

NEWSLETTER

Term 3B

A message from our Principal – Mr Metcalfe

As the summer holidays approach, I find myself reflecting on what has been a fabulous year for the Sandringham school community. It has been a year filled with vibrant learning, outstanding achievements, and a wonderful sense of partnership.

The creative talents of our pupils have been a particular highlight. The powerful and moving dances from our Social Justice project showcased our children's deep understanding and passion for creating a fairer world. Their voices soared at the Sheffield Arena for the Young Voices concert – a spectacular event and an unforgettable experience for our young performers, who represented our school with such confidence on a huge stage.

This year has also been one of phenomenal sporting success. Our whole-school Sports Day was a fantastic event. We saw that same enthusiasm at the Trust Games, where our pupils shone, placing third overall. I must also give a special mention to our incredible basketball team, whose dedication and teamwork took them to the regional finals – a truly outstanding achievement!

Academically, our pupils have excelled in many areas. Pupils have again secured incredible phonics results along with fantastic scores achieved by our Year 4 pupils in the national multiplication tables check. These excellent outcomes are a direct result of their hard work and the brilliant support they receive from our dedicated staff and from you at home.

None of this would be possible without consistent attendance, and I want to extend my thanks to you, our parents and carers. Last year I wrote to you asking for your support to improve this and your commitment to ensuring your children are in school every day has made a huge difference. I am delighted to report that our school's attendance is now better than the national average and the highest of similar schools. This is a shared success and a powerful testament to what we can achieve when we work together.

Thank you for your support throughout this incredible year. It has been a pleasure to see your children learn, grow, and reach for stars!

I wish you all a restful, safe, and happy summer break.

Class Attendance

Bears: 94.3 %	Dragons: 95.9%
Dolphins: 93.6 %	Unicorns: 95.6 %
Whales: 93.5 %	Phoenix: 96.1 %
Lions: 96.2 %	Flying Fish: 95.5%
Giraffes: 95.5 %	Swans: 97.0%
Lizards: 93.3 %	Toucans: 96.9%
Chameleons: 95.2%	Doves: 96.3 %
	Eagles: 96.4 %

We aim for an attendance of 95% or above ★

Safeguarding Support During the Summer 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.

School Council

This year's school council have been amazing and organised a whole host of fundraising events. Thanks to their amazing efforts this year we have supported, Eve Murton Trust and Shelter. We also raised money for Children in Need, Save the Children and Red Nose Day!

Overall, this school year, we have raised an outstanding **£1,007.50!!**



Save the Children

Sports

It's been a very busy and successful year for the pupils at Sandringham Primary with many highlights. This summer term we finished off with our annual events of Sports and the Trust Games.

Sports Day

For sports day we had the perfect weather which provided brilliant conditions for all our pupils taking part and adding to the excitement. From the sack race to parent's bean bag race it was a chance for everyone to get active. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the spectators and to past students for helping out on this day.

School Games 18 June

Sandringham Primary in Doncaster School Games at the Doncaster Athletics Track. This event was for only years 5 and 6 and in the hot sun of June our pupils competed against schools across Doncaster. Sandringham only just missed out on 1st Place by 1 point. Mrs Maddox said "It was truly amazing to see the range of sporting talent from our pupils and competing in such hot weather too".

Trust Games

This year our pupils really pushed in every area of athletics and up against all our schools within the Exceed trust was outstanding. Many of our pupils securing top three places. It was the tightest competition in years and Sandringham took 3rd Place only a few points off 2nd. We are so proud of all the pupils and a huge thank you to Miss Briggs for preparing pupils so well for such an event.

Break and lunchtimes

So many activities have been taking place at break and lunchtimes and especially being mindful of the recent hot weather conditions. We have set up board games, art activities, lego, and reading corners in the shade.



CRED

Centre for Race, Education & Decoloniality

We are very proud to announce that we have achieved the silver standard for this award, which takes a community approach to developing a culture of anti-racism in our school. It provides a framework to evidence policies and initiatives for both staff and pupils within the wider school community.



