



#### Year 1 - Lions & Giraffes





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

This half term we have been learning about seasons in science and we have been using our observation skills to spot the signs of autumn on our nature walk. We have been learning how to use the line guides in our new books for English. We have learnt about what is in our local community in History and enjoyed a walk down Sandringham Road to find all the different types of shops. In Maths we have been learning about place value and practising our fluency skills.

Next half-term in Geography we will be learning about maps and in Maths we are learning about addition and subtraction and shape. We will also be sharing some wonderful stories including 'Journey Home', 'Night Pirates' and 'Splash Day'.

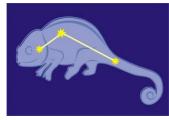
#### Reminders

Please can all children bring in their book bags every day.

P.E. days next half-term will be Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please can children come to school in a school jumper/cardigan, white t shirt and either black/navy leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers.

# Year 2 – Lizards & Chameleons





#### A message from Miss Turner & Miss Derbyshire...

Year 2 have settled in exceptionally well this half term and have embraced the new challenges of Year 2 with enthusiasm. In English, we have explored Drew Daywalt's book The Day the Crayons Quit. The children wrote persuasive letters from Duncan to the crayons, aiming to convince them to return to work. Their writing included the use of descriptive adjectives and question sentences to enhance their arguments.

In Maths, we have focused on place value up to 100 and have used mathematical manipulatives to deepen our understanding. We have also been concentrating on learning our 10 times tables through engaging and creative activities.

In Geography, we have started to explore the human and physical features of Doncaster and our local area. We will soon begin developing our fieldwork and map skills.

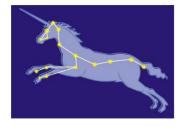
In Science, we have been investigating living things and their habitats, with a particular focus on animal microhabitats. The children have enjoyed exploring our school environment to observe and identify different microhabitats first-hand.

Well done, Year 2, it's been a brilliant half term!

### Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 – Dragons & Unicorns





#### A message from Mrs Speck & Mrs Newton...

Year 3 have had a busy and exciting term of learning! In English, we have enjoyed reading The Twits and the children wrote brilliant retellings of the Glass Eye chapter. In maths, they have explored place value, working confidently with numbers up to 1000. Our science topic on rocks has allowed the children to investigate different types and their properties, while in history they have learned about life from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In PE, the children have been developing their gymnastics skills and enjoying tag rugby, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm.

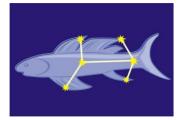
Next half term, in English, the children will be reading The Iron Man and will write detailed character descriptions and imaginative diary entries. In maths, they will develop their skills in addition and subtraction, using a range of strategies to solve problems. Our science topic, Animals Including Humans, will help the children learn about nutrition, skeletons and muscles. In geography, they will explore the United Kingdom, building their knowledge of countries, capitals and key landmarks, while in PE they will enjoy playing dodgeball and creating expressive dance routines.

PE days next half will be: Wednesday and Friday

Please remember to send your child to school with a coat and a water bottle every day.

Year 4 – Phoenix & Flying Fish





#### A message from Miss Briggs & Mrs Jenkinson...

In Year 4 this half-term, we have dived into The Land of Roar! We have really enjoyed reading our class novel and writing our non-chronological reports about Roar. In History, we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons and how they helped shape Britain today. In Science, our focus has been on living things and what they need to survive, using MRS GREN to help us remember the life processes.

Next half-term, we will continue reading The Land of Roar and begin writing our own narratives. We will also start our Geography unit, investigating rivers. In Computing, we will be creating our own podcasts to share with our peers.

Our swimming lessons will begin next half-term and will take place on Mondays.

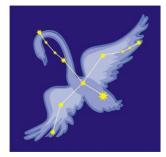
P.E. day next half-term will be Tuesday.

Finally, a reminder to record your child's reading on Learning with Parents — our aim is for five reading sessions each week.

# Upper Key Stage 2



Year 5 – Swans & Toucans



#### A message from Mr Campbell & Miss Mawson....

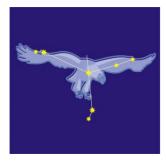
What a fantastic start we have made to Year 5! The children have settled in brilliantly and shown real enthusiasm for their learning. One of the highlights this half term has been our history topic on the Victorians. The children have impressed both Mr Campbell and Miss Mawson with their curiosity, thoughtful questions, and growing knowledge about this fascinating period. Alongside this, we have been reading the gripping novel Street Child, which has helped us understand more about what life was like for children in Victorian Britain.

