



Weekly Newsletter



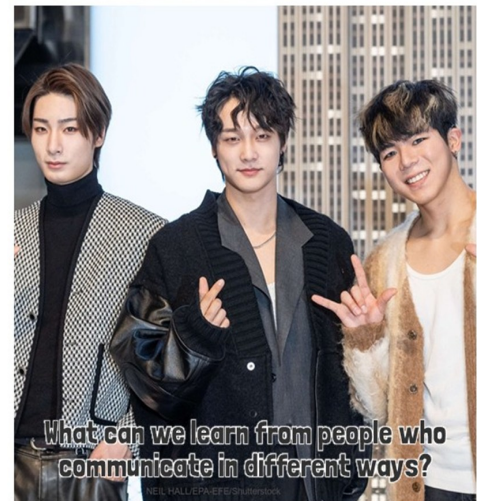
News of the Week!

In the news this week

Big Ocean is a new K-pop band from South Korea, and all three of its members have hearing loss. They use things like vibrations, flashing lights, and sign language to help them perform music together. Even though the band can't hear the songs like most people, they work very hard to stay in time and show emotion through movement and expression. Big Ocean want to raise awareness about deaf culture and make K-pop more inclusive, by using Korean Sign Language in their performances.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What impact do you think a band like Big Ocean could have through their music?
- > Where and when might we use sign language?
- > What are some different ways we can communicate with others? Ask someone at home to share their thoughts.



Save the Date! End of Year Celebration—

Tuesday 22nd July—pm



One for the diary! We're excited to invite you to join us on the afternoon of **Tuesday 22nd July** for a special **End of Year Celebration**.

We'll be coming together to celebrate not only our fantastic **Ofsted result**, but also the many **successes and achievements** of the year across our school community.

It promises to be a joyful afternoon of our special Sandiway community coming together—more details to follow soon!

We hope to see as many of you there as possible.



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Sports Day Success

Wow—what a Sports Day! Under the blazing sun, we came together for a day full of energy, laughter, and unforgettable moments yesterday. It was hot (really hot!), but that didn't stop anyone from giving it their all out on the field. A massive thank you to everyone who showed up, joined in, and cheered us on. Whether you were running races, keeping score, staying hydrated in the shade, or just soaking up the fun—you helped make the day such a success.

And now, for the big announcement...

The winners of this year's Sports Day are... **the RED TEAM!**



Huge congratulations to the Red Team for bringing the heat (literally and figuratively!) and taking home the win. Your teamwork, effort, and spirit were amazing to watch.

To all the teams—you were fantastic. Every race, every point, and every cheer added to the awesome atmosphere of the day. We couldn't be prouder of how everyone got involved and supported each other. And of course, a HUGE thank you to Mr Graham, Mr. A, Mr. Coleclough and Mrs. Tucker for your incredible organisation and hard work behind the scenes.

You made sure everything ran smoothly and helped create a day we'll all remember. We couldn't have done it without you!





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HedgeHog Fundraiser

What a Fantastic Fundraiser! A huge WELL DONE to all of the children for their incredible effort they put into the hedgehog fundraiser! They showed amazing professionalism and enthusiasm while manning the stalls we couldn't be prouder of them.

A heartfelt Thank you goes out to all the parents for your wonderful support, generous donations, and valuable time. Your involvement truly made the day special, and it was fantastic to see our whole school community come together.

The children absolutely loved the event and did a fantastic job throughout. It was a joy to see their hard work and excitement shining through. The children raised an impressive £232 and we're thrilled to share that all proceeds will be donated to a local hedgehog charity, a cause the children feel passionately about. Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the fundraiser such a success. We all loved it!





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Year 5's Adventure at the Conway

Year 5 had an unforgettable experience during their residential trip to the Conway Centre in Anglesey. From climbing rock faces and solving team challenges to canoeing and leaping into the Menai Straits, the children embraced every adventure with enthusiasm and determination.

They represented Sandiway Primary with pride and maturity, earning glowing praise from the centre staff for their behaviour, teamwork and positive attitude. It was a truly successful trip, and every child should feel incredibly proud of what they achieved.



Summer Reading Challenge

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from Saturday 5 July

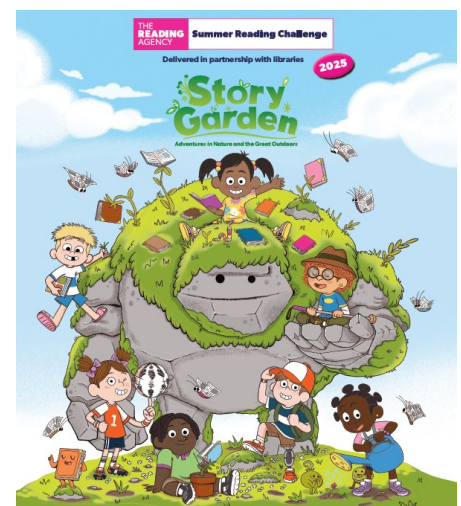
Get stickers, a certificate and medal for reading books over the Summer Holidays. You can join the challenge online or at your local library.

Visit your library for your rewards and to book in for free special events such as animal handling, circus skills and fun science.

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THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- 95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!



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Celebrations

Huge Congratulations to Poppy in Year 3, for achieving her Grade 1 Piano qualification.

Poppy gained the highest grade of Distinction in her exam where she was required to sight read notation, clap a rhythm and play a set piece of music on the piano.

Poppy has been receiving piano lessons from Simon and Mel from Sound Technique, for the past 18 months, via our additional music provision, in school. She thoroughly enjoys her weekly lessons with them and her skills are regularly transferred into her music lessons in the classroom. Well-done Poppy!



Gingerbread Sock Biscuit Campaign 2025—Thank

Thank you so much for taking part in our 2025 Gingerbread Sock Biscuit Campaign 2025!

The funds you have raised on our behalf are instrumental in sustaining our charity and the vital work we do. Your support helps us continue providing essential services that empower people of all ages with Down syndrome to unlock their potential and lead happy, fulfilling lives. Together, we are changing perceptions, creating opportunities, and educating the wider community—ensuring that everyone has the chance to thrive.

From all of us at Down Syndrome Cheshire, thank you for being part of this journey.



Hot Chocolate Friday!

Well done to Amelia (Rec), Henry (Y1), Lydia (Y2), Erin (Y3), Liam (Y4), (Y5), Ella (Y6), (Mr A's Club), (Attendance), (Office) Mrs Tucker) who all won headteacher Awards for showing ownership on Friday 13th June 2025.



Weekly attendance w/c 9th June 2025

Reception - 96.33%	Year 1 - 97.67%	Year 2 - 96%	Year 3 - 98%
Year 4— 96.92%	Year 5 - 94.83%	Year 6 - 96.8%	