



NEWSLETTER

Term 1

A message from Mr Metcalfe

We've had a fabulous and action-packed autumn term that has been full of learning with a whole host of activities to really enhance our children's experiences.

Early Years staff have loved welcoming our new starters and their families into Nursery and Reception. The children have settled so well and are full of confidence – one of my weekly highlights has been seeing their beautiful learning journeys and talking to them about these – I was blown away by how they could tell me all about colour mixing when they were explaining how they created their fireworks paintings.

Right through school we've been able to enhance our exciting curriculum with lots of real-world learning. In science, our brilliant Key Stage 1 children have been exploring the outside world with visits to Sandall Beat Woods for Year 1 and our Year 2s showed true resilience during their visit to Austerfield Study Centre on what seemed to be one of the wettest days of the year. They gave it their all and were still buzzing about all of the different habitats they'd discovered. Our youngest pupils have also enrolled as members of Children's University.

This term's events have provided our Key Stage 2 children with true examples of excellence, including stars from the Rugby League world cup, an artist in residence, and work with Royal Ballet and the Royal Opera House. They've also told us that they love the extensive range of new books that we've provided in response to their feedback.

I've been especially impressed by the work of our children as leaders. Our Year 6 pupils gave a particularly inspirational presentation to city representatives promoting social justice, as part of a long-term project working with other academies within the Exceed Learning Partnership. Children have also organised anti-bullying week, led our service of Remembrance, planned events like Get Bright Day to keep other pupils safe, demonstrated empathy through their fundraising campaigns, supported younger pupils at playtimes, and coordinated our day to celebrate the diversity of our school.

Through the incredible work of our staff and the integration of these events to complement lessons, our children have shown in abundance their uniqueness, confidence, respect for others and true character. The term has made me feel incredibly proud of them all as they demonstrate that they are becoming the next generation of authors, artists, sports stars, musicians and potential world leaders!

What's been great is that we've been able to do this in partnership with our families after the disruption of recent years. We've had craft sessions, book and bun sessions, come-and-work-in-class-with-your-child sessions, and rounding off the festive period sharing our fabulous Christmas performances in school and showcasing the talents of our singers and musicians in the community. A touching moment was lighting up St George's Minster alongside our local family of schools to lead the annual Carol Service after a 3-year break.

We're already looking forward to the spring term with a creative classroom project, Big Sing and a project with Opera North, as well as a new library for our younger pupils. We've included a summary of what the children will be learning in this newsletter, but please do also look at the curriculum pages on our website which has the full detail.

On behalf of everyone at Sandringham, I would like to wish all of our families a peaceful and Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Attendance – What we expect from our pupils & families

- 97 % attendance
- Pupils to arrive in school on-time ready to learn
- Gates open at 08:40 & close at 08:50. Pupils arriving after this time must enter through the main office & be signed in by an appropriate adult, providing a reason for lateness
- No holidays to be taken in term-time
- Holidays taken during term-time may be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN)



Whole School Events

Charity Events

So far this year we have supported **two** charities.

For our harvest festival we celebrated together at St Aidan's Church and donated food to our local foodbank to support those families in need during this difficult time.

We also supported the international charity 'Save the Children' and all wore our Christmas jumpers. Thank you to everyone for your support with both these charities, we have raised **£280** for Save the Children.



Remembrance Service

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

All of our pupils at Sandringham Primary School did us proud. We had a reading from some of our Year 6 pupils, a rendition of 'The White Cliffs of Dover' sang beautifully by our choir and the whole school, including our tiny bears in Nursery stood smart and silent as a mark of respect at 11am.

The pupils have once again done an outstanding job on their poppy artwork for our remembrance wall.



Odd Socks Day

On Monday 14th November pupils and staff came to school wearing odd socks. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! Odd Socks day took place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week which helped raise awareness of bullying.



Get Bright Day

On Friday 18th November 2022, we invited the pupils and staff to come to school dressed as brightly as they could in order to promote the importance of 'Be Bright, Be Seen' as the evenings start to get darker. During the day the children got involved in a range of activities to raise awareness of how to stay safe and be seen.

There were prizes for the brightest child in each class and even the brightest member of staff!



Diversity Day

On Friday 2nd December we celebrated how everyone is unique. One of the best things about our school is the wide range of cultures represented in our children, parents and staff and we wanted to show off this amazing diversity.

All pupils were invited to come to school dressed in the clothes that celebrate who they are. This included traditional dress from different cultures as well as coming dressed in clothes from a club which pupils belong e.g. Brownies, Scouts, football clubs and dance clubs etc

Pupils learnt all about the diversity within their classes and about the similarities and differences they have.

Christmas

It was great to be able to invite everyone back into school this year, to share the wonderful Early Years nativity – Whoops a Daisy Angel and our fabulous Key Stage 1 Christmas concert. All of our youngest pupils were so confident with their singing and acting and they looked amazing in their costumes!

Our Key Stage 2 pupils represented the school really well at this year's St George's Minster Carol Concert. The pupils sang the carols beautifully. Thank you to all those families who came along to support this event.

Reading Ambassadors!

Meet some of our new Reading Ambassadors! We all love reading, and our role in school is to promote reading for pleasure. We help Mrs Mancey order new books, keep the libraries today and promote reading events. Keep your eyes peeled for more details about our first event to be launched in January! Happy reading!