Looking ahead, we are especially excited for our Whitby trip with some of the Year 5 children. This will tie in perfectly with our next novel, Room 13, where we'll be exploring the mysterious world of vampires and Dracula! It promises to be a thrilling read that will spark plenty of imagination and creativity.

After half term, our P.E. lessons will be on Mondays and Thursdays, focusing on dance and gymnastics. Swimming has now finished, so children just need their regular P.E. kit each week.

#### Year 6 - Doves & Eagles





#### A message from Mr McCurdy & Mrs Sutton...

In Year 6 we have been enjoying reading the explorer and writing about how to survive in the Amazon if we happen to crash land there! Our narrative will take inspiration from Nim's Island, where some of us will love being stranded in the jungle and some of us just want to get out and go home! We have been working hard on social justice projects: themes of hope, dentity and unity, building towards a short performance piece with spoken word and dance, and how we can express these themes through art. We enjoyed our trip to crucial crew where we took part in different interactive events to teach us about the importance of safety, recognise angers, make healthy choices, and become more independent citizens.

Next half term we are looking forward to reading Nowhere Emporium. We will take inspiration from the Alma film clip, to help us write alternative chapters. In science we will explore the effects of light and how we can replicate this in art to create illusions.

#### Reminders for parents/carers:

Reading: Bring reading books & record daily; a quick signature helps us track progress.

Homework: Set Fridays, due Thursdays (spellings, arithmetic and two short reading tasks).

Online Games: Regular practice on reflex, TT Rock Stars, rollama, spelling frame and reading plus really helps fluency.





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



Bookings are now open!

#### **School Meal Menu from November 2025**

From 3<sup>rd</sup> November the menu for school meals will be changing, please see the new menu below. All school meals should be booked and paid for (where applicable) in advance using ParentPay. We have noticed an increase in the number of pupils where meals have not been ordered. Where lunches are not ordered in advance, it may be necessary to provide your child with the sandwich option only.

ParentPay

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Cheese and Bean pasty	Halal Spagetti Bolognese (beef)	Halal pulled Chicken and Yorkshire Pudding	Halal chicken tomato pasta	Fish Portion
Vegetarian Main dish	Tomato and Basil Pasta	Quorn tikka masala	Quorn pieces in gravy and Yorkshire Pudding	Pizza Nann	Quorn Nuggets
Accompaniments	Seasonal Vegetables Salad Bar Fresh Homemade Bread				
Desserts	Fruit crumble	Chocolate Crunch	Fruit Rice Pudding with Fruit Compote	Jam & coconut sponge	Lemon drizzle cake
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection

WEEK 2	<b>MONDAY</b>	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Halal beef lasagne	Halal minced Beef in gravy and Yorkshire Pudding	Cheese and ham pinwheel	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Main dish	Macaroni Cheese	Sweet potato & vegetable masala	Quorn pieces in gravy and Yorkshire Pudding	Pizza Nann	Quorn Dippers
Accompaniments	Seasonal Vegetables Salad Bar Fresh Homemade Bread				
Desserts	Chocolate Brownie	Cheese Cake	Oaty Jam Squares	Ginger Biscuits	Fruit Sponge
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection

WEEK 3	<b>MONDAY</b>	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Cheese Pinwheel	Ham Pizza Naan	Halal pulled Turkey and Yorkshire Pudding	Halal Chicken Tikka Masala	Fish fingers
Vegetarian Main dish	Quorn Tikka Masala	Quorn cottage pie	Quorn mince and Yorkshire Pudding	Roast vegetable lasagne	Vegetable Fingers
Accompaniments	Seasonal Vegetables Salad Bar Fresh Homemade Bread				
Desserts	Chocolate Sponge	Sticky Toffe Pudding	Shortbread	Marble Sponge	Flapjack
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt	Fresh or Yoghurt
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## Dates for your diary!

Date	Event
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School CLOSED to pupils – staff training day
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	School REOPENS to pupils
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Y6 Social Justice Rehearsal
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Service
Week commencing 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd Socks Day
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Social Justice Project
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need
Week commencing 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Road Safety Week
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6 Swimming Gala
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Get Bright Day
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	House Martin Christmas Fayre – KS2 pupils
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5 Whitby Residential
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3 Fire Safety Talk
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	EYFS Craft Sessions
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Pyramid Carol Service
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Nativity – 2:15pm
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Nativity – 9:15am
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas / Winter Jumper Day
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christmas Play – 2:15pm
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christmas Play – 9:15am
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Candlelight concert
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y2 Christmas in a box
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS Christmas Party
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Candlelight concert
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Assemblies at St Adrian's
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rock Steady Concert
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir visiting the local care home
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day in school for pupils

# Have a wonderful half-term We will welcome pupils back in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025!