



Welcome to the last newsletter of this school year, I can't quite believe it's that time already. Lots of our children will be moving on to their reception classes soon and this half term staff will be supporting children for this important transition. It's our aim to provide all our children with a life long love of learning and the strong foundations they will continue to build on as they move through their school journey. We hope that our children and families have created lots of lovely memories of their time at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School with friendships made for life, and will always look back on their time here with fondness. This term we also say goodbye to two of our teaching assistants. Emma is retiring at the end of this term and Terri has secured a teaching position in a Warrington school, we thank them both for all their hard work and wish them well as they start their new and exciting journeys.

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AND  
goodluck  
ON YOUR  
NEXT  
adventure

I would like to thank all the parents, carers, staff and governors for their support of the school this year. Together, as a Sandy Lane family, we all work hard to make our school the best that it can be for the benefit of all our children. If your child is leaving us in September please keep in touch, we love to hear how everyone is getting on at 'big school'. For parents of children who are returning, we know you will continue to work with us next year on our journey to maintain our outstanding nursery. There are lots of ways you can become more involved with the work of our school, joining our Friends of Sandy Lane Parent and Carers group, volunteering with jobs for the classroom, forest school or with gardening. If you are interested in any of these activities please have a chat with me on the door at drop off or collection.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break when it arrives and look forward to seeing some of our families back with us in September. Marcia, Head teacher.

### Nursery Activities

The Garden Room, Sunshine Room and Rainbow Room 'big question' for this half term is: **'How have we changed?'**



### Sandy Lane Summer Festival



Our annual event, to celebrate the end of the year and wish goodbye to our 'leavers'

Parents are invited to join their child throughout the session. We have **music, fairground games, ice cream, face painting** and much more. Bring along a picnic and enjoy the fun!

A form will be sent to you via our School Spider app for you to register your attendance. We ask that siblings remain at home, simply due to the numbers of children attending on the day, but if this is not possible please indicate you will be attending with a sibling on the form. Please remember that children are the responsibility of parents throughout the session

**SAVE THE DATE — WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY during your child's usual session time**

### ATTENDANCE

I'm delighted to share that overall attendance for each room was over 90% last half term. **GOOD ATTENDANCE = GOOD PROGRESS**

If your child is well enough please bring them to nursery, we can manage with coughs and colds. If they have sickness or diarrhea please observe the 48hr rule

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

We are a **healthy eating and 'nut free'** school. Please **DO NOT** send your child to nursery with any items that contain nuts or chocolate spread. We also encourage parents to send in a healthy packed lunch. Page 3 of this newsletter shows where you can find lots of ideas for healthy lunchboxes.

## Suncream

Please remember to apply sun cream to your child **before** they arrive at school.

If you feel your child will need more sun cream applying throughout the session, we will require you to bring a new bottle of cream into nursery which is clearly labelled with your child's name. It is advised that a very high factor is used on children.



Consent for staff to apply sun cream in your absence was asked at the start of the year, please check at the office if you are unsure.

## New Nursery Uniform

You may wish to consider purchasing a school t-shirt or sweatshirt. These can be ordered and paid for using our School Spider App. You will be notified when your order is available for collection from the office



## LATE PICK UP CHARGE

If children are collected late this impacts on staffing.

For families who are regularly late to collect at the end of the session a 'late pick up' charge is requested. This is £5 per 15 minutes and can be paid via School Spider.

## Nursery places for September 2026

Do you know any families with children who will be 2 or 3 years old soon and are looking for a nursery place from September? If so please encourage them to register for a place at Sandy Lane by contacting the office in person or by ringing **01925 623640**. Please spread the word to friends, family and neighbours about all the wonderful things we do. As parents and carers of children already attending you are the best people to share with others just what a special place Sandy Lane is.

If you are returning to us in September and think you may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare please let us know as soon as possible. If you aren't eligible but would be interested in paying for additional hours please speak to Janet or Louise in the office



## School Holidays

School will close at the end of the day on Friday 23rd July 2026 and re-open on Thursday 3rd September 2026

## Termly Payments

Information about this payment can be found on the school website under the 'Parents' then 'New Starters' tabs. Some families choose to pay for the **full school year**, most pay **termly**. Charges for the Summer term are £16.00 for children attending 15 hours and £32.00 for those that attend for 30 hours. These amounts are based on ALL parents/carers donating the amount shown. Your payment is a contribution to the cost of snack and little extras for every child such as birthday and Christmas gifts, celebration food and parties, special visitors coming into school etc.



Please make your termly payment via our school spider app. Details of how to download this are available on posters dotted around school, or by looking on our website. It is helpful if you could make this payment by the end of the first week of each new term.

## Happy Birthday to You!

**Children:** Teddy, Sonny, Phoebe, Iris, Ria, Ryleigh, Sienna S, James, Lillie, Cynthia, Isaac, Samuel, Carter, Kit, Isabelle, Jaxson, Ivy C, Levi, Jacob, Freddie, Maria, Reggie, Leon, Blake

**Staff:** Katy B, Jo, Louise, Marcia, Jen, Tegan, Nikki



## Events this half term:

Garden room trip to Windmill Farm: 22nd/23rd June  
Caterpillar-butterfly hatching experience  
Mini movers dance—Thursdays  
Debs the Potter: 29th June  
Harpist—Tuesdays  
Transition visits throughout the half term for school leavers

## Phonics Rhyme time:

Wheels on the bus



Row your boat



1,2 Buckle my shoe



## Being Healthy



**Healthy Eating** — Throughout this year our school has actively promoted being healthy and healthy eating as part of our school improvement. Parents and carers of children who attend for 30 hours have been given support and advice on healthy suggestions for lunchboxes, We hope you have enjoyed the recipes we've shared on Tapestry too .

Our website contains lots of information on how you can maintain a healthy lifestyle through physical activity, healthy eating, supporting mental health and well being and good oral hygiene. This information can be found under the 'Parents', 'Keeping Healthy' tabs. There you will also find the link to a range of eBooks and activities which invite children to become familiar with a range of vegetables which we hope will encourage them to want to eat them. Here's the link:

<https://www.seeandeat.org/>

**Cooking Together** is a great website where you can sign up for a link to receive healthy recipes ideas to cook meals from scratch. You will receive 2 recipe ideas a week and they ..... even give you a shopping list of the ingredients needed. Register using the link & eat below



<https://cooktogether.betterhealth-healthierfamilies.co.uk>



**Tooth brushing** — Children have been taking part in our tooth brushing programme, with a range of activities to help them learn about the importance of good oral hygiene. Children have received a toothbrush and paste to use at home. The Community Dental Service has produced some helpful guidance on how you can support your child with tooth brushing at home.



Portion sizes for young children are also very important and we know many children can be put off from trying food if there is too much offered on their plate. The British Nutrition Foundation has produced guidance on appropriate sized portions and the range of food recommended for young children can be found using the link below [www.nutrition.org.uk](http://www.nutrition.org.uk) > toddlers- and- pre- school

<https://communitydentalservices.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/12-Top-tips-for-teeth.pdf>



If you have any questions or would like support with any aspect of 'being healthy' please speak to your child's key worker who will be happy to help