

# NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 3 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Sandford families

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I want to take a moment to thank you all for the warm welcome you've given me during my first term at Sandford School. It's been a real privilege to begin getting to know our school community—your kindness, support, and commitment to your children's education have made a lasting impression, and I'm truly excited about the journey ahead.

A special thank you to everyone who supported *Hello Yellow* last Friday. It was incredibly uplifting to see the whole school come together to raise awareness for young people's mental health. The energy and positivity throughout the day were a wonderful reflection of the caring spirit that runs through our school.

We're also looking forward to seeing many of you at our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October. These evenings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's progress and talk about how we can continue to support them in the months ahead.

As always, I'll be on the school gate on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning. If there's anything you'd like to discuss—whether it's a quick hello or a longer conversation—I'd be very happy to see you.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Claire

Claire Pocock  
Head Teacher

## CALENDAR DATES

10.10.2025 – World Mental Health Day – wear Yellow!

14.10.2025 – Yrs 5&6 Primary Cross Country Championships at Sidcot School

15.10.2025 – Redstreak swimming

21.10.2025 – Braeburn Class trip to SS Great Britain

22.10.2025 – Redstreak swimming

24.10.2025 – INSET DAY!!!

27-31.10.2025 – HALF TERM

03.11.2025 – WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

07.11.2025 – Nasal Flu immunisations – Yr R to Yr 6

10.11.2025 – Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day

14.11.2025 – Children In Need – non-Uniform Day

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## CREW POINTS FOR LAST WEEK

	WORK		CONDUCT	
01/10	WEEK	TERM	WEEK	TERM
<b>MILLIGAN</b>	42	155	30	71
<b>CARROLL</b>	51	200	37	98
<b>WILSON</b>	37	126	31	79
<b>ZEPHANIAH</b>	50	173	30	82

## CREW POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

	WORK		CONDUCT	
08/10	WEEK	TERM	WEEK	TERM
<b>MILLIGAN</b>	29	184	24	95
<b>CARROLL</b>	33	233	27	125
<b>WILSON</b>	30	156	23	102
<b>ZEPHANIAH</b>	38	211	27	109

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RESILIENCE

TOLERANCE

Congratulations to the following pupils, who have achieved Bronze Awards:

Milligan: Matilda (Redstreak), Joshua (Redstreak)

Carroll:

Wilson:

Zephaniah: Freddie (Hasting)

And to the following pupils who have achieved Silver Awards:

Milligan:

Carroll:

Wilson:

Zephaniah:

Also, to the following pupils who have achieved Gold Awards:

Milligan

Carroll:

Wilson:

Zephaniah

And to the following pupils who have achieved Ruby Awards:



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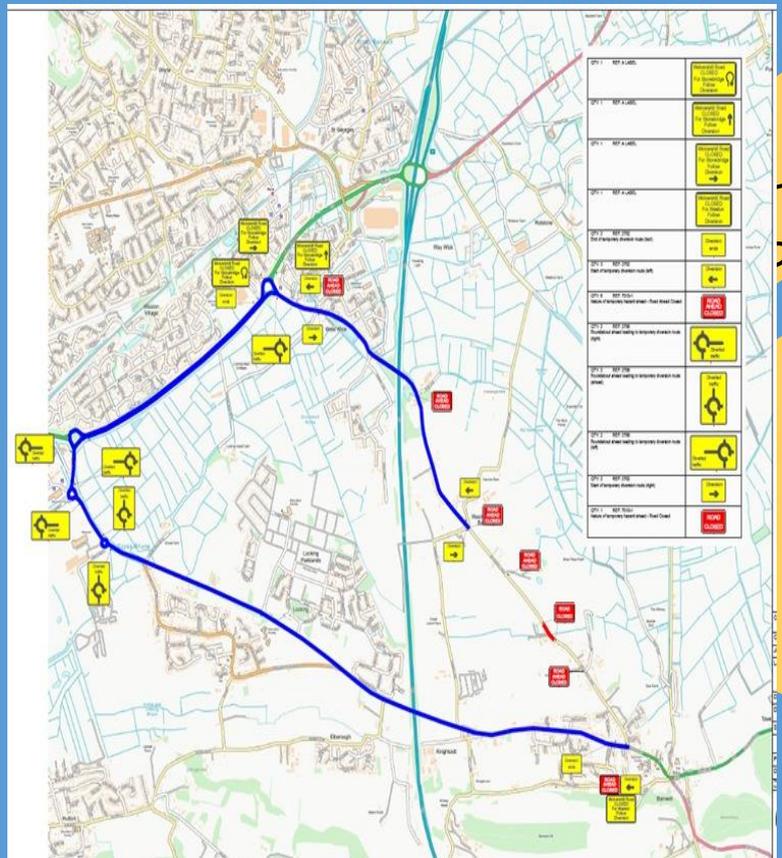
This season's school photos have been on sale for a few weeks now and the discount deadline is fast approaching. Please order your photos by **Monday 20th October** to receive your discount.

