



# Weekly Newsletter



## Welcome Back to School

Dear Parents and Carers

It is a real pleasure to welcome you all back to school at the start of a new academic year. I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting months ahead. The children have returned with enthusiasm and curiosity, and it has been lovely to see how quickly they are settling into their new routines.

A very special welcome goes to our new families joining Reception and other year groups across the school. We are delighted that you have chosen to become part of the Sandiway community, and we look forward to working in partnership with you as your children grow and flourish.

This year, we will continue to build on Sandiway Primary's place at the heart of our community, guided by our vision of *"Growing and achieving together."* By working hand in hand with families, pupils, staff, the Local Advisory Board and the Trust we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive. At the centre of this are our **ROCK values—Respect, Ownership, Care and Kindness—which shape everything we do and help create a school where everyone feels valued.**

I am very much looking forward to all that this year will bring. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please remember that we are here for you: if you have any questions or concerns, your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact, and both myself and the senior leadership team are also available to help whenever needed.

Kindest regards,

**Debbie Bertram**  
Headteacher

## Ordering Lunches

To save time in the school day, we ask that wherever possible, children's lunches are ordered at home. Ordering is accessed via School Gateway. When orders are completed at home, we also ask that you discuss the choices made with your child each day so they know what they are expecting to eat. This also saves a lot of time in school. Many thanks for your support with this.

**Our ROCK values are Respect, Ownership, Caring and Kindness**



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## Class Welcome Meetings

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next week when we run our class welcome meetings. These will run at both **3:30 and 5pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**. The meetings will run for approximately 20 minutes and will give you opportunity to meet your new teachers and learn about new procedures in your child's new class. We will also look at the exciting opportunities open to each year group across the year. If you can not make the meeting, we will add the presentation to the class pages of the school website following the meeting so you will have access to the information discussed within the meeting.

## Seesaw and Homework Updates

This week, your child will have received new reading books. Please keep up with the expectation for **reading 4 times per week**. Children from Y3 to 6 should also access '**Times Table Rock Stars**' as much as possible too. Formal homework will start again next week (Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September). A reminder that homework is set **each Thursday** and is due in the following **Tuesday**.

This year, we will be setting homework via the **Seesaw App**. This will be discussed during the Class Welcome meetings next Wednesday and new login codes will be sent home on Thursday, with your child's homework book. You will need to access the Seesaw App to enable you to see the weekly homework guidance. Homework will no longer be accessed by the school website. Hopefully this will be an easier way to access homework. For information, Reception children's homework will be practical and they will not be issued with a homework book.

We are looking to promote the use of Seesaw this year. It is an excellent window into the classroom as we can share our learning with you regularly. It is also the platform we use to give you updates when children are on school visits, particularly residential- sharing photographs of their experience.

This year, we will be setting up Seesaw so that you can upload information and images across all year groups. This means you will be able to upload images of your children completing practical homework or images of exciting events happening in their lives that they would like to share with their class.

As the Logins are sent home next week, please do get Seesaw set up as soon as you can to ensure you keep abreast of what is happening in school for your child.



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## Communication at Sandiway Primary School

At Sandiway Primary, we know that strong communication between home and school is key to supporting every child's success. If you have a question, concern, or would simply like to talk about your child's progress, please follow the guidance below.

### General Contact

All emails should be directed to the school office at: **admin@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk**

This helps us triage and forward your message to the appropriate staff member. Please make it clear in your email who it should be addressed to.

- **Safeguarding:** If your email relates to safeguarding, please add **"Confidential"** in the subject line so it can be directed straight to our safeguarding team.
- **Response Time:** Emails will be responded to within **48 working hours**. We kindly ask for your patience, as we want to ensure all queries are handled carefully and thoughtfully.
- **Absences**

If your child is absent, please **telephone the school office daily before 8:45am** with:

- Your child's name
- Year group
- Reason for absence, this must be done **every day until your child returns**.

### Medical and Dental Appointments

Please provide a copy of the appointment letter/card, or a screenshot from your phone, for any appointments taken during school hours. Copies can be handed in at the office or emailed directly.

### Uniforms and Bottles

To help us return lost items promptly, please ensure **all uniform, bottles, and packed lunch boxes are clearly labelled** with your child's name.



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### Our Office Team

Our friendly office team, **Louise Foy and Amy Sawicki**, job-share the role throughout the week. They are always happy to help with any queries or support you may need.

- **Office Telephone:** 01606 883298
- **Office Email:** [admin@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk)

### Club Rock

For all **Club ROCK bookings** or enrichment club enquiries, please email **Liz Segrott** directly at: [theclub@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:theclub@sandiway.cheshire.sch.uk)

### Working Together

We kindly remind all parents and carers that communication should reflect the same **respect and kindness** we encourage in our children every day. By working together in this way, we ensure Sandiway remains a safe, supportive, and welcoming community for everyone.