



SANDY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025

A MESSAGE FROM MRS NEWSOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your ongoing support this year. It has been wonderful to see so many of you attending our recent events, including the Book and Bun and Meet the Teacher session, the Reception Phonics session, and Parents' Evening. Your engagement makes such a difference and really strengthens the partnership between home and school.

What a busy and exciting half term we have ahead! This half term marks the start of our Living Well Project, as we proudly become a Living Well School in partnership with Bradford Council. Our focus this year will be on healthy eating and improving the children's lunchtime experience.

Next week, we will be holding the first of our Healthy Food Workshops, where parents are invited to join their children to explore healthy food choices and have the opportunity to make and share a healthy snack together. We are also delighted to welcome Shaista from the Living Well Team, who will be speaking to families about the different opportunities and support available through Bradford's Living Well initiative to help promote a healthy lifestyle.

Please see the diary dates list for each year group's session — we hope you can all attend. Over the course of the half term, we will also be inviting parents into school to see the children's amazing work. There will be carols in the church, and of course, the much-loved Reception Nativity, which we know is always a highlight of the festive season!

Thank you once again for your continued support. We look forward to working with you this half term to help our children develop healthy habits for life.

Warm regards,

Mrs Newsome



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DIARY DATES

Willow Class Assembly - 6th November

Blossom Class Assembly - 11th November

Healthy Food Workshops:

Reception - 14th November 9am in the hall

Year 1 and 2 - 21st November 9am in the hall

Year 3 and 4 - 28th November 9am in the hall

Year 5 and 6 - 4th December 9am in the hall

Jack and the Bean Stalk Panto - 5th December (in school)

Christmas Day at Sandy Lane - 10th December

Year 1 and 2 Carols in the Church - 15th December

Year 3 and 4 Carols in the Church - 16th December

Year 5 and 6 Carols in the Church - 17th December



PARENTAL PERMISSIONS

We would just like to remind parents that you are able to change the parent permission for photos and videos that the school might use of your child. We will send a new request sheet out at our next parents evening but permissions can be changed at any time.

ALLERGEN SAFETY

We need everyone's help to keep all our children safe at school, especially those with food allergies. Please do not send in hazelnut chocolate spreads or Celebration chocolates for birthday treats. Some children have allergies to foods like nuts, eggs, milk, soya, sesame, lentils, chickpeas, fish, and shellfish. Even a small amount can make them very unwell.

Please be careful when sending food into school and try to choose allergy-safe options. Thank you for helping us to keep every child safe and included.

RESPECT

PARKING AND ACCESS REMINDER

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park safely and considerately outside the school to ensure the safety of our children and families and to show respect for our local community.

We also want to support families who have access difficulties and need to use the school's disabled parking area. As you will be aware, this area is limited, so we ask that it is used only by families with a valid Blue Badge.

The badge must be clearly displayed on the front of the car to ensure access can be allowed. The school office has already contacted all families we are aware of who need access. If you have not been contacted and require help, please email the school office directly. We ask for a photo of your Blue Badge and remind families that the disabled parking area should only be used when the person or child the badge is for is in the car.

If there is no space available in the disabled parking area, please wait until a space becomes free before driving in. When entering the car park, please take extra care of children and families moving through the area to keep everyone safe.



LATE COLLECTIONS

A gentle reminder that school finishes at 3.15pm, and we ask that parents are in the playground at this time to collect their children. We completely understand that sometimes delays happen, so we will hold children until 3.30pm to allow for these rare occasions. After 3.30pm, any children not collected will be taken to Bright Sparks, as we do not have the facilities to keep children in school beyond this 15-minute grace period.

A charge of £11 will be applied directly to parents' Arbor accounts for any child taken to Bright Sparks after 3.30pm. This charge does allow the child to stay for the full Bright Sparks session. This policy has been in place since April 2024; the only change is that the charge is now added directly through the Arbor App instead of a paper invoice.

We know this isn't ideal, but it helps us keep all children safe and ensures the Bright Sparks provision can continue to run smoothly. Thank you for your understanding and support in making sure every child is collected safely and on time.