### **Wolvershill Road closure 20 October-19 December 2025**

We are writing to inform you that Wolvershill Road will be closed between 20 October and 19 December 2025 to conduct essential utilities diversion work in preparation for construction of the Banwell bypass. As the road will have open trenches, the closure will be permanent (24 hours a day) for the full 8 weeks.

The closure will be located to the north of Stonebridge Farm and to the south of Court Farm Country Park, access to Court Farm will be maintained.

For safety reasons, access to Summer Lane and Silver Moor Lane will also be limited. The diversion route for the closure is via Churchland Way, A370 and A371. See map of the route attached.



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## **Parent Communications – A Friendly Reminder**

We'd like to kindly remind parents and carers of the best ways to communicate with the school. If you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to talk something through, the most effective way is to contact the school directly. Our number is 01934 852602 and our email is [office@sandfordprimary.org](mailto:office@sandfordprimary.org). We're always happy to help and are committed to working in partnership with you to support your child's wellbeing and learning.

Whilst platforms such as WhatsApp or social media can be helpful for general parent-to-parent chats, they are not appropriate for discussing sensitive or school-related issues. Messages shared in these forums may not remain private and can easily be circulated more widely.

We respectfully ask all parents to take care when posting or commenting online. Please consider whether the information is accurate, necessary, and in line with the respectful and inclusive values of our school community. In some cases, sharing false or harmful information online can have legal consequences. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive and respectful school environment

### **Class DoJo**

This is the communication method of our Class Teachers. They will use this to let you know about activities happening in the classroom, and you can use it to directly talk to your child's teacher. However, please be aware that a message sent during the working day may not be responded to until the next day if the teacher is in the classroom teaching.

### **My Child at School (MCAS)**

My Child at School is a Desktop website or an app that can be downloaded for free to a tablet or mobile phone. Parents/Carers are requested to Sign up to the app to ensure you receive key information from school including messages about events, parents' evenings, school closures, regular weekly communications and termly newsletters.

If you access My Child at School via the app using the QR code or via the website MyChildAtSchool - Login and select Reset Password option: Enter the email address into the box and click 'send reset email'. A password email will be generated and sent to your email. Please follow the steps to create a new password

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## Some requests please...

### Parking

Please do not use the main car park – this is for staff and visitors only. This includes at Breakfast and Afterschool Club times as staff may be coming and going and need to use the car park. Please also ensure that your child keeps to the designated path when walking into school, and out of the way of cars in the car park – we don't want any accidents! Please also ensure you park considerately on Dabinett Drive. We shouldn't be blocking driveways and houses, or be parking near the entrance to the road, for safety reasons.