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.

Navy sweatshirt – logo optional

Grey or Black shorts or trousers

Navy cardigan – logo optional

Grey skirt

Blue gingham dress

Plain black shoes – ideally Velcro – no slip ons

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

School cardigan/jumper & t-shirt

Black/Blue shorts or leggings/plain tracksuit bottoms



Nursery – Bears

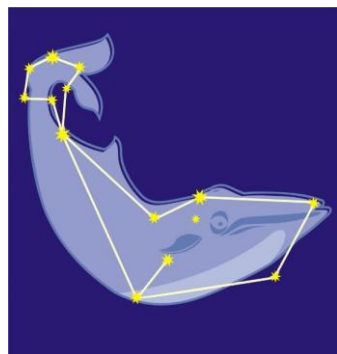
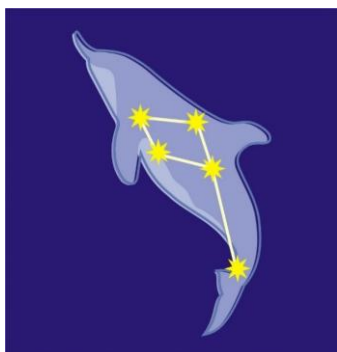


A message from Mrs Stringfellow & Mrs Tomlinson...

This half-term, the children have enjoyed lots of activities including a very exciting trip to the seaside, where they paddled, collected shells and, of course, had an ice-cream. They then continued their learning by painting ice-creams, looking at how the seaside has changed from the past and looking at different sea creatures. The children have been continuing to practice their maths and Phonic skills and have been thinking about transitions.

It has been an amazing year and the children have all made lovely friendships and developed their independence. The children have had visits from a local police man, which was a particular favourite of many, as well as a visit from the dentist. Children also loved the animal handling experience, meeting and holding guinea pigs and lizards!

Reception – Dolphins & Whales



A message from Miss Wainwright & Miss Blakemore...

As we come to the end of our final half term together, we are filled with pride, joy, and just a few happy tears! What an incredible journey it has been watching your children grow, learn, and flourish throughout their Reception year.

This half term, our focus has been **The Woodlands**, and what a magical topic it has been! We've explored the fascinating world of woodland creatures, their homes, and the seasonal changes that shape their lives. From spotting signs of **spring** to basking in the warm rays of **summer**, the children have absolutely loved observing the world around them come to life. Our **outdoor area** has been buzzing with curiosity and excitement as we watched flowers bloom, bugs scuttle, and trees sway in the sunshine.

Summer also brought with it plenty of laughter and celebration! We've had so much fun outside enjoying **picnic parties**, **water play**, and of course, cheering each other on during our energetic **sports day**. These moments have created lasting memories and brought our little class community even closer together.

Looking back over the entire year, it's amazing to think about all the special highlights we've shared:

- 🐣 **Hatching chicks** and watching them grow
- 🚓 Visits from our **local police officers**
- 🌻 Our exciting **trip to the farm**
- 🌟 A magical **Nativity performance** that had us all beaming with pride

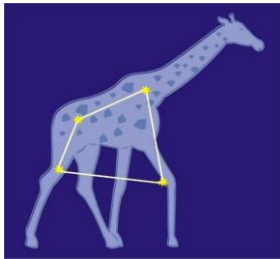
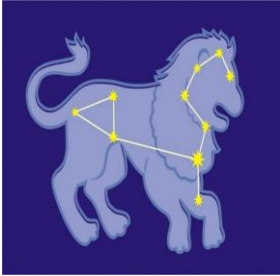
Each of these experiences has helped shape a year full of learning, discovery, and joy.

We are **so incredibly proud** of every single child in Reception. The progress they have made—socially, emotionally, and academically—has been simply remarkable. They've tackled challenges with resilience, shown kindness to one another, and most importantly, developed a love of learning that we hope stays with them always.

Thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement, and for sharing your wonderful children with us this year. They are more than ready for their next adventure—and we'll be cheering them on every step of the way. Wishing you all a happy, sunny summer holiday!

