



Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

"Nurturing curiosity and inspiring imagination"

Summer Term (2025-26)

Dear Parent/Carer

Thanks to everyone who took time to complete the questionnaire, your views are important to help us continue to improve as well as celebrate the things we do well.

Here is my analysis, with a sample of your responses and my replies to the comments made.

Marcia Atherton
Head teacher

Parental Questionnaire Analysis, June 2026

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	77%	15%	8%	
2	I think that my child feels safe at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	77%	23%		
3	My child is well looked after at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	77%	23%		
4	My child enjoys the activities at Sandy lane Nursery and Forest School	85%	15%		
5	I am aware of what my child is learning in nursery e.g. through Tapestry posts, classroom displays, conversations with staff	70%	30%		
6	I feel informed about my child's progress e.g. through Tapestry posts, newsletter, classroom displays, conversations with staff	70%	30%		
7	My child is making good progress at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	70%	30%		
8	My child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) or is known to other professionals e.g. physic, social care, speech and language therapists	Yes 35%	No 64%		
	If you have answered yes to the question above, how strongly to you agree with this statement. <i>'The school gives my child the support they need to succeed'</i>	77%	23%		
9	I understand that supporting my child to engage in with the home learning set will support their learning and progress	85%	15%		
10	My child enjoys the home learning activities shared by nursery (home learning bags, lending library, Tapestry, weekly home learning)	54%	38%	8%	

11	I am aware and supportive of the schools improvement plan (shared in the Autumn term newsletter, displayed in the entrance and available on the schools website)	77%	15%	8%	
12	I think that the children at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School are well behaved	57%	36%	8%	
13	I think staff work effectively with the children to resolve conflicts	Not aware of any conflicts 43 %		Agree 57%	Disagree
14	I receive regular communications from the nursery about events e.g. the newsletter, Tapestry posts, School Spider messages, posters around school	69%	31%		
15	The school is welcoming, staff are approachable and school responds well to any concerns I raise	77%	23%		
16	The school is led and managed well	77%	23%		
17	I would recommend this school to another parent	77%	23%		
18	How did you hear about Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School? (Please tick your answer)	I have had a previous child here 29 %	From a friend/relative 14%	From the website or Facebook 29%	Other 29%
For any 'disagree' and 'strongly disagree' please expand upon these answers There was only one comment here relating to question 12 I agree and strongly agree to this one with what T comes home and says about the other kids . I don't think it's a huge deal nothing to bad because I know what T can be like. Following a conversation with the parent it relates to what her child has told her and the behaviour of children she has observed prior to their child's nursery session. Obviously, issues regarding children's behaviour when they are in their parents care are out of the schools control. We would always ask parents to speak to their child's key worker if they have any concerns or need any support to manage behaviour We have spoken with the parent who commented 'disagree' that their child is happy at nursery. This is due to reluctance to separate from their parent at drop off and we have been working to support this					
19	Can you give an example of something Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School has done which has made a positive difference to your child AND/OR you as a family. L developing is very effective in lot of things (learning, communication, English language skills, behaviour, etc.). Speak and language potty training Jamie has helped us so much, T behaviour started to change when he was around 3 years old , massively , hitting at home being very demanding - we feel Jamie has helped so much with T and his development in this. She's sorted everything out that's been needed to be done - meetings , advise , passing communication on to health professionals and even helping with T's transition into reception this year as I felt T was going to struggle going . She's guided us and reassured us so much. Speech has come on The nursery has helped my daughter become more confident and independent. She has developed good social skills, enjoys attending nursery and has made friends. The staff are supportive and keep me informed about her progress through Tapestry and regular communication. W is speaking so many more words he feels safe and is so happy there - counting is W's favourite and can count to 10 now Always there to talk to if there is something we're struggling with whether it's behaviour or other things at the time. Helped us to grow good relationships with other parents in and out of nursery which has been good for the children when it's been half term to meet up and play. Speech and language C has become much more outgoing since he started school. He's learned to be patient and wait his turn at the park. He often talks about missing his teachers and friends, and he's always incredibly excited for Forest School—he sees those days as a special holiday. T's been going potty in nursery and staff are helping T when he's there T's speech is coming along really good Helped my relationships with family so much better got the right support in place The nursery has helped my child become more confident, independent and social. The staff are always supportive and keep us informed about our child's progress. We feel very well supported as a family.				
20	How has Tapestry helped with sharing information about your child's learning and ideas home learning? Very useful website. We like it.				

	I can see what my child has been doing while she's at nursery Keep me updated Tapestry helps me keep up to date with my child's learning and development. I enjoy seeing photos and updates about activities and it gives me ideas for things we can do at home. The caring staff, good communication with parents and the friendly environment. My daughter enjoys attending and feels happy and safe there. Love to see what W has been doing and learning It's been good to see what he's been up to so we can continue it at home so his numbers counting letters reading Sometimes We find Tapestry very helpful. It's a fantastic way for us to see C's progress and stay involved in his learning journey. It makes him so happy to look at the photos together at home, and it's a great way to reinforce his learning and celebrate his achievements with him. It's helped very well knowing what T's doing and what he's learning Seeing what she's into and helping her explore her sensory needs in different ways Tapestry has been very helpful. I enjoy seeing photos and updates about my child's activities and learning. It also gives us ideas for activities and learning at home
21	As a parent/carer, what do you like best at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School? We love lots of things. We love forest school, staff behaviour, friendly areas, education, etc.. Friendly staff My son happy with the nursery he had made friends he love going to nursery teacher r very helpful and understands I love they support kids that have a special needs and help them to develop and I find the school very helpful and supportive . They have routine and balance with their daily tasks in learning and development. How its run The caring staff, good communication with parents and the friendly environment. My daughter enjoys attending and feels happy and safe there. Staff and the way the children are taught such a positive environment for the children How friendly everyone is Don't know What I love most is the nurturing environment; seeing C become so much more outgoing and confident, especially through his experiences at Forest School, has been wonderful. Staff are friendly and kind and welcoming The staff are fantastic The caring and friendly staff, the safe environment, and the variety of activities available for the children. My child is happy to attend and has made great progress
22	What could we change or make better? <i>We had lots of 'nothing' responses to this question in addition to the comments below</i> Upload on tapestry more often <i>We all love to see the photos and observations staff share on Tapestry. As you can imagine, to post photos of every child takes time. Our priority it that staff engage with children to support and develop their learning which is why we limit the number of Tapestry posts</i> I am happy with the nursery and do not have any suggestions for improvement at this time. Nothing absolutely perfect We are extremely happy with how things are at the moment and have no suggestions for change. Keep up the wonderful work! Overall, I am very happy with the nursery and have no major suggestions for improvement. Keep up the excellent work.