### Absence

Please remember to call the school by 9:30am at the latest if your child is going to be absent (unplanned). It is extremely important that we are informed of the reason for any absence as early as possible. This is a safeguarding requirement to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

### Appointments

If your child needs to be absent from school due to an appointment, please provide evidence of the appointment in advance by sending it through to the office – [office@sandfordprimary.org](mailto:office@sandfordprimary.org). This can be a letter, email or screenshot of the appointment which helps us maintain accurate records and supports our safeguarding procedures. We kindly ask that, where possible, appointments are scheduled outside of school hours to minimise disruption to learning. However, we do understand that this is not always feasible and appreciate your efforts to keep us informed. We thank you for your continued support.

### Parents on premises

We kindly ask that parents and visitors **do not bring mobile phones, or any unsuitable items onto school premises during the school day**. This is to help us maintain a safe, focused, and respectful environment for all our pupils.

Your cooperation and support in setting a positive example for our students is greatly appreciated.

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SANDFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Bookings are open!

## Breakfast Club



2025/26 DETAILS

Monday - Friday

7.30am - 8.40am:

£6.60



## After School Child Care



2025/26 DETAILS

Monday - Thursday

3.15pm - 6.00pm: £12.10

3.15pm - 4.30pm: £6.60



- ★ Pay with Childcare Vouchers
- ★ Pay via HMRC Tax Free Childcare
- ★ Book online [www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk](http://www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk)

★ FUTURE STARS  
★ ★ COACHING

Ofsted  
Registered

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What's on in the community?

TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>

# OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMPS

£20 PER DAY  
EARLY DROP OFF  
£5



## All abilities welcome!

Fun and professional sessions full of games, technical coaching and match play. 9am-12pm with early drop off option of 8am at Winscombe Tennis Club

Scan the QR code or contact Dominic at [winscombetenniscubcoaching@outlook.com](mailto:winscombetenniscubcoaching@outlook.com) to book your slot



October Half Term Holiday Camps are back at Winscombe Tennis Club!! We are running camps from Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st October from 9am-12pm each day with an early drop off option at 8am. The cost is £20 per day plus £5 for early drop off and we offer multi player discount if you have more than one child as well as a discount if you book for all 4 days! Book your children in today while there is still space available

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/topspintenniscoaching/Coaching/Camps>



## Standard Prices

	DAY	WEEK
Breakfast Club (08:00 - 09:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Day Booking (09:00-15:00)	£31.00	£139.50
Extended Club (15:00 - 16:00)	£5.00	£20.00
Extended Club (15:00 - 17:30)	£10.50	£42.00



## UBLEY HOLIDAY CAMP



- Ubley Primary School, Ubley BS40 6PJ
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October
- Breakfast Club: 08:00 - 09:00
- Camp Day: 09:00 - 15:00
- Extended Club: 15:00 - 16:00
- Extended Club: 15:00 - 17:30

Childcare vouchers & Tax-Free Childcare payments are accepted.



BOOKINGS FROM £31

WWW.PHCAMPS.CO.UK  
01225 701830  
BOOKINGS@PHCAMPS.CO.UK



## BOOK NOW

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01225 701830  
[bookings@phcamps.co.uk](mailto:bookings@phcamps.co.uk)

Exciting news! PH Camps is hosting a brilliant multi-activity holiday camp near you this half-term!

Here's what you need to know:

Our camps are for kids aged 4-14.

We're fully Ofsted registered.

Operating hours are between 8:00 am and 5:30 pm.

We accept tax-free childcare and are childcare voucher registered.

For all the details about our camps, activities lined up, and how to secure your spot, head over to our [website](#). Check out our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages, and take a peek at the attached flyer as well!

We can't wait to see you there!

