

Friday 13th December 2024



# Sandringham

## Infant & Nursery Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

We are nearly at the end of our first term of the year and what a busy term it has been! Last week, we held our first Christmas event—our PTA Christmas fayre. As always, the children loved taking part in all of the festive activities that were on offer. I would like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of all our team and our children to every parent and carer who gave up their time to volunteer last Wednesday; your support is hugely appreciated.



The Christmas fun continues next week! We have our Nursery Christmas singing performances, our Reception nativities at Frimley Baptist Church, visits from Father Christmas, our PTA-sponsored pantomime, the sponsored Reindeer Run for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and our Christmas dinner still to look forward to. These activities not only celebrate the Christmas season but also highlight the incredible talents and community spirit of our school.

As this is my last newsletter as Head Teacher of Sandringham, I would like to end by thanking you and your children for making my time here so special. As you know, Sandringham is not just a school community, but a school family, and I have so enjoyed having the opportunity to be part of it. I will really miss all of the warm smiles and greetings that I see on the gate every morning and afternoon, the children's incredible confidence and care for each other, as well as the fantastic team of staff that we are so lucky to have. Mrs Stone will take the school from strength to strength and I wish her and all of you all of the very best in the future.

I hope you all have a happy and healthy Christmas break when it arrives!

Mr Lodge

### **Star of the Week and Core Values Awards**

A huge well done to all of these superstars for winning a Star of the Week or Core Values award!

#### **Star of the Week**

Amelia, Sam, Scarlett, George, Dexter, Finley, Jacob,  
Yaseen, Scarlett, Betsy, Bradley, Penny, William

#### **Core Values**

Eryn-Rose, Betty, Stanley, Finn, Faith, Lewis,  
James, George, Harry, Clara, Ryder, Nevaeh





# General updates

## Attendance

**Whole school target: 97%**

**Year-to-date whole school attendance: 95%**

### **Class groups' attendance:**

Moles —96%

Hedgehogs — 92%

Squirrels — 94%

Owls — 96%

Rabbits — 96%

Foxes — 94%

## What happens if my child is too unwell to attend school for more than one day in a row?

In line with our attendance policy, if your child is too unwell to attend school for more than one day, we ask that you contact us with a daily update on your child's symptoms. If we do not receive an update, a courtesy phone call home will be made. If we are unable to make contact, we will call emergency contacts and, if necessary, conduct a doorstep welfare check. As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, if we haven't seen your child for more than four school days, we will drop round a reading book to your house to ensure that your child has had some contact from school that week.

## Diary updates:

Monday 16th December—sponsored reindeer run for Phyliss Tuckwell Hospice (children in YR, Y1 and Y2 wearing PE kits)

Tuesday 17th December—Christmas pantomime, sponsored by the PTA

Wednesday 18th December—YR nativity performance at Frimley Baptist Church (9am)

Thursday 19th December—YR nativity performance at Frimley Baptist Church (9am)

Friday 20th December—Christmas dinner for lunch (wear Christmas jumpers/mufti)

Friday 20th December—last day of term (1:10pm collection)

## Spring 1

Monday 6th January—first day of term

Thursday 9th January—PTA movie night (4:30pm)

Wednesday 15th January—Y1 Owls parent lunch (12:30pm)

Friday 17th January—INSET day (academy closed to all children)

Wednesday 29th January—Y1 Squirrels parent lunch (12:30pm)

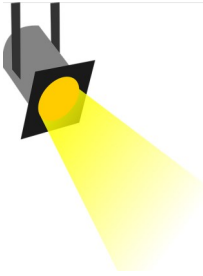
Tuesday 11th February—parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

Tuesday 13th February—parents' evening (3:30pm to 6:30pm)

Friday 14th February—last day of half term (3:15pm collection)



# Spotlight on KS1...



This week, the spotlight is on our **Y1 and Y2 classes**.

In year 1, we have been busy learning the skills to make our own fruit smoothies. We tasted a range of fruits, learnt how to safely cut fruits and vegetables with a knife and practised peeling carrots with vegetable peelers. Finally, we used all our new knowledge and skills to make our smoothies. We enjoyed watching our ingredients get mixed together in the blender. The best part was tasting them! A big thank you to all our adult helpers who gave up their time to help us make our smoothies safely.

