



Sandfield second in Surrey for reading progress

School name	Type of school	Number of pupils at the end of key stage 2	% of pupils meeting expected standard	Progress score & description			% of pupils achieving at a higher standard	Average score in reading
				Reading	Writing	Maths		
St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary School	Academy	32	91%	WELL ABOVE AVERAGE 5.9	ABOVE AVERAGE 2.8	WELL ABOVE AVERAGE 4.8	19%	112
Sandfield Primary School	Academy	31	74%	WELL ABOVE AVERAGE 5.5	WELL ABOVE AVERAGE 3.3	AVERAGE 0.4	16%	109

The school performance data for last academic year 2022 – 2023 was released at the beginning of January. This data is based on our KS2 Sats results from last year. The table takes data from all 476 schools in Surrey and ranks them in order according to pupil progress. At Sandfield we were absolutely delighted to discover that we had come second in Surrey for reading progress. This is a real achievement, as reading is at the heart of everything we learn at Sandfield and allows children to access the whole curriculum. We thank Miss

McIllroy for sharing her extensive knowledge of reading with all our staff and also spreading the joy of reading. Parents are also a key part of this success and flag the importance of hearing your child read every day. It really does make a difference.

Sandfield's New Year Resolutions

Last week in assembly we introduced two resolutions for everyone at Sandfield. We encouraged all children to show courage by standing up for what you know is right – even when you are afraid and others do not stand with you. Children who have courage can admit when they are wrong, make good choices when others do not and are kind to those who are unkind. Having compassion is also a key value to develop. Our goal is for all children to treat everyone with kindness and show respect for all.



Term Dates for 2024-2025

The Trust have now published the dates for 2024-2025 and they are as follows:

Autumn term 2024

Monday 2nd September – Friday 20th December
Half term – Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Spring term 2025

Monday 6th January – Friday 4th April
Half term – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Summer term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Tuesday 22nd July
Half term – Monday 26th May – 30th May

INSET days for the next academic year

Monday 2nd September 2024
Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Friday 25th October 2024
Monday 4th November 2024
Wednesday 29th January 2025
Friday 23rd May 2025
Monday 30th June 2025

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Children in Celebration Assembly this week were:

Reception: Manar and Antonella

Year 1: Noah and Rex

Year 2: Emmanuel and Goundo

Year 3: Takondwa and Aki

Year 4: Charlotte CA and Tallulah

Year 5: Barnaby and Joihn-Sebastien

Year 6: Skylar and Sebastian



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Reception Class

Reception have started this new year full of excitement, curiosity and energy. The children were delighted to be reunited with their friends and teachers. It's wonderful to see new friendships forming and old friendships strengthening as the children get reacquainted. We dove straight into our new topic of the Polar Regions – learning about different polar animals, habitats and world geography!



Years 1 and 2

What an amazing start we had to our new topic, The Great Fire of London. We all enjoyed a fabulous experience and were transported back to 1666. The children had the opportunity to make candles, scent bags and bookmarks using the techniques from 1666. Finally, we did some excavating of remnants of various buildings and then we had to work out what type of shop or building it had been prior to the fire.



Years 3 and 4



We have had a wonderful start to the new Spring term and the children have been immersing themselves in our topic 'Rainforests' (with a focus on the Amazon). They have been busy researching the flora and fauna which exist there which links into our Science about living things. There was much excitement at the prospect of creating wild animal scat for a herbivore, carnivore and omnivore! The children discovered how much information you can find out from scat including an animal's health, diet, location etc. A great start to 2024!



Years 5 and 6

We've had such a positive and enthusiastic start to the new term! We are enjoying our new text 'Race to the Frozen North' which links with our topic this term on climate change. The children enjoyed playing a new game which involved writing varied sentences depending on where they landed – lots of fantastic writing everyone.

MESSAGES & REMINDERS

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School Meal Ordering: The system is now set up so that orders can be made through to February half term.

Trip/Event Reminders: Please note that school trips are only possible if we receive parental contributions. Late contributions or missing contributions mean that we may not be able to run trips in the future and we would like to remind you to please always try and make contributions on time. If you have any questions about contributions, please contact Lucy Lidstrom, HSLW via Studybugs before any deadlines are due.

Year 6 Residential 2024: (3rd-5th July 2024) – 1st instalments due on or before **31/01/2024**

Year 6 Residential 2025 (current Year 5): (19th-21st May 2025)– deposits due on or before **01/02/2024**

Year 4 String Scheme: contributions of £20 to be paid on or before **22/03/2024**

Community News

Yvonne Arnaud Bursary Places: The Yvonne Arnaud are delighted to be offering an exciting range of workshops for ages 5-16yrs taking place during the February half term. They have a small number of **free bursary places** available for the workshops for **young carers and families with children who are eligible for pupil premium** or who are struggling to access creative activity for their children due to financial circumstances.

Due to the high demand for workshop bursaries, they will be entering names into a draw, held on 29/01/2024. Please see the link below for any further information:

<https://www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk/whats-on/by-venue/workshop>

Surrey West Families Newsletter: [Click here for the latest edition](#)

Reminders

School Clubs: Information for the clubs running this term was shared with parents at the end of last term, ready to book for Spring. Please check the calendar for information of the clubs that are available and links to booking forms, as well as dates that they are running. Please make a note of all dates when booking each club, to ensure you collect your child on time.