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# WHAT'S ON THIS OCTOBER AT THE WELLBEING BLEND

☺ COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA  
 📞 THEWELLBEINGBLEND@THESPACE SOMERSET.ORG.UK



## TUESDAYS

## WEDNESDAYS

## THURSDAYS

## SUNDAYS

**7TH**  
11AM-1PM  
**PFSA ONE TEAM NETWORKING EVENT**  
FREE

**21ST**  
10AM-12PM  
**SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM**  
DROP IN  
FREE

**21ST**  
7PM-8:30PM  
**MENOPAUSE CIRCLE**  
TIME TO SHINE WELLNESS. £5 PER SESSION. LED BY AMANDA - JOIN THE SUPPORTIVE CIRCLE MONTHLY

**8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH**  
1PM-3:30PM  
**POSTNATAL GROUP - MARGARET MATERNITY**  
£5 PER SESSION - 10% BLOCK BOOKING DISCOUNT ADDED £10 FOR REGULAR DRINK AND CAKE 20% DISCOUNT FOR ANY ADDITIONAL DRINKS/FOOD

**15TH**  
9:30AM-12:30PM  
**SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM**  
WISE WORKSHOP  
FREE

**10AM-11.30**  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY PARENT & CARER, COFFEE & CHAT**  
SUPPORT, ADVICE, INFORMATION OR JUST A FRIENDLY FACE AND A CUPPA (ON US) WE ALSO HAVE CRAFTS FOR LITTLE ONES 100%  
FREE

**6:30PM-8:30PM**  
**EVERY THURSDAY YOUTH CAFE**  
AGES 13-19 ✖ SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS  
FREE

**16TH**  
1:30PM-3PM  
**SEPARATED PARENTING CAFE**  
WITH SOMERSET COUNCIL  
FREE

**12TH**  
10AM-12PM  
**SLOW STITCHING WORKSHOP**  
£20 PER PERSON, MATERIALS INCLUDED  
EMAIL LAURA TO BOOK: KNIGHTLEY79@YAHOO.CO.UK

**26TH**  
10AM-2PM  
**RE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE**  
COFFEE & CAKE OR TEA CAKE FOR £5, ALL DAY. £10 PER TABLE  
BROWSE CLOTHES, SHOES & ACCESSORIES - ALL PROFITS GO TO THE SPACE

### \* YOUTH CAFE:

- THURSDAY 2ND DJ SET
- THURSDAY 9TH CHILL SESSION
- THURSDAY 16TH RADICAL PRIEST
- THURSDAY 23RD CHILL SESSION
- THURSDAY 30TH MANDELA (HALLOWEEN THEME DRESS UP OPTIONAL)

### HALF TERM ACTIVITY

**27TH**  
12:30AM-2:30PM  
**GOACTIVE IN CHEDDAR WOODS**  
HALLOWEEN THEMED ACTIVITIES  
BOOKING REQUIRED WITH LIMITED SPACES  
£10 PP | AGES 8-15

### YOUTH CLUB: SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER



**TUESDAY 7TH**  
**OWLS**  
OWL ENLIGHTENMENT JOINING US WITH THEIR OWLS

**TUESDAY 14TH**  
**POTTERY CREATIONS**  
STARTING OUR CREATIONS TO RAISE MONEY FOR YOUTH CLUB AND PRESENTS TO GIFT

**TUESDAY 21ST**  
**WHO AM I?**  
WE WILL TALK ABOUT WHO WE ARE AS PEOPLE, OUR LIKES, DISLIKES & INTERESTS

**TUESDAY 28TH**  
**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
PARTY NIGHT WITH GAMES & FANCY DRESS

BOOKING REQUIRED

HELD AT CHEDDAR METHODIST CHURCH | 6:30-8:30PM | EVERY TUESDAY

**KINGS**  
HALLOWEEN PARTY  
BOOK NOW

31<sup>ST</sup> OCT

4:30PM-5:30PM KINGS FITNESS

MEMBER PRICE £6.00 PER JUNIOR  
NON-MEMBER PRICE £7.50 PER JUNIOR

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR BOOK AT RECEPTION.

**KINGS**  
FITNESS & LEISURE

**AWESOME**

# HOLIDAY CLUBS

Ran by Kings Fitness & Leisure

FROM £23 PER PERSON

GAMES | ARTS & CRAFTS | SWIM

VISIT OUR JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PAGE HERE:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT <https://www.kingsfitness.co.uk>  
OR GIVE US A CALL AT 01934 744939