Key Stage 1

Year 1 – Lions & Giraffes



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

This half term we have enjoyed continuing to learn about animals in Science. We especially enjoyed our visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, when we learnt about how animals adapt to their natural habitats. The pupils also enjoyed seeing the animals and were amazed how close they could be. They especially enjoyed watching the polar bears and walking through the wallaby enclosure.

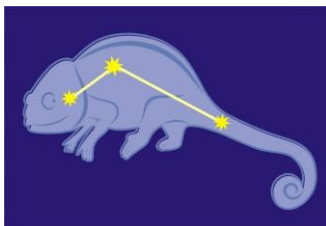
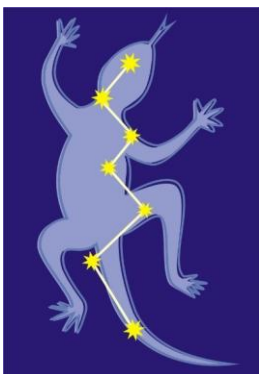
In Art we really enjoyed taking part in the Arts festival along with all the other pupils in the school. The pupils have explored the technique of collage. They have combined this technique with drawing to create a final piece. In Geography children have learnt about hot and cold places and where they are. Children have enjoyed their coaching sessions with Morgan and of course they loved you coming to watch them for sports day!

In English children have been writing a recount of their trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. In Whole Class Reading we have been reading 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. In Maths we have learnt about the value of numbers within 100, recognising coins and notes and practising telling the time to half past and O'clock.

All of the Year 1 team wish all the pupils a lovely summer break and all the best for Year 2!



Year 2 – Lizards & Chameleons



A message from Mrs Speck & Miss Derbyshire...

Year 2 has had a fantastic half term filled with excitement, learning, and memorable experiences. The children showed incredible resilience and sportsmanship during Sports Day, giving their absolute all in every event.

We also enjoyed a very warm and successful trip to Austerfield, where the children had the opportunity to meet a variety of animals including a bearded dragon, a milk snake named Merlin, and a very slimy Giant African Snail called Noodle! A highlight of the day was pond dipping, where the children were thrilled to discover pond life such as fish, water beetles, and bloodworms.

In class, we've been diving into the imaginative world of Roald Dahl, with a focus on George's Marvellous Medicine. The children have thoroughly enjoyed writing their own creative instructions to make a magical medicine for Grandma!

The hard work and dedication our pupils have shown in preparing for and completing their SATS has been truly impressive. Their determination and effort have made us all incredibly proud, they should be very proud of themselves too.

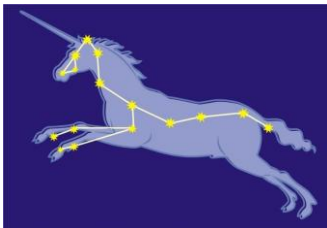
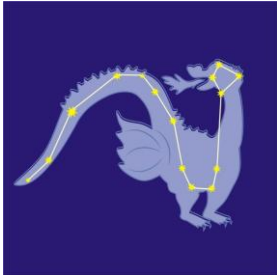
We also had an amazing Falconry experience, where the children learned all about birds of prey in a truly unforgettable session.

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

Lower Key Stage 2



Year 3 – Dragons & Unicorns



A message from Miss Briggs & Mrs Newton...

We've been diving into the hilarious and action-packed world of Julius Zebra! The children have enjoyed reading the story and answering questions to deepen their understanding. They've also written brilliant character descriptions and explored the conversations between characters, thinking about their personalities and how they interact. Through storytelling, the class has travelled back in time to Ancient Rome, creating their own characters and imagining life in Roman times.

