



SANDY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MAY 2025

A MESSAGE FROM MRS NEWSOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the lovely sunshine we've been having – it certainly feels like summer is finally on its way!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our VE Day celebration picnic last week. It was such a wonderful event, and it was lovely to see so many families enjoying the sunshine, chatting, and coming together as a community. Your support really helped make the day a great success.

This week, we are sending all our best wishes to the Year 6 children as they begin their SATs. They have worked incredibly hard and shown such determination and resilience throughout the year – we are so proud of them all. This is their time to shine, and we know they will do their very best.

As always, the Summer term is a busy one, full of exciting activities, trips and events. Please do keep a close eye on the diary dates so you don't miss anything – we wouldn't want anyone to miss out!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Newsome

Executive Headteacher: Mr J Cooper

Head of School: Mrs F Newsome

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DIARY DATES

Entertainments Evening - Tuesday 20th May
ISP Parents Evening - Monday 19th May
Year 6 Triathlon - Tuesday 20th May
Year 5 and 6 trip to Liverpool - Thursday 22st May
School Closes - Friday 22nd May
School Opens - Monday 9th June
Summer Fair - Thursday 10th July - 3pm to 5pm
Sports Day - 14th July A.M for UKS2
Sports Day - 15th July KS1 - A.M & LKS2 - P.M.
Year 6 Oscars - Tuesday 22nd July
Black Hills Residential - 14th, 16th and 15th June
Reception Trip to Thornton Hall Farm - Thursday 26th June
Key Stage 1 Ilkley River Trip - Wednesday 16th July



MEET MR DREW

We are delighted to welcome Mr Drew to Sandy Lane as our new Inclusion Leader. Mr Drew brings a wealth of experience and will be working closely with children and their families to offer support, guidance, and a listening ear. His role includes signposting families to helpful services, discussing any concerns or challenges, and working directly with children to provide emotional and mental health support. In addition to this, Mr Drew is also taking a lead role in the School Council, helping to give children a strong voice in school life. He is also busy organising parent and family events, including the upcoming Entertainment Evening and Summer Fair. We're thrilled to have him as part of the team and know he will make a real difference to our school community.



RESPECT

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete our recent survey – your feedback is greatly appreciated and helps us continue to grow and improve. At Sandy Lane, we are deeply committed to supporting every child's personal development. Some of the feedback highlighted that parents are not always sure how we teach and promote personal development in school, so we will be holding some parent information sessions this term to share more about our approach and answer any questions. We use CoJo adventures to actively promote our school RESPECT principles, helping children develop resilience, empathy, and teamwork through real-life challenges. Our Pupil Passport is designed to broaden children's cultural capital, offering experiences that inspire curiosity and build confidence. Across the school, our curriculum is carefully planned to foster character development, with RSHE lessons supporting children in becoming self-aware, respectful and responsible individuals. Alongside this, we teach and embed British Values to help children understand their role in both the school and wider community.

PUPIL PASSPORT

We are thrilled with the amazing engagement we've seen with the school's Pupil Passport this year – it has been truly inspiring! So many of our children have already achieved Stage 3, 4 and even 5, with a number proudly earning their World Conqueror badge – a fantastic achievement! This success is a real testament to the strength of our home-school partnership, and we want to say a huge thank you to all our families for your continued support. Your encouragement at home is helping us to build up our amazing little people, developing their confidence, curiosity and sense of adventure every step of the way. Remember, not only can you celebrate these achievements with the special certificates, but you can also buy a badge to sew onto your jumper – a brilliant way to show off your progress and let the whole world see how well you're doing!



THINKING OF RETURNING TO THE NHS

I have been asked to share this message with our school community:

Thinking of returning to your role as a healthcare professional? We can help you!

This message goes out to all parents, carers and members of the local community who may once have been a healthcare professional such as a nurse or midwife and now considering a return. Returning healthcare professionals have a key role to play in ensuring patients and service users have access to experienced and well-trained care staff equipped with the right skills. NHS England provides funding to support the pathways to return and are keen to support or answer any questions you may have if you are considering returning to perhaps nursing, midwifery or If you trained as an allied health professional (AHP) or a healthcare scientist (HCS) but have since left the profession.

Please do contact us for more information on: 0191 275 4796 or email:

england.returntopractice.north@nhs.net

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

A polite reminder to all parents and carers to please park thoughtfully and safely outside school. It is not permitted to park on the single yellow line directly outside the school between 8.45am and 9.15am, as this creates a hazard for children and families arriving at school. We also kindly ask that you do not park on the pavement, as this blocks access for pushchairs, wheelchairs, and pedestrians, and puts our children at risk. Thank you for helping us keep the area around school safe and accessible for everyone.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

We're excited to share that our new-look school website is now live! It has been redesigned to be more user-friendly and accessible, making it easier than ever for parents and carers to find the information they need. You'll now find quick links to key areas such as upcoming events, calendar dates, newsletters, and important updates right from the homepage. We hope this new layout will make staying connected with school life simpler and more convenient for everyone. Do take a moment to explore it – we'd love to hear what you think!

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