

KIT 4 - December



This issue has details of all the dates you need to know for Christmas...



EYFS Places

We would love more children to join our fantastic school. Please encourage any local families with young children to drop in to have a look around at any time - no appointment is required. We take children from their 3rd birthday in nursery. Applications can be completed in advance to ensure your are on the waiting list.

Joining FS2 in September 2024?

Don't forget to apply for a place in FS2. The deadline for online applications is 15th January - do it now before Christmas takes over! If you have family or friends who are in a private nursery, tell them all about how great Sandbrook is and encourage them to consider us for their full time place.



Leading Learners Academy Trust

We're still working hard in preparation for joining the Leading Learners Academy Trust. A few legal obstacles have had to be overcome, but our latest provisional date to join is January 1st. We'll keep you updated.

Current Attendance 92.5% v Target 97%

As you can see, Sandbrook attendance is below our target of 97% and also down on last month. We want to get Sandbrook moving up the attendance tables, and we need your help to do this.

Please use this guide [NHS Is my child too ill for school?](#) to help you. Children should be in school unless they have sickness and diarrhoea or a fever. We are no longer able to authorise absence for minor illnesses or 'not feeling well' days.

Winter Reading Challenge



It's back ... encourage a love for reading this winter with the **free online Winter Mini Challenge**. This bite-sized challenge is perfect for keeping young minds active during the holidays. The **Winter Mini Challenge** is online where your children can unlock rewards for reading and find fun activities.

Following the success of the Summer Reading Challenge, Ali Oliver MBE, Chief Executive of the Youth Sport Trust, shares, ***"The Winter Mini Challenge is a brilliant way to inspire children over the winter to keep both minds and bodies active."***

Encourage your child to join in at wintermini.org.uk from **Friday 1 December** to help them keep up the reading habit over the holidays.

Buying Books for Christmas?

Check out this website for all your families reading needs or wishes:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

Buy from this bookstore and 25% of the cover price will be given to a school of your choice to buy more books. *15% of eBooks.

We've signed up to be a recipient school - please support us to enable us to buy more books for our libraries



LoveReading
4 KIDS BUY BOOKS CHANGE LIVES

Fundraising

Wirral St John's Hospice Reindeer Run

Friday 8th December

Children had an assembly today with St John's to learn all about what they do and how we can help. Children will be bringing home sponsorship forms today. Please do all you can to support this great charity.

The children will be completing the Rudolph Run next Friday.



Christmas Events

Tree Decorating Competition

The tree is arriving any day now Our annual decorating competition will be judged on Monday 4th December, so this is the chance for children to get creative this weekend. Please ensure decorations are named.

Christmas Events

Christmas Lunch : Wed 20th December

The Christmas menu has been sent home with children this week. Please ensure reply slips are sent back by Tuesday 5th so our cook knows how many children to cater for. There is no alternative lunch on this day - if your child does not want to join in the lunch, you will need to supply a packed lunch. Payment to be made via your ParentPay account please.



Dates for your diary - Christmas Summary

Monday 4th December - Entries in for Tree decorating competition

Friday 8th December - Sponsored Rudolph Run

Wednesday 13th December - KS2 children singing at Aldi (10am)

Monday 18th December onwards - whole school Christmas crafts

Tuesday 19th December - EYFS & KS1 performance (9.30am - parents invited)

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas jumper / hat day & Lunch

Thursday 21st December - Stories with Santa (EYFS & KS1)

Thursday 21st December - KS2 performance (2 pm - parents invited)

Friday 22nd December - KS1 & 2 Panto trip (am)

Friday 22nd December - whole school party afternoon / end of term

Children In Need

Thank you to those parents that provided some great outfits for the children and bought donuts at the end of the day.

We managed to raise a superb £79.15