Geography

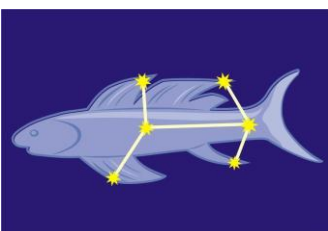
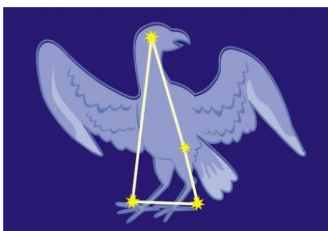
In Geography, we've been learning about Pompeii and how the eruption of Mount Vesuvius changed the city forever. The children were fascinated to learn how volcanoes erupt and have explored the impact they can have on people and places.

Maths

In Maths, our focus has been on time. The children have been learning to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and understanding how to read both analogue and digital clocks.

It's been a wonderful term of imagination, discovery, and learning!

Year 4 – Phoenix & Flying Fish



A message from Miss Richardson & Mrs Feirn...

This term has been an exciting end to Year 4 filled with many wonderful events in the final weeks. The children have been reading the novel *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, which they have thoroughly enjoyed. They produced some beautiful pieces of writing inspired by the story.

In our wider curriculum, the children have been learning about different environmental regions and climates across the globe. To demonstrate their understanding, each child created an advertising brochure for their favourite country.

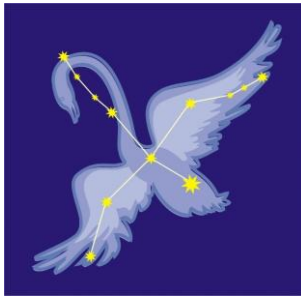
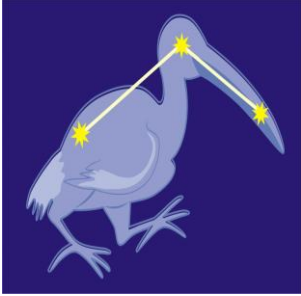
In History, we explored the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. This engaging topic was brought to life during our school trip to Doncaster Museum. The children especially enjoyed the mummification workshop and were proud to showcase their exceptional knowledge.

One of the highlights of the year has definitely been the incredible resilience and determination shown by all pupils during their swimming lessons in the autumn term. Another standout moment was our amazing trip to York, where we explored the history of the Vikings at the Jorvik Centre. It was a fantastic experience that truly brought our learning to life!

We hope that all the pupils have an incredible summer and we wish them all the very best in Year 5.



Year 5 – Swans & Toucans



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

This half term, Year 5 have been busy across the curriculum! In English, we explored the non-chronological reports, focussing on using a formal tone, and starting sentences in different ways. In Science, we studied life cycles, including the fascinating changes in humans, plants and animals. This linked well with our DT project on mechanisms, where we created moving toys with cams and levers, combining creativity with engineering.

We also took part in an exciting Enterprise Challenge, where pupils worked in teams to design and build a sensory nook. We enjoyed a special day out at Barnsley Metrodome, where we needed to present our ideas. Their creativity, teamwork, and presentation skills were outstanding – and we were thrilled to win our group stage and come very close to winning overall!

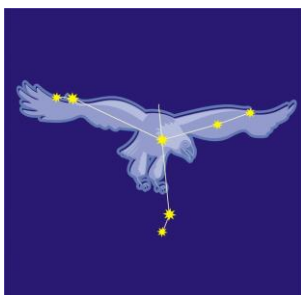
Highlights from the Year

It's been a fantastic year in Year 5! Some of our favourite moments have included:

- Our residential trip to Whitby, where we brought our Dracula topic to life, which we developed further, exploring print-making with local artist John, inspired by the dramatic Whitby coastline.
- Working with Grace from Chol on world-building and character creation.
- Hosting a Victorian artefact experience in school with our museum partners and then visiting the museum for our Ancient Greeks topic.
- Attending the Get up to Speed STEM careers fair at Magna, with highlights including LEGO robotics and hands-on engineering challenges.
- Visiting the Salvation Army and learning about the important work they do in our community.

We're incredibly proud of how much our pupils have achieved, learned, and grown this year. They have shown resilience, imagination, and teamwork in everything they've done.