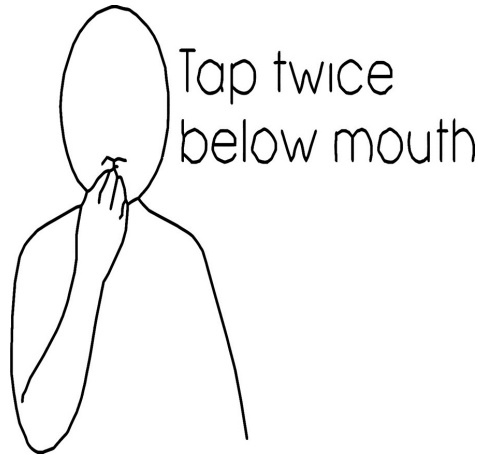


In year 2, we have been learning how to make a stable structure by building a chair made out of paper that will support Baby Bear's weight! We have learnt about the key features of a stable structure, as well as having great fun designing, constructing, testing out and evaluating them. During our investigations, we were amazed to see just how strong paper can be when constructed in a particular way!

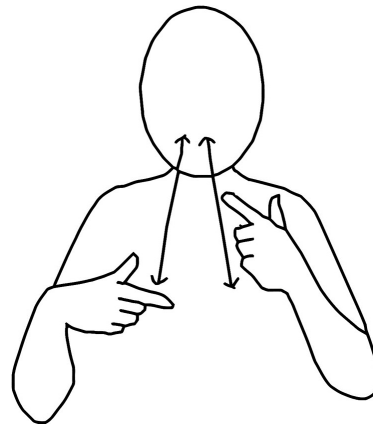




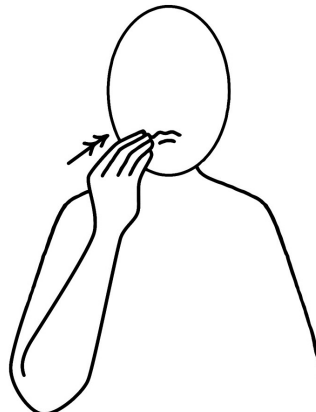
# Makaton signs of the week



**Breakfast**



**Lunch**



**To eat**



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**Don't forget, if you are applying for a place in Reception for September 2025, the deadline for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2025.**

If you live in Surrey, you can find further information about school admissions and apply online here (<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>) or you can call 0300 200 1004. If you live in Hampshire, you can find further information about school admissions and apply online here (<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>) or you can call 0300 555 1377.



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# New Attendance Rules!

There are new rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is due to holiday, irregular attendance, or otherwise. Don't get caught out!

# 1

**I'm a parent and I want to take my child out of school for a half or full day.**

Any absence must be recorded on an absence request form. The form enables us to communicate whether an absence will be authorised or unauthorised. Holiday requests will not be authorised. If your child will miss 5 school days, they will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is **£80 per parent, per child, if you pay it in 21 days, otherwise it is £160.**



For each child a penalty is given...



**4 children & 1 parent = £320**  
Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

**For a family of 2 parents & 2 children**



**£160 x2 = £320**  
Doubled to £640 if not paid in 21 days

**What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?**

Photos on Facebook?  
Foreign mobile dial tone?  
Other children talking about your holiday?  
Amazing sun tan?  
Home visit shows no-one at home?



Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!

# 2

**What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?**

**No, not anymore.** If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised, then...

**2<sup>nd</sup> TIME**

**2 parents and...**  
1 child = £320  
2 children = £640  
3 children = £960  
4 children = £1280

**NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT**

**3<sup>rd</sup> TIME**

A penalty notice fine **will not** be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents and 4 children = £20,000**

# 3

**What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice?**

If your child is absent (or late after registers) for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notices / prosecution.



