

Diary

July 2024

19th - last day of Term 6

22nd - Inset Day 4 - School -
Closed

23rd - Inset Day 5 - School
Closed

24th July - 30th August -
School Holidays

September 2024

2nd - Inset Day 1 - School
Closed

3rd - Start of Term 1.

4th - Summer Born Rec
Children Taster Day.

5th - Spring Born Rec
Children Taster Day.

6th - Winter Born Rec
Children Taster Day.

9th - All Rec Children attend
school

11th-13th - Y6 Residential
Trip.

October 2024

25th - Last day of Term 1.

28th - 1st Nov – School
Holidays.

November 2024

4th - Start of Term 2.

11th, 12th, 13th - New to
Reception in Sept 25 open
afternoons 1.15-.2.45pm.

13th - New to Reception in
Sept 25 open afternoon 4.00
-5.00pm.

December 2024

20th – Last day of Term 2.

Headteacher

Time passes so quickly as we say goodbye to another group of Year 6 children. Thank you to the Friends of Sandown who organise such a special Prom experience.

This year has been a year of firsts. The school chess team reached the County Finals for the first time ever. The quad athletic team went to the County Finals in Crawley for the first time ever. Sandown has Talent was an overwhelming success. The school council has brought back tomato ketchup and created a calm zone and game zone on the playground. The Year 6 play was the funniest and best one ever. We have supported many other schools to be the best that they can be.

Congratulations to our nursery team who won Team of the Year, they really do give your children the best start.

Reading has been the success of the year with the introduction of Accelerated Reader. If you get a moment come and see our new vending machine, there will be a tweak to the Reading Bugs next year. Please encourage your child to complete the Summer Reading challenge and you can also do a Doodle Maths Summer Challenge too. Log book mentions in the first week for anyone that does these.

Have a restfull and enjoyable Summer and again thank you for helping us to be The Best that We Can be.

Kind Regards,

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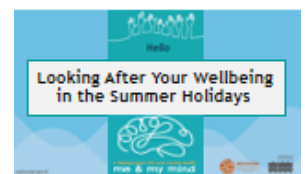
Wellbeing

Whilst most of us look forward to the long summer holidays, for some families and children it can be a tricky time without the structure of school. We have been talking to the children about ways to support their mental health and wellbeing.

Make a new routine.

Decide on what time you want to get up and what time you want to go to bed – try to stick to these times.

Have some fun activities ready to do during 'downtime' like drawing, dancing, reading or sport.



Reduce Screen Time

- If you enjoy playing games using a device, this can be a fun activity in small doses
- Set yourself a limit and then come off the device
- Take breaks away from the screen to move, get snacks and talk in real life
- Have some set days when you don't use your device.



Nursery

What an exciting and busy year we have had in the nursery. The children have had the opportunity to explore and extend their learning using a wide range of activities and experiences, that were linked to our cornerstones themes.

As we come to the end of another year, we would like to wish all of our saplings pre-school children the very best on their next big adventure at school. We will miss you all.

We hope that all of our existing nursery families have a brilliant summer break and we will see you all in September 😊

Uniform

The office will be open to sell/collect uniform on **Monday 2nd September 2024** between **10.30am – 2.00pm only**.

Caretakers Corner

As ever, there will be works taking place during the summer break, giving the cleaning and caretaking teams the opportunity to give the school a deep clean and to undertake minor repairs, touch-up paintwork, etc. There will also be contractors on site carrying out various improvement works, and to service our heating, alarms, and lighting, etc.

We hope all our children, parents, and guardians have a great summer.

PE & Sports News

This academic year has been truly remarkable for our school's Physical Education (PE) and sports events. From thrilling victories to inspiring team spirit, our pupils have demonstrated exceptional talent, dedication, and sportsmanship.

In athletics, our team shone brightly at the Sussex Finals and Town Sports, with several students setting new personal bests and bringing home gold medals. All children placed in at least one their events returning 40 medals as a squad!

Our local sports cluster has been a huge success with 10 schools all involved allowing us to take part in over 30 sporting events this academic year and 75% of KS2 pupils representing the school in sport.

The crowning achievement of our year is being awarded the Platinum School Games Mark. This prestigious recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to high-quality PE and school sports. It acknowledges our dedication to promoting physical activity and fostering a lifelong love of sport.

Attendance This year's attendance = **95.56%**

97% remains our target for **all** children allowing school staff to ensure children can receive all their years learning. We want all children at Sandown to reach their potential and through teamwork, creativity and aiming high we all can be the "Best We Can Be".

24-25 will be a year to reach for the stars – this includes having high expectations & exceptional standards for our learners, and arriving on time.

Enjoy a fun and relaxing summer and get preparing for a great start to 2024/25 academic year starting Tuesday 4th September 2024. **Arrivals between 08:30 and 08:45.**

Home Learning

Thank you for all your feedback concerning Home Learning. The majority of you think home learning is important to encourage independence and academic success. In response to the survey we have removed Numbots. Our trial of using Doodle Maths was a resounding success and this will replace maths home learning in all year groups. Some parents felt there was too much home learning and the Doodle Maths is little and often so will help. The children have really enjoyed it and parent feedback has been positive too. We will also be using Doodle Spelling so everything is on one platform. We will conduct another survey at the end of term 1 to measure the impact of the changes.

Goodbye

We would like to say a very big Thank you to Mrs Hayley Cross for her dedication whilst on the governing board.

We also say goodbye to Miss Hemsworth and Miss Campbell - Marshall and thank them for their valued contribution to the school. We wish them all the very best in their new schools.