

Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School

"Nurturing curiosity and inspiring imagination"

Autumn Term (2026-27)

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, October 2026

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child is happy at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	92.3%	7.7%		
2	I think that my child feels safe at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	92.3%	7.7%		
3	My child is well looked after at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	76.9%	23.1%		
4	My child enjoys the activities at Sandy lane Nursery and Forest School	76.9%	23.1%		
5	I am aware of what my child is learning in nursery e.g. through Tapestry posts, classroom displays, conversations with staff	61.5%	38.5%		
6	I feel informed about my child's progress e.g. through Tapestry posts, newsletter, classroom displays, conversations with staff	53.8%	46.2%		
7	My child is making good progress at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School	69.2%	30.8%		
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 53.8%	No 46.2%		
	If you have answered yes to the question above, how strongly to you agree with this statement. '*The school gives my child the support they need to succeed*"	61.5%	38.5%		
9	I understand that supporting my child to engage in with the home learning set will support their learning and progress	76.9%	23.1%		
10	My child enjoys the home learning activities shared by nursery (home learning bags, lending library, Tapestry, weekly home learning)	69.2%	30.8%		

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)	53.8%	46.2%		
12	I think that the children at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School are well behaved	69.2%	30.8%		
13	I think staff work effectively with the children to resolve conflicts	Not aware of any conflicts 76.9**%**		Agree 23.1**%**	Disagree
14	I receive regular communications from the nursery about events e.g. the newsletter, Tapestry posts, School Spider messages, posters around school	53.8%	46.2%		
15	The school is welcoming, staff are approachable and school responds well to any concerns I raise	84.6%	15.4%		
16	The school is led and managed well	84.6%	15.4%		
17	I would recommend this school to another parent	85.7%	14.3%		
18	How did you hear about Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School? (Please tick your answer)	I have had a previous child here 7.7 %	From a friend/relative 30.8%	From the website or Facebook 15.4%	Other 46.2%
	For any 'disagree' and 'strongly disagree' please expand upon these answers N/A				
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.** His speech his learning new stuff Understanding my child's emotions The nursery supports my child in acquiring new skills such as drawing, she does not want to draw at home and wants to draw in nursery herself. And also helped her practice the toilet and fewer and fewer accidents happen. Help the child to socialize. Since starting at school, my child's understanding of English has improved, even though it is not their first language. This has helped them become more confident in learning and communicating. Been very good with J as he doesn't like going in and they have been very good with him It has helped with socialising and making S feel comfortable around other people She loves to holding a book and tell me stories. It's help speech and language. Settling in D to a new environment and supporting her new signing Makaton Every member of staff that works with F has been amazing and supportive, F has had a lovely nursery transition she has settled very well, she is enjoying herself and she looks forward to coming to nursery, all staff have been very supportive with F needs, staff regularly make time for me to communicate how she is doing, to update them about any medical appointments etc. F has been enjoying her physio and all activities staff have arranged, Thank you for everything you have all done for F this half term, it's been lovely to see how well she has been developing. She seems more calm and relaxed				
20	**How has Tapestry helped with sharing information about your child's learning and ideas home learning?** Shown us what he has been up too during his time at nursery and given us the piece of mind he's happy while there Amazing I get to see what he's up to in nursery We do it at home as well Tapestry helps us to repeat learning with the child at home, and tapestry is also helpful in obtaining information on how my child spends the day with other children. Tapestry helps me see what my child is learning at nursery so we can review and practise together at home. It allows me to see how she is getting on and developing outside of home Helpful and useful app It allows me to see how she is getting on and developing outside of home I look forward to the posts and photos with updates showing what F has been up too it's nice to be able to see what songs she has been enjoying to carry this on at home. Helps to understand what she needs				
21	**As a parent/carer, what do you like best at Sandy Lane Nursery and Forest School?** How welcome and friendly all staff are. The fact children have the opportunity to be inside or outside during their session and how much my little one has come in while being there.				

	Staff are friendly and very welcoming That its like a school with uniform as this is a big transition going from their own clothes to uniform. I like home learning ideas as well as being aware of what my child has been doing over time in nursery. The teachers are very caring, and the nursery facilities, especially the forest school area, are great for my child. the staff Forest School The one to one support my child needs for her development My daughter loves go to school so much more than previous pre-school. She loves to carry her school bag and read books, painting, writing. Staff, Tegan and Alex especially care for D so well The one to one support my child needs for her development How welcoming and supportive everyone is that works with F. That they're so welcome and willing to help with anything you may not understand or struggle with.
22	**What could we change or make better?** We had lots of 'nothing' responses to this question in addition to the comments below I don't have anything to change or do differently yet, nursery is doing the best for my child. I understand the teachers are very busy, but it would be lovely to see more photos of my child's daily activities at nursery. 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 As a working mum, I can't go to school very often. I would like to see how my daughter in school if there are some photos and video can upload to somewhere then we can see how she is doing in school. All new parents are given information about Tapestry, our E-learning portal as part of their child's induction. Parents receive an email to set up their account and staff post photos of your child engaging in nursery activities and lots of other important information. Parents and carers can also post photos and messages too. Any parent having difficulty accessing Tapestry please speak with your child's key worker who will be happy to help. Absolutely nothing fantastic setting Nothing I can think of at the moment. I think everything is going very well as it is,