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# Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Sandfield Primary School, Stoke Road, Guildford, GU1 4DT, 01483 566586**

## **MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS and SANDFIELD CELEBRATIONS**

### **Farewell and Thank You to Melanie Hancox**



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Melanie Hancox**, our wonderful Chair of Governors, who will be stepping down from her role at the end of this academic year.

Melanie has a long and valued history with Sandfield. She first joined our community as a parent, then became a member of the Governing Body in 2016, and took on the role of Chair in 2019. Throughout her time with us, Melanie has brought a wealth of knowledge about education and a clear, unwavering vision: that every child should receive the very best education possible.

When I became Headteacher in 2019, Melanie was incredibly supportive. I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside her and have learned so much from her wisdom and experience. She has always been just a phone call away, and her guidance has been deeply appreciated.

Although we will miss Melanie greatly, we are proud to see her continue her important work as she takes on the role of Chair of Governors at Guildford Grove. Melanie will always be a part of the Sandfield family and we hope she'll come back to visit us often.

### **Good Bye to Mrs Jean Sherwin**

As this academic year comes to a close, we say a heartfelt goodbye to **Jean Sherwin**, who is finally putting her feet up and retiring after nearly 30 incredible years at Sandfield.

Jean has been a cornerstone of our school community, working across every year group from reception to year 6. In that time, she has supported hundreds of children and their families with warmth, care, and dedication. One of Jean's many gifts is her ability to build strong, positive relationships with children; she seems to instinctively know what they need, often before they do!



Jean is also famous for her exceptional tidying skills and her love of organisation. In 2020, she seamlessly managed the relocation of the staffroom from one classroom to another, an enormous task that she handled with her usual calm and efficiency. No cupboard in the school has ever been more organised!

Her creativity is another of her superpowers. Give Jean a couple of sheets of A4 paper and some sellotape, and she'll create something magical. Two standout masterpieces include a full-sized beehive and a working umbrella!

On behalf of all the children, their families, and the entire staff team, we want to thank Jean for her positivity, enthusiasm, and boundless energy. There really is no stopping her!

Thank you, Jean, for everything you've done—every single day—for all of us. You will be greatly missed... but you know where we are! 😊

### **Eco Team Update**

We wanted to let you know that if your child is taking part in the sunflower competition it is next Wednesday. They need to bring their sunflower (only one per child) into school on Wednesday 16th July. The Eco Team will have some tables set up ready where they place their sunflower and write their name and class on a post- it note. We will be there to help. The flowers will then be judged during the morning.

Good Luck everyone - we look forward to seeing your flowers!

Charlotte C and Eva,  
Eco Team Year 5

Have a lovely, sunny weekend!  
Kate Collins and the Sandfield staff

### KS2 PRODUCTION

#### KS2 Production of Treachery at Traitors' Quay

Tickets are now openly available to anyone who would like to come along and see this exciting show from Year 5 & Year 6 from today.

**Please note that any parents in Year 5 & Year 6 that booked more than 2 tickets per family last week have had these cancelled, so you will need to re-book.**

Please book by scanning the QR code below, or by visiting:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sandfield-primary-school/t-yaovxko> for Tuesday

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sandfield-primary-school/t-rpmyvxy> for Wednesday



### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

No Celebration Assembly today

### NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

#### Reception Class

This week, we've been exploring the exciting world of travel holidays, and dream destinations! On Monday, we took an imaginary trip to Thailand, where Mrs. Phillpot was born! The children learned about Thai traditions, cuisine, and wild life, and had fun role-playing temple visits, Songkran water fights, market shopping, and elephant encounters. They then captured their 'holiday' memories in writing, using souvenir photos created with green screen and iMovie magic!

A special THANK YOU to Miss Howard for her incredible support during her work experience week. Her creativity, kindness, and endless energy shone through as she led art activities and played with the children—we're so grateful!

***PE day for Reception Class is Monday***

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#### Year 1 & Year 2

Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic bespoke music lesson this week, led by talented singing teachers from RGS. The children learnt how to warm up their voices and had a great fun learning a lively song all about different types of ships and boats. From sailing ships to canoes, the song took them on a musical journey across the seas. The singing teacher was truly amazing and that children were in awe of hearing a trained singer perform live. It was a memorable and inspiring experience for all.

***PE Days for Year 1 are Mondays and Wednesdays***



### Year 3 & Year 4

#### **PE days for Year 3 & Year 4 are Tuesdays & Thursday**

Years 3 and 4 have been enthusiastically learning all about Roman column structures, arch supports in aqueducts and different types of bridges. They have created a roman style building using pediments and columns, investigated bridge supports using cubes and rose to the challenge of making the longest bridge possible with one sheet of paper and scissors only! It had to balance 8 cubes in the centre. They thought about triangular shapes, arches and layers to strengthen their bridges. The culmination of all this learning was to design and create a marble run with vertical columns and at least one bridge using joining techniques to ensure stability and purpose. They have been super creative and had a lot of fun during the learning process! Well done everyone!



### Year 5 & Year 6

Year 5 and 6 had a splashing adventure on the River Wey this week. We had the perfect weather to take to the water in a bell boat, kayaks and Canadian canoes, exploring a long stretch of the river. There were a few unexpected swims, but plenty of laughter and everyone made great progress with their steering skills. We had two fantastic outings with sunshine, teamwork and soggy socks! Thank you to the Wey Kayak Club for their guidance and expertise.

#### **PE days for Year 5 & Year 6 are Thursdays and Fridays**



### DEADLINES

With lots going on this term, please see below deadlines for planned trips so far. All payments are still to be made via Scopay until we move over to the MCAS payment system in September.

Class	Trip	Amount	Deadline
Year 3 & 4	Roman Day	£7.35	Friday 04/07/2025
Year 4	String Scheme	£20.00 Spring instalment £20.00 Summer instalment	Friday 28/03/2025 Friday 04/07/2025
Year 5	Residential Summer 2026	£20.00 instalment	Monday 30/06/2025
Year 5 *	Swimming	£20.00	Monday 02/06/2025
Year 5 *	Kayaking	£7.00	Monday 30/06/2025
Year 6 *	Swimming	£20.00	Monday 02/06/2025
Year 6 *	Kayaking	£7.00	Monday 30/06/2025

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Please also see the flyers on the newsletter page of the Sandfield website for more information about local news and activities

### CONTACT THE SCHOOL

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