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# DRY SANDFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

July 2025

## ARBOR – update!

Many thanks to everyone who has already downloaded the Arbor app and logged in to your Parent Portal account. We hope you have found the new system easy to navigate.

If you have not yet done so, please do so as soon as possible as we will be opening up more of its functions soon.

From September, booking and payments for School Lunches and Breakfast and After-School Club will be done using Arbor and we will no longer be using School Money. **Please ensure that all outstanding payments on School Money are cleared by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.**

If you have any queries or concerns about payments, please come in to speak to Mrs Friday or Mrs Lyons.

We will be in touch before the end of term with details of how to use Arbor to book and pay for School Meals and Breakfast and After School Club ready for September. We appreciate your patience if there are any hiccups along the way while we all get used to the new systems. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to Mrs Napper and Mrs Lyons in the school office if you have any questions or need any help when it comes to setting up and using Arbor. We are happy to help!



## SPORTS MORNING



We are looking forward to welcoming you all for our annual Sports Morning event on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**

Children should come to school already wearing their PE kit. They will be provided with a coloured bib to represent their house colour once they arrive at school. We will start the day as normal, with children being dropped off at their usual classroom/cloakroom door at 8.40am.

Parents are then welcome to wait on the school field while we register the children, get them ready and bring them outside. We aim to begin at approximately **9.15am.**

All of the children will take part in a range of class running races, activity races and relay races, earning points for their Houses, before ending with our traditional Staff Vs Yr6 Leavers Tug of War Competition!

We expect to finish at approximately **10.30-11am.** Children will then return to class for their usual lessons, lunch and playtimes for the rest of the day.

Please ensure that children come to school with suncream already applied, with a full bottle of water and wearing a sun hat. We will ensure that there are opportunities for rest, drinks and a snack throughout the morning.

## STAFFING UPDATE

Following a lovely transition afternoon spent in new classes last Thursday, we can now confirm the staffing structure for September:

**Owlets:** Ms Lambie

**Barn Owls:** Miss Goodgame

**Snowy Owls:** Mrs Norman (4 days) and Mrs Napper (1 day)

**Eagle Owls:** Mrs Crothers (3 days) and Miss Chandler (2 days)

With her initial maternity cover contract coming to an end at the end of this term, we are delighted that Mrs Norman has agreed to continue working here on a permanent basis. With her desire to move to a part-time working pattern, Mrs Napper will be joining the teaching team from September, teaching Snowy Owls every Friday. Although for the past 2 years Mrs Napper has worked here in an office administrative capacity, before she joined us, she spent 12 years working as a qualified primary teacher, so we are looking forward to being able to make use of her experience in the classroom. Mrs Napper will continue to work in the school office 2 days a week. Allocation of teaching assistants will be finalised before the end of term.



## DRY SANDFORD'S HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to the following pupils who earned certificates in Celebration Assemblies in June:



### Learning & Caring Certificates:

Holly	Evie
Flavia	Zoonka
Noah	Lisa
Ottilie	Tuhina
Sophia	Emma
Alex	Bobby
Austin	Nuala
Eibhlin	Mia
William	Abi
Ava W	Naomi
Logan	Harry
Connor	Rosie
Isabel	

### Headteacher Awards:

Allison  
Izzy  
Bryony  
Grayson  
Leon  
Ellie  
Danielle  
Tuhina  
Hope  
Stanley  
Olivia  
Noahang  
Luka

## CALENDAR DATES:

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	House Quiz Challenge
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Music Flood Birmingham Concert
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July – 9.15am	Sports Day on school field – families welcome
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July – after school	Year 6 Leavers Celebration
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – 9.15am	Leavers' Assembly in school hall – families welcome
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of term – school finishes at normal time (3.05/3.10pm)
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July onwards</b>	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY (school closed)</b>

<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025</b>	<b>INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	First day of new term – school reopen to pupils
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025</b>	<b>INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (school closed)</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY (school closed)</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY (school closed)</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY (school closed)</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>	<b>INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026 onwards</b>	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS (school closed)</b>

