

SANDY LANE PRIMARY AND NURSERY

PROSPECTUS

ETHOS AND VISION

FULFILLING POTENTIAL

Our aim is to provide a school community which embraces excellence for all. Pupils, parents, staff and volunteers work together in order to recognise and achieve their highest aspirations; knowing that to achieve the greatest for oneself is the very foundation of fulfilling potential for all

UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITY

Our aim is to provide a clear pathway to everyone's highest aspiration. A wider world of opportunities introduced by the use of a creative curriculum design with imaginative use of resources and partners across the community. We will use the skills of resilience and self-awareness to instil a passion for new learning experiences. Using these crucial life skills to dissolve barriers and embrace a future of life-long learning and success in our chosen path.

NO ONE LEFT BEHIND

A school that truly understands and embodies an empathy for all who pass through its doors. Our actions reflect the needs of all our pupils, to be the people they want to be, by providing the encouragement and resources to make the improvements that they need in order to make the best possible progress towards their life goals.



At our school, we are committed to building strong character in our children. Guided by the Commando Joe principles of RESPECT — Resilience, Empathy, Self-awareness, Passion, Excellence, Communication and Teamwork — we help children develop the skills and attitudes they need to thrive. School is more than just academic success; it is about nurturing the whole child and preparing them with confidence, character and purpose for the future.

COMMANDO JOE

The Commando Joe learning programme is embedded across Sandy Lane Primary School to develop resilience, confidence and strong character in our children. Through practical, challenge-based learning, children learn to persevere, work as a team and reflect on their own strengths and actions. This approach supports our children to become self-aware, motivated learners who are prepared not only for the next stage of their education, but for life beyond the classroom.



CURRICULUM VISION

Our curriculum is bespoke to the children we serve and deeply rooted in the strengths, needs, and aspirations of our community. We believe every child deserves a rich, inspiring, and joy-filled education—one that not only equips them academically but also enhances their childhood experiences in meaningful and memorable ways.

Our curriculum is designed to widen horizons, celebrate diversity, and foster a strong sense of identity and belonging. Through a carefully crafted programme of learning, enrichment, and opportunity, we nurture pupils' curiosity, creativity, and confidence, ensuring they develop the cultural capital they need to thrive in the world beyond our school.

Central to our vision is our pupil offer: a clear, ambitious commitment that every child will access a broad range of experiences that spark interest, build character, and open doors. We deliberately remove barriers, create possibilities, and champion every learner so that no child is ever left behind.

We are proud that our curriculum reflects the uniqueness of Sandy Lane—its children, its families, and its community. Through high expectations and a compassionate, inclusive ethos, we aim to empower every child to become a successful learner, a responsible citizen, and a confident, well-rounded individual ready for the future.

MAGIC MONDAYS

We believe in the power of creativity to unlock potential. Magic Mondays give our children the chance to think freely, imagine boldly, and explore without limits. By placing art at the heart of our curriculum, we ensure every week begins with inspiration, curiosity, and joyful learning. These Monday art sessions don't just build artistic skill—they develop the character and values that sit at the core of our RESPECT principles.

- **Resilience – Children learn to refine their work, experiment, adapt, and try again when things don't go to plan.**
- **Excellence – Art encourages taking pride in craftsmanship, striving for quality, and pushing creative boundaries.**
- **Self-awareness – Through creative expression, pupils understand their feelings, strengths, and personal artistic style.**
- **Passion – Magic Mondays ignite enthusiasm and a genuine love of learning through engaging, hands-on art experiences.**
- **Empathy – Children develop appreciation for different perspectives, cultures, and artistic interpretations.**
- **Communication – Discussing artwork, sharing ideas, and explaining creative choices strengthens verbal and visual communication.**
- **Teamwork – Collaborative projects teach co-operation, listening, shared decision-making, and celebrating others' contributions.**






READING FOR PLEASURE

This school is deeply committed to giving every child the gift of reading—a gift that opens their eyes to the world and acts as a window into every other subject. We believe that children should not only learn to read, but also fall in love with books and stories, carrying that passion with them throughout their lives. Reading for pleasure builds imagination, strengthens vocabulary, and nurtures curiosity. Research consistently shows that children who read for pleasure are more likely to achieve higher academic outcomes than those who do not, making it one of the most powerful tools we can give our pupils. At Sandy Lane, we make reading joyful, meaningful, and central to our curriculum so that every child grows as a confident, enthusiastic, lifelong reader.



PUPIL OFFER

Sandy Lane Primary School believes in a rich education that extends beyond the classroom. Our Pupil Offer gives every child a wide range of opportunities and experiences that help them grow, discover new interests, and build confidence. Strong home–school relationships are central to this; by working closely with families, we create the best possible support for every child.

To bring this to life, we have created our unique Sandy Lane Pupil Passport. With over 100 activities to complete in school and at home, the passport celebrates the importance of real-life experiences and encourages children to try new things. Every milestone is recognised, helping pupils feel proud of their extra-curricular achievements and giving them exciting goals to work towards throughout their time at Sandy Lane.









EARLY YEARS

Our Early Years provision includes our own on-site Nursery, welcoming children from the age of two, with free funded places available for 15 to 30 hours per week. We provide a nurturing, inclusive environment where children feel safe, valued and ready to learn.

Learning in the Early Years is play-based and rooted in the principles of the EYFS curriculum. Through carefully planned experiences, children develop essential skills in communication, physical development and personal, social and emotional growth. These foundations are built progressively from Nursery into Reception, ensuring children leave Early Years as confident, curious learners, ready for the next stage of their education.

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