



Weekly Newsletter



Note from the Leadership Team

As we approach the end of the first half term of this academic year, aside from all the hard work children do daily across the curriculum, we would like to share a just a few of our highlights so far.

Our newest and youngest children in Reception have settled so well and we are extremely proud of the support our Y6 children continue to offer them through our buddy system. Their care has really embodied our school ROCK values.

Our Storyhouse partnership continues to thrive. Our Year Six children thoroughly enjoyed their author visit to Chester and Y6 and Y2 children in school have continued to enjoy their Storyhouse sessions with Elenka, working on Oracy and Poetry skills. Next term, Y3 and Y5 will enjoy this offer. Poetry Day was a huge success and the effort the children went to with their poetry homework was really impressive.

Children have also thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School sessions with Mr Coleclough. He will continue to offer Forest School when he returns to work at Sandiway in the Spring Term for those children who have not had the opportunity this half term.

We have enjoyed a raft of sporting success with a variety of teams progressing onto the next stages of their tournaments.

We were delighted to gain the Gold award (for the second year running) for Health and Safety compliance with a score of 100%.

Children have enjoyed a number of visits so far, including village walks for Y1 and Y3 were very inspired by their visit to the British Ironworks Centre. The art work that followed their visit carries strong environmental messages. More opportunities are planned for the second half of the Autumn term.

We would like to extend our thanks to the PTA for such a positive start to the new year. They have so many plans and the support they offer us is indispensable. Their work continues to benefit every one of our children.

We would like to thank all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication and to you for your continued support and wish you an enjoyable half term break. We welcome the children back to school on Tuesday 4th November ready for another busy but fun filled half term.

With best wishes from the Senior Leadership team.

Our ROCK values are Respect, Ownership, Caring and Kindness



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Homework

Just a reminder that there is no formal homework set over the half term break. However, we strongly encourage all children to maintain their reading and Y2 and KS2 should also keep practising TTRS (Times Table Rock Stars). Individual class teachers may send out additional information for the holidays.

PE Next Term

Children will need to wear PE Kits on the following days next half term please.

Reception	Monday and Thursday
Year One	Tuesday and Thursday
Year Two	Tuesday and Friday
Year Three	Monday and Thursday
Year Four	Wednesday (swimming) and Friday
Year Five	Thursday and Friday
Year Six	Wednesday and Friday

Mr Ault will be working with Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5.

Mid Day Assistant Vacancy

We have a position become available within Sandiway Primary School as a Mid Day Assistant, if you are interested in joining the Sandiway Team please get in touch at admin@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk for further details.

Lost Property

On Friday afternoon, at the end of the school day the lost property items will be put outside (weather permitting) for parents to come and find any missing items. If the weather is poor the table will be in the entrance to the school office.



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Research UK Fundraiser @ Club Rock

On **Wednesday 19th November** Thomas (Year 5), together with all of his Club Rock family will be hosting a very special fundraising event for Cancer Research UK. A cause currently extremely close to Thomas' and the Club Rock team's hearts we aim to have a fun day of fundraising whilst raising much needed funds for such a worthy cause.

How all school children can get involved

We would love the children to **add an accessory of Pink, Blue or white to their uniform** on the day. Perhaps a hair accessory, badge, socks or jumper/cardigan of those colours over their normal uniform! *Please note it isn't non uniform day and if your child has PE that day, please wear your PE kit as normal!* We are suggesting 50p per accessory as a donation. You can make your donation via School Gateway under the Payments section by looking for **Cancer Research UK Fundraising Event**. Cash donations can be taken on the day but online donations are appreciated.

The main event will take place after school with **stalls available on the playground** (weather permitting) to participate in if your child does not attend Club Rock. Please bring along some change after school!

For the Club Rock children, they too will be able to participate in the stalls but we will also be doing a **sponsored walk around the golden mile throughout the whole week**. We are suggesting a minimum donation of £1 to participate - please sponsor your child using our School Gateway link. Perhaps you could ask family and friends to sponsor them too!!

If anyone could support us with any **donations of cakes on the day, tombola prizes or their time** to support please contact Liz at theclub@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank you in advance for your support.
Thomas and the Club Rock family

Increase in Lunch

Due to rising kitchen costs, from Monday 10th November the price of school lunches will rise from £2.80 to £3.00. We thank you for your understanding.

Police Community Support Officer Michelle

A big thank you to PCSO Michelle for her support this week with Mr Hand managing the Village Car Park.



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Parents Coffee Morning at Sandiway Primary School—DATE CHANGE

Due to unforeseen circumstances the coffee morning date has had to be changed. We are delighted to welcome Kathryn Alexander from **SPOTSS** (Sensory Processing Occupational Therapy Support Service) to our upcoming parents' coffee morning which has been changed to **Thursday 27th November at 9.15am**.

The SPOTSS team provides training, signposting, and resources for schools across Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) and Cheshire East (CE). Their aim is to help introduce sensory processing approaches and offer practical tools for working with parents and young people to identify and implement effective sensory strategies that support children's regulation in school.

If you would like to join us for the coffee morning, please email senco@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk so that we can plan and organise the event.

Storyhouse

We're delighted to share that, as a partner school, our students and their families can enjoy free tickets to selected WayWord Festival events at Storyhouse this October half term!

Use the code **WW25GROUPS** at checkout to book free tickets for Liz Pichon (27 Oct), Jacqueline Wilson (28 Oct), Rose Ayling-Ellis (28 Oct), and Jonny Duddle (31 Oct).

Hot Chocolate Friday....

Well done to all our children who all won Headteachers Award on Friday 17th October for sharing our ROCK Values.

Rec— Logan
Y1— Esme
2— Sienna Y3— Ezra
Y4— Thea
Y5— Jim
Y6— Jess
Club— Sienna
Mr A— Rory, Charlotte and Izzy
Office— Lilly



Weekly attendance

w/c 13.10.2025

Year rec	98.32%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	95.86%
Year 4	98.66%
Year 5	96.54%
Year 6	97.24%