So, half a day here and day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

# YES

# 4

**What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?**

**Unless there are exceptional circumstances**

A family member's birthday  
Shopping for uniforms  
Inadequate clothing for school  
Child being used as a carer  
Problems with transport  
Visiting relatives abroad

Sickness of parent or sibling  
Sibling's school closed  
Refusing to attend, but able to  
Poor family organisation  
Family holidays  
No absence request completed  
Non-essential appointments

**Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a GP surgery is given.**



**EVERY DAY COUNTS – ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW**



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The Kite Academy Trust  
Kite Family Hub



## Family Support Worker

# Come & Ask sessions

### Come & Ask sessions

Our Kite Family Support Workers will be holding Come & Ask sessions fortnightly during the Autumn term. One-hour appointments are available every other Thursday morning between 9:00am and 1:30pm. During the Come & Ask session you will have the opportunity to share what the concern is, discuss it and look at ways to address the situation.

Sessions can focus on a range of topics that impact you and/or your child. This may include (but is not exclusive to) sleep patterns, routines, diet, child anxiety, parent anxiety, family finances, housing and your child's behaviour.

All appointments can be booked via Eventbrite using the link below.

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Appointments can be held virtually through Microsoft Teams\*, by telephone or face to face.**

(\*You do not require a Microsoft account to be able to access this)

### Booking Link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kite-fsw-come-ask-autumn-term-2024-tickets-964964243027>

The Kite Family Hub is located next to Mytchett Primary & Nursery Academy, Hamesmoor Road,  
Mytchett, GU16 6JB

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It Differently

Out of Hours  
ADHD  
Helpline

Schools  
ADHD Awareness  
Training

## Barnardo's Surrey Neurodevelopmental Services

**Are you a parent or carer in Surrey of a  
young person who presents with ADHD  
behaviours?**

*No diagnosis required to receive support*

**Our helpline is here to  
support you, no referral  
needed.**

**0300 222 5755**

*Free to call, press option 4*

**5pm-11pm 365 days**

**Our trained helpline practitioners are able to  
support with a variety of concerns.**

Sleep Concerns

Diet Concerns

Friendships and Bullying

Dopamine Seeking Behaviours

Routines

School Anxiety

Screen Time Limits

Connections with Family or

Siblings

Risky Behaviours





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## New Mindworks Neurodevelopmental Offer for Schools

### **Free workshop for Parents & Carers: Building Confidence - Identifying and Supporting Additional Needs**

A 5-week workshop held in your school to help parents and carers identify and support their children's needs.

Topics covered:

- Communication & Interaction
- Social, Emotional & Mental Health
- Cognition & Learning
- Physical & Sensory Need
- Navigating the System & Signposting to Support

Each session includes:

- 45 minutes workshop followed by tea/coffee and chat
- Practical activities and ideas that can be followed up at home
- Information pack with topic content, resources and signposting

For more information on hosting the workshop in your school, contact your local School Based Neurodevelopmental Practitioner:

Runnymede	Sarah Denton <a href="mailto:sarah.denton@eikon.org.uk">sarah.denton@eikon.org.uk</a>
Surrey Heath	BOTH
Waverley	Katy Winning <a href="mailto:katy.winning@eikon.org.uk">katy.winning@eikon.org.uk</a>

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# CHRISTMAS IN FRIMLEY PARISH

## **8th December**

Christingle Service - 4pm at St Peter's Church

## **15th December**

Holy Communion with Carols - 10am at St Francis' Church

Advent All Age Café Church - 10am at St Peter's Church

## **17th December**

Follow The Star Trail - 4.30pm at St Francis' Church  
*finishing in the church hall with hot chocolate and cake.*

## **21st December**

Decorate the Church - 10am-12noon at St Peter's Church

## **22nd December**

Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight Service - 4pm  
at St Peter's Church

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Relaxed Crib Service - 10.30am at St Francis' Church  
*A service designed specifically for children with  
additional needs and their families.*

Crib Service - 4pm at St Peter's Church

First Communion of Christmas - 11.30pm at St Peter's Church

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Holy Communion - 8am at St Peter's Church

Christmas Celebration with Communion - 10am  
at St Peter's Church

[www.frimleyparish.org.uk](http://www.frimleyparish.org.uk)





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### Kite Academy Trust Term Dates & Holidays

2024-25

- Start of Term
- INSET Day
- End of Term
- Public Holiday
- Academy Holiday

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