



# Sandringham

## Infant & Nursery Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm and energy, making a fantastic start to this half term. Their smiles and positivity have certainly brightened the school.

On Monday, we marked Remembrance Day with a special assembly and a two-minute silence. The children showed great respect and understanding during this time of reflection. Thank you for your generous donations to the British Legion's poppy appeal, which will all go towards supporting this important cause.

A quick reminder for parents and carers with children starting Reception or Y3 in September 2025 that the deadline for applications is Monday 15 January 2025. If you have a child who will be in Reception next year and haven't yet been able to attend our open tours, we still have two dates before the deadline: Wednesday 11th December and Wednesday 8th January at 9:15am. You can also find more information and submit your application online at the Surrey County Council website: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>.

We are delighted to share the fantastic news that The Ferns Primary Academy has recently received a fantastic Ofsted report following their inspection in October, now being rated as 'Good' in all areas. A huge congratulations to the entire school community at The Ferns! You can read the full Ofsted report here: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50261159>.

A big thank you for your generous contributions to Children in Need today. The children looked fantastic in their outfits, from spotty clothing to Pudsey ears (and even some Pudsey onesies!). The effort and creativity on display were brilliant and it is great to see the children so engaged in supporting such an worthwhile cause.

Take care,  
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

Leo, Arthur, Nolan, Nathan, Zephie,

Freya, Elsie-Mae

#### Core Values

Micah, Jacob, Elsie, Ella, Dija





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# General updates

## Attendance

**Whole school target: 97%**

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

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

Moles —95%

Hedgehogs — 92%

Squirrels — 94%

Owls — 95%

Rabbits — 95%

Foxes — 94%

## Diary updates:

### Autumn 2

Wednesday 27th November—Y2 Foxes parent lunch

Wednesday 4th December—PTA Christmas fayre (wear Christmas jumpers/mufti) **\*updated date\***

Monday 16th December—sponsored reindeer run for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

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

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

## Year 2 multi-skills competition

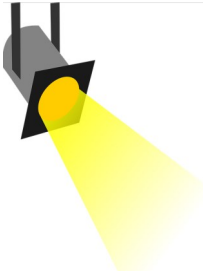
On Thursday 14th November, ten of our Y2 children took part in the first multi-skills competition of the year at Heather Ridge Infant School. They competed against children from Prior Heath and Heather Ridge in a range of different activities, including a relay race and an obstacle course. We are absolutely delighted that we came in first place and will be receiving the trophy next week! A huge well done to Esmae, Bodhi, Penny, Blake, Harriet, Hudson, Caleb, Lewis, Bodhi and Finn—we look forward to sharing photos in the next newsletter.





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# Spotlight on KS1...



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

In year 1, we are learning all about materials in science this half term. We have learnt that materials are used to make all different things. We have started to look at the different types of materials such as wood, metal, plastic, fabric, rubber and paper. We have also begun to look at the different properties a material can have such as opaque, transparent, hard, soft, flexible and rigid. Both Owls and Squirrels have been great at identifying the different properties that a material has!



In year 2, we have been learning why exercise and hygiene are important for our bodies. Over the last few weeks we have observed the physical changes of our body after we have exercised. We have also learnt why it is important to keep clean and had a lot of fun investigating how to wash our hands properly using glitter as our germs!







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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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Is your child starting school in  
September 2025?



We would love to invite you to visit  
Sandringham Infant and Nursery Academy!



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 9:15am

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 2:15pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 – 9:15am

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 2:15pm

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 9:15am

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 9:15am

Scan the QR code to book your place:





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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

Friday 15th November 2024



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Surrey and Borders Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust

Proud to be part of



Changing childhoods. Changing lives.

The children and young people's emotional  
wellbeing and mental health service

Surrey  
Positive  
Parenting

Celebrating and  
Inspiring  
Children Who Do  
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

Screentime Limits

Connections with Family or

Siblings

Risky Behaviours





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The children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health service



## 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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### Kite Academy Trust Term Dates & Holidays

**2024-25**


Start of Term



INSET Day



End of Term



Public Holiday



Academy Holiday

#### September 2024

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#### March 2025

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#### April 2025

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#### May 2025

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#### June 2025

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#### July 2025

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