Year 6 – Doves & Eagles



A message from Mr Campbell & Mrs Feirn...

What an incredible final term it's been for Year 6! We are so proud of everything our pupils have achieved – especially during SATs week. All their hard work, resilience, and determination truly paid off, and the whole school community, especially the staff and teachers, couldn't be prouder.

We've also made time for plenty of fun! Our Lego Robotics Day was a huge hit – the children had a fantastic time building and coding a drumming monkey using Lego kits. It was a perfect mix of creativity, teamwork, and technology.

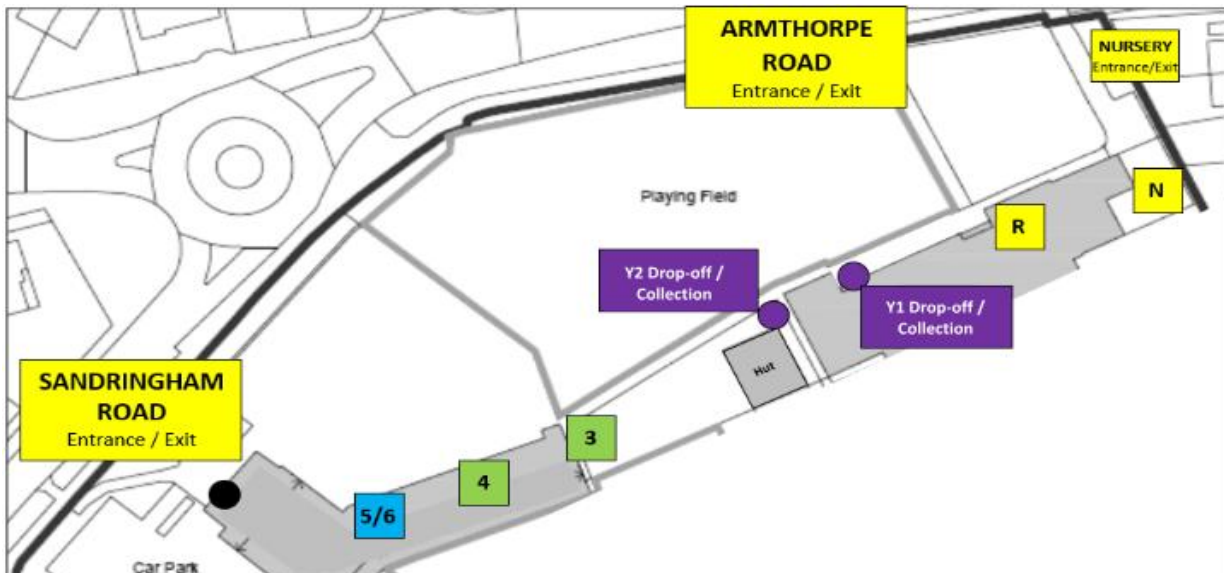
Our residential trip to Kingswood was a great success, with everyone embracing the physical challenges with enthusiasm. From ziplining through the trees to trying their hand at archery and canoeing, the children pushed themselves, supported each other, and made some amazing memories.

As we prepare for our secondary school transition days, excitement is growing – but we're also making the most of our last moments in primary school. We're really looking forward to our ice cream party on Monday 14th and our Leavers' Assembly and party on Thursday 17th – a special chance to celebrate the friendships, fun, and fantastic journey we've shared.

Well done, Year 6 – you've been amazing!

Below indicates the entrances for each year group for September.

Entry & exit to the school site is via the Sandringham Road gate or the Armthorpe Road gate.
Nursery have their own entrance which runs down the site of the KS1 building.



Leavers & September Staffing

As the term draws to a close, it is with sadness that we say goodbye to a number of colleagues. Miss Tomlinson, Miss Richardson, Mrs Watts, Miss Budd and Mrs Johnson all move on to pastures new. We thank them for the wonderful contribution they have made to the pupils of Sandringham and wish them the very best of luck for the future.

