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Newsletter

29th November 2024

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MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS

Staffing News for January 2025

As the Autumn Term comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to notify you of some upcoming staffing changes.

Sadly, at the end of this term, we will be saying a fond farewell to Mr Godber. He has been a very much valued member of the staff team for seven years and has played an important role in the development of Sandfield's whole school curriculum. He has led Computing and Maths across the school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all that he has done. We will miss Mr Godber, and even some of his jokes, but take this opportunity to wish him every success as he moves onto his new school, closer to home.



From January, we welcome back Mrs Ledger, who will be teaching in Year 3 on Thursdays and Fridays. She already knows Sandfield well, as she worked as the Year 6 tutor last year. Mrs Ledger is a very experienced teacher and her expertise is working with children with SEND. Joining Mrs Ledger will be Mrs Malik. Mrs Malik has been teaching in Year 2 since joining Sandfield in September. She is an experienced Key Stage 2 teacher and will complete our Year 3 team.

In Year 2, replacing Mrs Malik, will be Mr Ney. He has a passion for reading and will bring his expertise from his previous career to support Computing in Key Stage 1. From January, the teaching team in Year 2 will be Miss McIlroy and Mr Ney, with Miss McIlroy teaching all day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday and Friday mornings. Mr Ney will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays, leading in the afternoons. We always put your children into the heart of every decision we make and we know our school community will welcome our new teachers: Mrs Ledger and Mr Ney.



KS2 Girls Football Tournament

It was a real pleasure to take our girls' football team to the Guildford Schools Football Tournament last Friday. They were magnificent. The other teams we played against consisted of Year 6 pupils only, while we had Year 5 and Year 4 pupils too! Mia was in goal and she was absolutely fearless – our opponents even cheered her on when she made some incredible saves! Nathalie, Zainab, Ines, and Tallula made some great runs forward, and our defence team of Ariella, Salome, and Suzanna did their very best to block the attacks.

A big thanks to all the parents and siblings who came along to cheer us on, and to Mrs. Phillpot who kindly came along to support us. What a team – we are so proud of you :)



Choir Visit to The Salvation Army

Yesterday, our Choir visited the Salvation Army and sang a selection of Christmas songs to the local community. It was a wonderful start to the festive season. Their behaviour was exemplary and they were a real credit to the school, bringing one member of the community to tears!



****IMPORTANT** Bromcom Rollout for Parents (MyChildAt School)**

From January 2025, Sandfield and other schools in the Trust will be switching information systems from SIMs to Bromcom, parents will know this as **MyChildAtSchool or MCAS**.

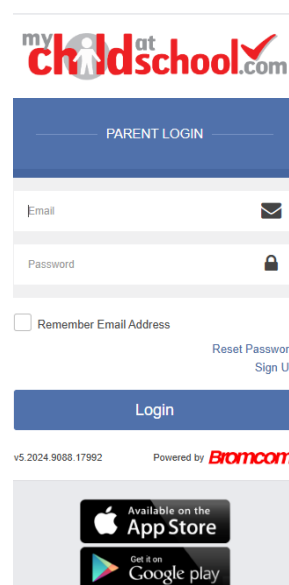
Parents and carers will be able to access most school information in one place and also manage your child's data directly either from the portal on the **MCAS** Parent App and/ or from your desktop.

The **MCAS** App is available from Apple Store or from Google Play. You will be able to set any language you use, view your child's attendance, reports, book face-to-face Parents Evenings, receive push notifications and so on. The plan is that after Easter 2025 you will also be able to use **MCAS** to pay for trips, events, uniform etc. which will replace Scopay. We ask that all parents and carers sign up to **MCAS** by **the end of December 2024** so that you do not miss any information from school.

For details on what you need to do first and further information, please see the webpage and parent guide on our website: <https://sandfield.surrey.sch.uk/bromcom-mychildatschool-mcas/>

A few statutory forms will still need to be completed for Pupil Leavers, Change of Address, Pupil Premium, Dietary and Allergy Information and so on, and these links will remain on the '**For Parents**' section on the website, where you will also find links to all the Apps and websites you need while your child is at Sandfield.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,
Mrs Collins and the Sandfield Staff



KEY DATES

Autumn Term 2024

Tuesday 3rd December – Year 4 String Scheme & Year 5 Orchestra Christmas Concert 9:30am-10:45am

Friday 6th December – Sandfield Winter Wonderland Discos!

Monday 9th December – Year 2 Visit to Guildford High School to see The Snowman 1:00pm-3:00pm

Tuesday 10th December - Early Years & KS1 Christmas Show at 9:30am

Thursday 12th December – Early Years & KS1 Christmas Show at 2:00pm

Wednesday 18th December – Whole School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day. Whole School Christmas Sing-A-Long from 2:30pm - all are welcome!

