



Sandford Primary School

Nurturing Respect, Creativity, and Aspiration

12th October 2026

Words from the Headteacher....

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the second 'Lend a Hand' day on Sunday. We are truly lucky to have such a dedicated and giving community. The school is looking fabulous due to the efforts of this team and there is plenty more to come in the future. A huge thank you for those that have given their time so freely - bacon sandwiches alone are not enough thanks! If you missed out this time, look out for more PTFA opportunities coming up in the near future.

Our fortnightly Church visitors remarked recently how well-behaved our children were. This made my day as we have been working really hard on this term's learning power - respect. It has been great to see the children taking care of each other and the new environment, well done all.

Another thank you, this time for all the OPAL play donations. We have rolled out Lego, small world play, chalk/art supplies and dressing up clothes so far. The huge smiles over the choice of activities at lunch has been heart-warming. We are still accepting large loose parts such as tyres, old guttering/pipes, nets and the like. Think of us before you head to the tip!

We thank you for your continued support.

Mr Oliver Laken

Executive Head Mark First School and Sandford Primary

Our Learning Behaviour of the term is: **Respect**



TT Rockstars – Are you up to the challenge?

Top Maths Stars this week are....

Dabinett Class - Eleanor

Hasting Class - Jake

Redstreak Class - Wilf

Dabinett Class are the winner this week - well done team!!!

Dates for the Diary...

12.10.2026 Braeburn Class trip to Bristol Aerospace
16.10.2026 - Tennis coaching with Dominic Stones
21.10.2026 - Dabinett Cake Sale
22.10.2026 – PTA Animal Afternoon
23.10.2026 - INSET DAY
26.10.2026 - 30.10.2026 - HALF TERM
02.11.2026 - INSET DAY
03.11.2026 - INSET DAY
04.11.2026 - BACK TO SCHOOL!
10.11.2026 – Parents Evening – details to follow
12.11.2026 – Parents Evening – details to follow
19.11.2026 - Braeburn Cake Sale
04.12.2026 - PTA Christmas Fayre - more details to follow

Crew Points

Week ending 7/10	CREW POINTS	
	WEEK	TERM
MILLIGAN	251	251
CARROLL	262	262
WILSON	336	336
ZEPHANIAH	277	277

Celebration Assembly



Braeburn Class Trip to Bristol Aerospace

Braeburn Class visited Bristol Aerospace on Monday 12th October. They learnt all about plane engines, made paper concordes and even saw the real thing! A big thank you to the staff and parent helpers who helped make this trip a success.



Cross Country Event – 6th October 2026

Sadly, there were transport issues in arranging a team to head to Sidcot this year. However, two students made their own way there. A huge Sandford well done to Teja and Ivy. They represented the school well against over 100 children from a mix of state and private schools and did amazingly - Ivy placing SECOND and qualifying for the regional final in Bristol. Top work Team Sandford!

LEND A HAND DAY

Thank you to the families and staff who came along for our Lend a Hand morning. As you can see we have been busy in the play area, the nurture space, Ashton garden and the courtyard!

