

# Sandown Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

## Diary : MAY 2026

### May 2026 -

22<sup>nd</sup> – Last day of Term 5

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – May Half Term

### June 2026 –

1<sup>st</sup> – Start of Term 6

### July 2026 –

17<sup>th</sup>- Last day of Term 6



## Inset Days

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

## Transition Week

Your child will be moving to their new class for the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July.

## Lost Property

Please remember to name all your children's uniform. We see a lot of lost property around the school, if it is not named we cannot reunite it with your child. We store Lost property in the shed out the front, please take a look in there if you are missing any items

## Headteacher

As another term draws to a close, I am so proud of everything we have achieved at Sandown. Our whole school came together to celebrate David Attenborough's 100th Birthday and the children's enthusiasm and knowledge for ways to care for our planet and all of the living creatures on it was astounding. Thank you to you as parents for supporting this day with so many imaginative costumes.

Year 6 and their staff have been working so hard this term to complete their SATs. Every child tackled the test papers with great determination and tried their hardest. Well Done year 6!

As you know we will be welcoming a new Headteacher to Sandown in September. Mr. Wright will be taking over from me and I know that he will have an energy and a drive to take Sandown forward to many more successful years. Mr. Wright is a local man who has deep aspiration for the children and young people of this town and we are all looking forward to working with him. Mr Wright will be visiting Sandown on several days next term and will be at the gate before or after school on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of June to meet with you all.

Let's hope the sun shines over half term and we can all get away from our screens and enjoy some time outdoors.



## Governors

We have been going through the headteacher recruitment process and we would like to pass on our thanks to all the staff and pupils.

## Nursery



Our nursery children have been exploring 'Sunshine and Sunflowers' over term 5. They have discovered all about what happens in their natural environment, growing plants and keeping safe in the sunshine. They had the best day celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Now that we are heading into the warmer months, please can all children be suncreamed before they arrive for every session. **Please can we ask that they do not wear flip flops in the setting as they can be a trip hazard when running around.** Please can you make sure all coats, hats, suncream etc are clearly named.

We hope you all have a lovely half term break 😊



## Friends of Sandown

FOS are busy planning for PromFest2026 which takes place on Monday 13th July – we have been buying balloons, creating invitations and booking vendors for the event.

As always, we will be providing refreshments at the up-and-coming school events which include sports days – look out for us by the cabin or under the bike shelter - £1 per item cash & card accepted.

Because of the support you provide to FOS we can make donations back to the school, this term we have been able to donate £368 towards the Y1 trip to Drusilla's, £600 towards the cost of coaches for Chessington trip and 6 boxes of wildflower seed for the new wild garden.

## PE & Sports News



This term at Sandown, PE and school sport have continued to thrive with children showing fantastic enthusiasm, determination and teamwork across a wide range of activities. In PE lessons, our focus has been on developing the "Physical Cog". Pupils have been improving their agility, balance and coordination through a variety of athletics-based activities, with a particular emphasis on running, jumping and throwing. It has been brilliant to see the confidence and resilience of the children grow as they challenge themselves and support one another.

We have also celebrated some excellent sporting success this term. Our Year 3/4 tennis team represented Sandown brilliantly at the local festival and finished in 1st place against a number of local schools. We were also proud to host the Year 3/4 Golfway event, welcoming schools from across the Hastings cluster. Sandown pupils showed excellent skill, focus and sportsmanship to finish 1st overall once again.

The athletics season is now in full swing and children are busy preparing for the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Quad Athletics competitions. We are hopeful of qualifying for the next round and look forward to sharing our progress and results on Class Dojo.

Later this term, our Year 5/6 pupils will also compete in the Hopkins Cup at the Hastings United Football Ground. In addition, our Year 6 children are excited to take part in the Primary Crazy Golf competition on Hastings seafront alongside 17 other schools. We are incredibly proud of the effort, attitude and sporting spirit shown by all of our pupils this term.

## Attendance



### **Attendance Matters – Every Day Counts!**

Being in school every day really does make a difference. When children attend regularly, they feel more confident, keep up with their learning, and enjoy being part of their class community.

We've been really impressed with the great attendance this term—thank you for your support in helping children arrive on time and ready to learn. It really does make a big impact! We've also had lots of classes winning the "On-Time" trophies this term—well done to you all!

We know there are times when absence can't be avoided, but please try to keep days off to a minimum. Where possible, book holidays and appointments outside of term time and the school day. 60 families have taken Term Time holidays this year, we need to reduce this.

A big thank you as well for sending appointment details via Dojo—everyone is doing a fantastic job with this. Let's keep working together to make every school day count!