

Inset Days - School Closed

24th March 2023

5th June 2023

Diary

February 2023

10th - End of Term 3

13th-17th School Holidays

20th - Start of Term 4

March 2023

24th - Inset Day 4 - School Closed

31st - Last day of Term 4

April 2023

1st - 16th School Holidays

17th - Start of Term 5

20th Class Photos

May 2023

1st - Bank Holiday - School Closed

8th - Bank Holiday - Kings coronation - School Closed

26th - End of Term 5

29th- 2nd June - School Holidays

June 2023

5th - Inset day 5 - School Closed

6th - Start of Term 6

July 2023

21st - End of Term 6

Mufti Day

Monday 20th February 2023

Wear **Yellow** in support of St Michaels Hospice. Donations either on the gate (bucket supplied by St Michaels Hospice) or via ParentPay – Charity Day

Headteacher

As we move into this New Year, of course we are all deeply affected by and thinking about the tragic death of our former pupil, Harry Dennis. An event such as this understandably rocks our community but the strength of Sandown is that we all support each other through difficult events. This year, let the lasting legacy of this bright, cheerful, sporty young man be to remind us all that more than anything, we need to 'Be Kind.'

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind" said the boy

Wellbeing and Mental Health

Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6-12 February 2023. This year's theme is Let's Connect.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.



Governors

We would like to give a very warm welcome to our newest governor, Kerrie Muchmore. Kerrie has filled our vacant parent governor position and brings vital skills to the board.

We would be very interested in your views of the school's temporary partnership with Westfield school. Please get in touch with us via the school office.

Nursery

Our Nursery children have been exploring 'Starry night'. Over term 3 they have discovered all about what happens in the world when they are asleep, nocturnal animals, the moon and stars and space.

Our pre-school group (Saplings) have begun their forest school sessions. All children need to dress up warm and bring in a full change of clothes including shoes if they were their wellies to nursery on the day.

Term 4 we will be exploring 'Dangerous Dinosaurs!'

Have a lovely break.
The nursery team 😊

Caretaker Corner

As often happens during the half-term breaks there will be contractor works being undertaken during the February recess. During that week scaffolding will be erected at the front left elevation and at the Year 5 entrance as the green cladding will be replaced by cladding to match that at the school entrance. The cladding will have new insulation behind it. The works are expected to take 10 weeks in total. We will also have engineers in undertaking our 5-yearly electrical inspection, which is a legal requirement. This will take the whole week.

Enjoy the break.

PE & Sports News

The children have been fantastic this term learning about Cognitive skills in PE. Ordering instructions and complex movements combined with exploring strategies for attacking and defending.

We were very proud to host the first ever tag rugby tournament at Sandown this term. 7 schools from our local area attended and was aimed at promoting the sport and having fun. Active Hastings and Hastings & Bexhill Rugby Club were both in attendance to help support the children.

We also hosted the Netball Cluster Finals at Sandown for the first time ever and am so proud to say that both of our teams finished first and second overall scoring over 50 goals between them in the tournament. Sandown will now progress to the Area finals on the 9th March.

Sandown Cross Country is now scheduled for **23rd March**, due to the original date colliding with National teacher strikes. The top 10 children for each year group will be selected to take part. Training takes place on Mon, Weds, Fri

Attendance

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!
Percentages based on 190 academic days

Good Attendance Matters- Your child will only be successful at school if they attend school. Our aspiration is for everyone at Sandown to attend for more than 97% of the year. Our current whole school attendance is **95.16%** so thank you to everyone who is supporting good attendance. To date, we have **105** late arrivals before the register closes (9.15am). It is essential that your child is at school on time and ready to learn. Any unauthorised absence negatively impacts on our overall attendance figure as well as your child's attendance and achievement levels.

Online Safety

Your children will be taking part in Safer Internet Day in February. Here's a link to parent resources to help you manage their **online life**.

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

