



# Sandhill News



Thank you to everyone that supported our TimesTable Rockstar / NSPCC Number Day yesterday; it was lovely to see so many children dressed up and enjoying a variety of maths games throughout the day. Our children from Y1 upwards also took part in a TT competition against other schools from around the country. I can't tell you how proud I am of all the children's efforts in this. **A MASSIVE well done to Eagle Owls who came in to the top 50 classes in the country out of over 17,000!**



## Stars of the Week

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Owlets - Demi & Kacey  
 Spotty Owls - Lexi  
 Snowy Owls - Tommy  
 Tawny Owls - Esmay  
 Sooty Owls - Skylar  
 Barn Owls - Stanley  
 Hawk Owls - Lucie  
 Eagle Owls - Harry

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Owlets - Lorenzo & Jaxson  
 Spotty Owls - Ferrari  
 Snowy Owls - Halle  
 Tawny Owls - Keira  
 Sooty Owls - Shaylen & Sofia  
 Barn Owls - Sonny & Harriet  
 Hawk Owls - Elissia and Jayden  
 Eagle Owls - Katelin

## Sandhill's Art Exhibition

After half term, Sandhill will be hosting an art exhibition around the theme of 'water'. All children will be creating a piece of art that will go on display and that can later be bought. Each class will have a different artist to study and create work in that style.

## Times Table Rockstars Competition

Our new times table competition has been launched! Please encourage your children to practise their times tables at home using TT Rockstars as this is a skill that will support them throughout their maths learning journeys; there is a £50 Smyths Toys voucher for the person that earns the most tokens for this term so it is definitely worth taking part. If you require your child's login details again, please speak to your class teacher.

## School Organisation and Routines

Class	PE Day
Owlets (full time children)	Monday
Spotty Owls	Monday
Snowy Owls	Wednesday
Tawny Owls	Wednesday
Sooty Owls	Friday
Barn Owls	Friday
Hawk Owls	Thursday
Eagle Owls	Thursday

All children in school will be involved in PE each week. All children will require an indoor PE kit as well as suitable trainers or pumps. Children who forget their PE kit or who have not brought a suitable kit, will be given a spare school kit. These will be in each classroom so the size should be appropriate.

<u>Lunchtime Club (12:30pm - 13:00pm)</u>	
Monday	- Top Trumps & Board Games
Tuesday	- Lego
Wednesday	- Art
Thursday	- Reading
Friday	- ICT

If any families have any spare items for our clubs that are no longer needed, we would appreciate them in school!

### Year 6 SATs Practice

Well done to our Y6 children who have worked incredibly hard this week on their practice SATs papers; myself and the Y6 team could not be more proud of their efforts which has resulted in some incredible scores. I know they will continue to keep their focus as we move closer to the May assessments.

### Parents' Evening

The week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> February will be when our next Parents' Evening meetings will take place.

These will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Children's art work (as mentioned on the front page) will also be available to see during that week.

### INSET Day

Just a quick reminder that Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET day. School will re-open for children on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### Young Voices

On Thursday, Miss Cooper and myself will be taking our KS2 children in our choir to Young Voices. The choir has worked tirelessly all year developing their singing talents in preparation for this event. Thank you to the parents that are coming along to support us. If you wish to practise the songs that will be sung on the night, you can use the following link to a Spotify playlist that has been created for event.

<https://open.spotify.com/album/1MrGxAUWIWd9ZRXeIWwT9D>

### Changes to Our Timetable

Each morning when arriving at school, children will have the opportunity to read for pleasure.

Please make sure that your child brings their book bag each day that contains their reading and library book.

### Reading Records

We love to see how the children are sharing books at home and impressing their parents. The importance of reading with your child is limitless. For the older children the Reading Record is used as a 'Magpie Book'. As they read at home, the children write down words, phrases or sentences that they like that the author has used. This could be one or two or twenty! These ideas can then be used in their own writing back in school. If your child doesn't want to read aloud, they could review the book in their own words, what they enjoyed etc. That way you are still sharing the book, but in a different way.

### Spring Term Calendar

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Children Return To School

W/C 16<sup>th</sup> January

**Y5 Bikeability Starts**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Reception Children - Eye Test

W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Chinese New Year

W/C 30<sup>th</sup> January

National Story Telling Week

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

SEN Parents' Coffee Morning

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**NSPCC Rocks! Day**

W/C 6<sup>th</sup> February

Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February

School Breaks Up For Half Term

W/C 13<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term

### Y5/6 Dodgeball Tournament

Well done to our ten children who represented the school in a dodgeball competition yesterday. It is lovely to see more children getting involved in competitive play...we want as many children as possible to have opportunities to represent our school.

### Play Makers

After half term, Play Makers will be trained to set up and run activities on the playground each day. Our school council are working hard to make sure that a variety of equipment is available for our children to play with.

### We Welcome Your Feedback!

At Sandhill we endeavour to give our children the best possible education that enables them to learn, grow and develop. Sometimes, however, we do not get everything right!

If you have any concerns regarding your child that you need to raise, please come and speak to a member of staff. Our doors are always open!

If you would like further information regarding school's procedures in order to raise specific concerns, please refer to our website where policies and procedures are on hand to support you. Alternatively, if you speak to the reception staff, they will be able to support you in which path to take.