

# Sandown Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

July 2026

## Diary

### July

17<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Term 6

### September

2<sup>nd</sup> - Inset Day

3<sup>rd</sup> - First day of Term 1

### October

22<sup>nd</sup> - Last day of Term 1

23<sup>rd</sup> - Inset Day

26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> - Half Term

## Inset Days

### 2026

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

### 2027

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## Caretaker

This summer break will see the usual activity, with contractors servicing our heating, alarm systems, etc. There will be other contractors on site (some flooring and painting), but there are no major works at the school during this summer break. The cleaning team will undertake a deep clean of the school and the caretaking team will do minor repairs, touch-up paintwork, and various other tasks.

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

## Headteacher

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly rewarding time since I had the privilege of leading Sandown Primary School and Nursery since Christmas. I have been so proud to work alongside such talented, dedicated staff and wonderful pupils who make our school such a special place. Together we have celebrated success in so many ways – from exciting sporting competitions and memorable productions to enriching educational visits, inspiring visitors to school and a wide range of parental engagement events that have strengthened our school community. One of the highlights of the year was our wonderful David Attenborough Day, which showcased our pupils' enthusiasm for learning and caring for the world around them. I would like to sincerely thank all of our staff, pupils and parents for their support, kindness and commitment throughout the year. I would also like to wish Mr. Wright every success as he takes up the role of Headteacher in September. I know he will receive the same warm welcome and support from our school community that I have been fortunate to experience.

At the end of this term, we will also be saying goodbye to two valued members of our staff. Mr. Mann, from Year 2, and Miss Smith, from Year 3 Elder, are moving on to new opportunities, and we thank them both for the care they have shown to our children during their time at Sandown. They leave with our very best wishes for the future.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our pupils, families and staff a safe, happy and restful summer holiday. I hope you all enjoy spending time together, making wonderful memories and, hopefully, keeping cool if the sunshine continues! Thank you once again for making my time as Headteacher at Sandown Primary School and Nursery such a memorable one.

Mrs Tugwell



## Nursery

What a fantastic year the children have had in the nursery. We are very proud of them all.

We would like to wish our pre-school children all the best for their next big adventure at their new schools.

The nursery team hope you all have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing our Acorns and Saplings in September.

Funding for the nursery children begins





# Friends of Sandown

It's been a really busy few weeks for the FOS team — keeping everyone refreshed during Sports Day and getting everything ready for PromFest 26!

PromFest is always a lovely way for our current Year 6 pupils to celebrate before they move on to secondary school. This year they enjoyed fish and chips, ice cream, and plenty of dancing with their friends and teachers. A big thank you to the FOS parents who helped decorate the marquee, and to all the staff who came along and supported the evening.

A special farewell - As the school year comes to an end, we're also saying a big goodbye to one of our long-standing FOS team members. Nicky Homewood is stepping down from her social media role after 12 years of supporting Sandown, as her daughter heads off to secondary school. Over the years, Nicky has worked closely with FOS to help deliver events including Colour Run, Sandown Fireworks, Wrap A Gift, Pick A Plant, PromFest, Santa's Grotto, Sports Day refreshments, Teddy Bears' Picnic (and many more!). Sandown has also received three Smart Money awards, thanks to Nicky's delivery of financial education to all children, something she's really passionate about. Nicky will be hugely missed. Thank you for everything you've done for the school, Nicky.

Want to get involved? If you'd like to join FOS in the new school year, please email [kellycorder.fos@gmail.com](mailto:kellycorder.fos@gmail.com) to find out more.

We all share the same goal: making school life better for every child, everyone in the school community can get involved: mums, dads, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

## PE & Sports News

This term in PE, pupils have been developing their Health and Fitness Cog through our Real PE curriculum. This area of learning encourages children to understand how exercise affects their bodies, recognise the importance of leading an active and healthy lifestyle, and challenge themselves to improve their own personal fitness while showing determination and resilience.

It has been another outstanding term for school sport. Our Tri-Golf team travelled to the Bexhill Finals and finished an excellent 2nd overall. We also hosted our Year 5/6 Ultimate Frisbee tournament, with Sandown crowned champions in both the boys' and girls' competitions.

Athletics has been a particular highlight this term. At the Town Sports, all 20 Sandown athletes won at least one medal, our Year 6 boys were the highest-scoring team for the second consecutive year, and we celebrated three new Town Sports records, all in the chest push event. Following our victory at the Hastings Quad Athletics competition, our team went on to represent the area at the Sussex County Finals in Worthing, where we achieved an incredible 2nd place overall out of nine districts. To top off an unforgettable day, two of our boys finished as the highest-scoring athletes across the entire county.

Finally, Sports Days have been a fantastic celebration of participation, teamwork and achievement across the school. We are now looking forward to launching our new house system, with our first House Competition Afternoon taking place on Thursday 16th July. Children are invited to wear their house colours and enjoy a fun afternoon of friendly competition.