WHAT DOES PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT MEAN AT SANDY LANE

At Sandy Lane, we place a strong focus on personal development and enriching every child's experiences. Our Pupil Offer ensures that children have opportunities they may not have at home, such as visiting the seaside, exploring different cities, going to the zoo, seeing shows, or meeting visitors from a wide range of workplaces. These experiences help broaden their horizons, inspire future aspirations, and support practical skills like thinking about careers and writing a CV.

Alongside this, our RSHE curriculum focuses on building character and helping children understand the world we live in, including how other people live and feel. We also use CoJo to support children in developing the school's RESPECT principles, helping them to become resilient, empathetic, self-aware, and confident young people. Together, these opportunities and programmes ensure that every child at Sandy Lane grows not only academically, but also socially, emotionally, and personally.

LIBRARIES FOR PRIMARIES

As you will all be aware, reading is at the heart of our school, and we are committed to ensuring that every child learns to read, enjoys books, and develops a love of reading. The ability to read opens so many doors and opportunities for our children, both now and in the future. We are therefore very pleased to announce that Sandy Lane Primary School has been successful in joining the Libraries for Primaries Project.

Over the next few months, we will be opening our outside classroom as a school library and reading shed. Please look out for more news about this exciting development! We hope the reading shed will be open for parents and children before and after school, as well as being available every day for children to enjoy during lessons, lunch, and playtimes. We can't wait to see children exploring new books, sharing stories, and discovering the joy of reading together.



SANDY LANE PUPIL PASSPORT

A QUEST FOR BRILLIANCE: NO-ONE LEFT BEHIND

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello!

I hope you are well and settled back into school life nicely. As our Sandy Lane Primary family has expanded with new families from Reception all the way to UKS2, I thought I should re-introduce you to our Sandy Lane Pupil Passport – an exciting initiative designed to enrich the educational experiences of our pupils and build our cultural capital, one mission at a time!

What is the Pupil Passport? How does it work?

The Pupil Passport is a booklet (designed to look like a passport!) which every child in school gets once they join us. The booklet has a series of activities children and families can do. As they complete each activity they tick off the ones they have completed. Once they complete 10 activities, they reach level 1 and get a certificate in assembly- held once a half-term

Pupils work their way through eight exciting levels in the Pupil Passport, each one linked to a continent. Every mission they complete helps them move closer to becoming a World Conqueror!

Passport Levels:

1. Backpacker (Australasia): Complete 10 missions
2. Globetrotter (Europe): 20 missions
3. Ice Skater (Antarctica): 30 missions
4. Mover and Shaker (South America): 40 missions
5. Wayfarer (North America): 50 missions
6. Nomadder (Africa): 58 missions
7. Peak Riser (Asia): 58 set missions + 5 independent ones
8. World Conqueror: All 58 set + all independent missions

Each level earns your child a special certificate. You can also buy exclusive sew-on badges for each level- badges are £1 each.

Go-Getter Challenges

We also have Go-Getter Challenges – bonus activities that let children explore interests, build confidence, and gain that all-important bragging rights! Each Go-Getter challenge earns a certificate, a badge, and a huge celebration of their efforts.

Celebrating Achievements

To ensure all children feel proud of their progress:

- A large class display shows each child's name and their current level.
- Certificates are awarded in our special celebratory assemblies.
- Children receive two copies of each certificate: one to take home, and one for their Aspirations File in school.

Badges and Personal Experiences

Badges are available to purchase for £1 each (optional). If you would like your child to receive a badge to sew onto their school bag or uniform, please send £1 per badge to school in a named envelope.

We also encourage you to add unique experiences your child has had – such as attending a wedding, going on a special trip, or learning a new skill – in the blank squares of the passport. Every child's journey is personal and worth celebrating!

What You Can Do

Please help us by:

- Ticking off any activities your child has already completed.
- Adding any special or unique experiences in the blank spaces.
- Encouraging your child to get involved and talk about the passport at home.
- The Pupil Passport activities are meant to be completed across their time in school eg from EYFS to Y6, so please don't think they need to do everything in one year.

We are so proud of our Sandy Lane pupils and can't wait to see them grow and shine through the Pupil Passport programme. Thank you for your continued support – together, we are helping your children to fulfil their potential, unlock opportunities, and ensure no one is left behind.

Thank you,

Ms Kausar

Pupil Passport Lead