Friday 20th December – 1:30pm – End of Term

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January – Spring term begins for all pupils

Wednesday 8th January – Open Day Tour for Reception Class September 2025

Wednesday 15th January – Closing date for all applications for Reception Class 2025

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Children in Celebration Assembly today were:

Reception Class: Vasco and Phoebe

Year 1: Ben and Lilly

Year 2: Noah and Liam

Year 3: Amira and Jonathan

Year 4: Meabh and Freddie

Year 5: Faith and Safryn

Year 6: Youcef and Cai



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Reception Class

Another busy week in Reception! Our most popular area this week was our very own Reception Café! The children loved becoming baristas, servers, chefs and customers. Many pastries and babychinos were enjoyed as the children caught up with each other on their café dates. The children carefully crafted countless coffees (with real coffee beans) from the espresso machine for the grateful adults in the class as well!

PE day for Reception Class for Monday



Year 1 & Year 2

This term in PSHCE, Year 1 have been learning about keeping healthy and the importance of washing our hands. We learnt about germs and did an exciting experiment with black pepper, glitter and soap. We were fascinated to observe how soap is germs' worst enemy! Year 2 have been talking about who and what is special to them, and they loved drawing pictures of the people and things that are special to them to share with their friends.

PE days for Year 1 & Year 2 are Mondays and Wednesdays



Year 3 & Year 4

Year 3 have had their first taste of a big trip without their class teacher this week. They went in groups of 4 with a Surrey County Council volunteer to do their Feet First training. This is the final part of their training unit and they all got a fancy certificate, keyring and sticker. The groups were all really well behaved and seemed to have a great time. We now know exactly how to walk around Guildford without being in danger.

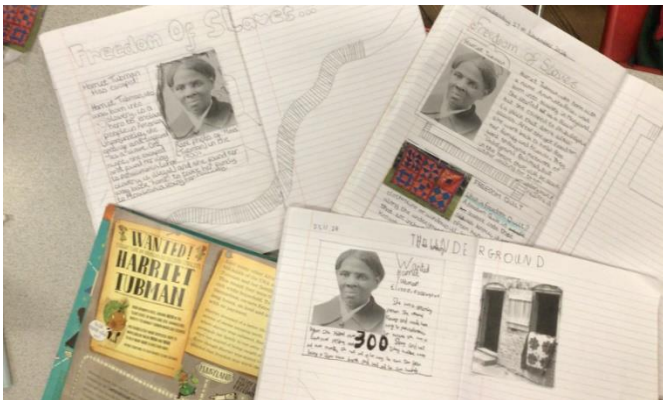
PE days for Year 3 & Year 4 are Tuesdays & Thursdays



Year 5 & Year 6

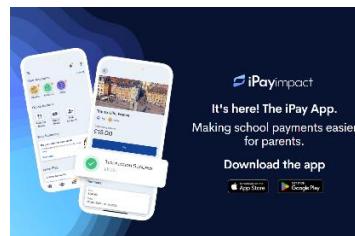
In geography and history this week, we have studied The Underground Railroad which was the route to freedom for enslaved people during the 1800's. The children were in awe of Harriet Tubman who dreamed of a better life and escaped to freedom despite risking her life— she then returned to help other slaves take the same journey. What an incredible woman...

PE days for Year 5 & Year 6 are Thursdays and Friday



BREAKING NEWS

Making ordering school meals much easier!



PTA NEWS

Sandfield Winter Wonderland Discos

We are only one week away from our Sandfield Winter Wonderland Discos! Remember to get your child's ticket (Sandfield children only) ahead of the day via Scopay – ticket sales close at 3pm on Thursday 5th December. Tickets are £6.50 for a 45-minute boogie as well as a drink & sweets and a glow in the dark tattoo or face paint.

KS1 – 5.00-6.00pm

KS2 – 6.15-7.15pm

During these times parents and siblings can enjoy festive drinks and food in the learning lab. Cash and card accepted!

If you cannot make the disco – fear not! Our online raffle ticket sales are now live for anyone to enter! Please scan the QR code to the right and follow the instructions to buy your tickets.







Alternatively, click on the link: <https://friendsofsandfieldpta.charityhive.co.uk/raffles>

The QR code will be displayed at the event and also on the PTA noticeboard by the school gates.

Prizes include:

 RHS Wisley family entry

 4 tickets for G Live

-  *A term of Boogie Pumps*
-  *Guildford Theatre School*
-  *Vineyard tour and tasting*
-  *Family golf session*
-  *Bocketts Farm*
- GB Tower Bridge group ticket*
-  *Restaurant vouchers for Bill's, Shah's Secreto, Olivo and more!*



The draw will be held on Friday 13th December – Good Luck and remember any sales go towards improving your child's school and learning.

Many thanks

Sandfield PTA