P.E. Days

Uniform reminder:

- ✓ 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
- ✗ Hooded jacket / jumper
- ✗ Coloured t-shirts
- ✗ Sports jackets / jumpers / joggers with sports logo

P.E. Days

Reception – Children should bring their P.E. kit to school on a Monday and take home on a Friday. Throughout the week, children will practice getting themselves dressed and undressed, including learning buttons & zips.

Year 1 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2 – Monday & Friday

Year 3 - Dragons - Tuesday & Friday

Year 3 – Unicorns – Monday & Friday

Year 4 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 – Monday & Friday



Our learning this term

Nursery have really enjoyed lots of learning this half term. The concerteenies musical was a particular highlight! The children learnt the story of 'The Dinosaur Department Store' and then learnt songs and actions to perform the story. They met a musician called Tom who played the cello! The children loved this and learn lots about music, performance and a story all at the same time!

Reception: This term, children have enjoyed reading a range of traditional tales. They have been crafting and creating art-work based on 'The Three Little Pigs', they too, enjoyed the Concerteenie musical but to finish off a fantastic term, they dazzled the audience with their Christmas production of 'Whoops-a-daisy Angel' All of the staff were so proud of them for all of their hard work.

Year 1 have packed so much into this term! They have been learning how to use the line guides to write their letters and form their own sentences, working super hard on their phonics sounds & sharing lots of wonderful stories. They enjoyed a walk down Sandringham Road as part of their History topic, looking at how the local community has changed over time and then had a nice muddy walk to Sandal Beat Woods for their Science topic to identify different types of trees, build dens and create nature pictures.

Year 2 had a rainy but fantastic visit to Austerfield Study Centre. They got to investigate minibeasts and their habitats spending some time in the classroom looking at features of stick insects, cockroaches, snails and millipedes. Explored habitats in the woods including a rabbit's warren and a fox's den before working as a team to design and apply their learning to their own animal habitats. They have finished off the term with a fantastic performance as part of the Christmas Nativity. The narrators performed wonderfully, reading clearly and engaging with the audience - we are really proud of how confident the children are becoming.

Year 3 have enjoyed working with chance to dance and look forward working with them in the new year. They had a brilliant visit from Art John, to help them with their print making, as part of their art project. In History they have been learning about the ages of the stone age, and science they have been exploring rocks.

Year 4 have been reading 'Anglo-Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking a step back in time and learning all about Anglo-Saxon England. This learning will continue after Christmas as they will be looking at the Viking invasions! They were also given the opportunity to explore Danum Museum and Gallery this term. During this experience, they took part in a history workshop as well as a treasure hunt through the museum itself. They were exceptional historians and showed tremendous enthusiasm.

Year 5 have had an incredibly fun and busy half term. They've learned lots about the Ancient Greeks and all their gods and goddesses. They've also had the opportunity to learn to be a set designer for the Royal Ballet and think about what they would like a scene to look like in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. They took part in a Young Enterprise challenge, designing their own treehouse products to sell. The winning team will go to the finals in Barnsley to make their pitch to a group of business leaders in June. Finally, they had a terrific day with Art John making some printing artwork in the style of the artist John Brundson. They look really great!

Year 6 have been comparing the Lake District, the Tatar Mountains in Poland and the Blue Mountains in Jamaica. Unfortunately, they couldn't persuade Mr Metcalfe that they needed a field trip! They have learnt all about King Henry VIII and why he needed to have so many wives, as well as Elizabeth I, Henry's youngest daughter. What a strong role model she was! As they look back on the term, they have fond memories of the work they did with the Royal Ballet, as well as the fabulous social justice project that we all got so immersed in!



Our learning next term

Nursery will be looking at the topic, 'people who help us!' We would love to hear from any parents who would like to share about their job roles, talents and interests with the children! They are looking forward to learning all about Florence Nightingale and other people who help us!

Reception's topic will be 'The World Around Me'. They are going to be exploring our local area and comparing ourselves to another school in a different place. They are really excited for some fantastic experiences such visiting Danum library, going on a local walk, and celebrating Chinese New Year! They will be continuing their extra-curricular activities each Friday. This time they are going to bake fresh bread, pancakes, and buns! They are also going to start some forest school activities and will be starting with den building!

Year 1 are looking forward to taking part in a coding workshop, learning about food and nutrition in Design Technology, printmaking in Art and learning about everyday materials in Science to name but a few!

Year 2 are looking forward to their computing topic and learning all about programming during their Lego coding workshop. In science they will be learning all about different materials and their properties and can't wait to get inspired by our new class book, Anna Hibiscus.

Year 3 will be looking forward to learning about the different parts of the United Kingdom, the Iron age, and Romans.

Year 4 will be reading the beautiful story 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate Dicamillo.

Alongside this, Year 4 will continue their wider curriculum learning and we hope they continue to show their wonderful curiosity for knowledge!

Year 5 are really looking forward to their Space topic as well as a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester – more information will be sent out in the new year.

Year 6 can't wait to learn all about volcanoes and earthquakes in geography, and World War 2 in history.



A HUGE well done to Sophia in Year 4 on placing 2nd in the Christmas card competition.
Sophia won a £5 Amazon gift card.



Date	Event
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term
Tuesday 3 rd January	Staff Training Day – school CLOSED to pupils
Wednesday 4 th January	School reopens to pupils
Wednesday 4 th January	Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
Tuesday 10 th January	School nurses to do Height & Weight checks for Reception and Year 6 children
Friday 27 th January	Year 4 visit to Jorvik DIG
Friday 10 th February	Last day of term