We are also bidding farewell to three long-serving members of staff who are retiring. Between them, they have given many years of incredible service to our school. Mrs Gunning joined Sandringham in 1998, Mrs Windass in 1999, and Mrs Brown in 2009. We are deeply grateful for their dedication, care, and commitment over the years—they have certainly earned a well-deserved rest!

September Arrangements

EYFS

Nursery – Miss Stringfellow & Mrs Smithard
Dolphins – Miss Wainwright
Whales – Miss Blakemore

Lower Key Stage 2

Dragons – Miss Speck
Unicorns – Mrs Newton
Phoenix – Miss Briggs
Flying Fish – Mrs Jenkinson & Mrs Topping

Key Stage 1

Lions – Mrs Smithard & Mrs Shepherd
Giraffes – Mrs Waterland
Lizards – Miss Turner
Chameleons – Miss Derbyshire

Upper Key Stage 2

Swans – Mr Campbell
Toucans – Mrs Mawson
Doves – Mr McCurdy
Eagles – Mrs Sutton

Lizards – Miss Turner

Hello! My name is Miss Turner and this is going to be my first class and first year teaching at Sandringham Primary. I am really excited to start teaching you in September, you will get to learn new things and have lots of fun!

I love travelling and exploring new places. I have 2 cuddly cats and a dog, which are a big part of my family. I really enjoy going to concerts where my favourite music is played that I get to sing and dance too. I also love reading all types of books, fiction, non-fiction, I love them!

I love teaching, especially Maths making it fun and hands-on, encouraging teamwork in PE, and seeing the amazing ideas children create in their writing.

I hope you have a wonderful summer, I'm excited to hear the things you all got up to and we'll be ready to start learning!



Flying Fish – Mrs Topping

Hello Year 4!

Most of you will probably not know me but if you have older siblings they might. My name is Mrs Topping and I used to be a teacher at Sandringham 4 years ago. I am so excited to be coming back to teach you all and learn new things.

Next year, I'll be your class teacher on Thursday and Friday. We'll be joined by Mrs Jenkinson, who will teach you all on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I'm really excited to work alongside Mrs Jenkinson and Miss Briggs next year, as I know we will have lots of fun whilst learning.

At school, I enjoy lots of different lessons, including maths, history and science. But my favourite lesson has to be English, I love creating new pieces of writing, going to new places in books and seeing you all use your imaginations.

At home, I live with my husband, my two children and our rabbit called Basil. I spend a lot of time with my family going to play areas, the park but our favourite has to be the Wildlife Park and Boston Park farm. My favourite colour is green and my favourite food is curry. One fun fact about me is that I travelled the world with my husband for 1 year and we visited places like: America, Australia, China and India.

I can't wait to meet you all and have an exciting year of learning new things and trying our best.

From, Mrs Topping



Toucans – Miss Mawson

My name is Miss Mawson and I am going to be Toucans class teacher. I am very excited to join Sandringham Primary School and I am really looking forward to getting to know you all!

I have been teaching for 9 years and have lots of experience teaching from year 2 to year 6! I love teaching and learning new fun and exciting things. I enjoying being imaginative and creative and learning from mistakes. My top 3 favourite subjects to teach are maths, science and music.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, going out for walks in the countryside with my dog, Alfie, and spending time in my garden. I also love playing guitar and reading fiction stories. Harry Potter is my all-time favourite book series, and I love the films too!

I am sure we will have a wonderful year together and I am excited to get started! I hope you have a fantastic summer. See you soon!





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!

School Meal Menu from September 2025

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

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Date	Event
Monday 1 st Sept	School CLOSED to pupils – staff training day
Tuesday 3 rd Sept	School REOPENS to pupils
24 th Oct	School CLOSED to pupils – staff training day
Mon 27 th Oct – Fri 31 st Oct	School CLOSED – Half Term
Mon 3 rd Nov	School REOPENS to pupils

**From all the staff at Sandringham,
we wish you wonderful summer!
We look forward to seeing pupils
back on Tuesday 2nd September
2025**

**SCHOOL'S
– out for –
SUMMER**