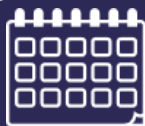


Dates for Your

## DIARY



### Wednesday 28th February

*Principal & Parent Café 2.30pm*

### Thursday 7th March

*World Book Day*

### Thursday 7th March

*EYFS & KS1 Mother's Day Assembly*

### Friday 8th March

*Science week begins*

### Monday 11th March

*Egg decorating window opens*

### Wednesday 13th March

*Reception visit to Castaway*

### Friday 15th March

*Red Nose Day— wear something red*

### Monday 18th March

*Chocolate Bingo for parents 2.30pm onwards*

### Tuesday 19th March

*SATs meeting for Y6 parents*

### Wednesday 20th March

*Y5 visit to the Fire Station*

### Wednesday 20th March

*EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parades*

### Wednesday 20th March

*KS2 Easter Disco 3.15-4pm*

### Thursday 21st March

*Parent & child Easter workshops*

## A message from the PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back from half term. It's going to be a busy one, because there is only 5 weeks!

Further embedding and developing our culture remains a key focus for our Trust and our Academy this term.

I am extremely proud of the children and staff working hard on 'Smooth Transitions' and 'Warm and Strict Classrooms'. By having these, it sets up the children to have the best environment for learning.

On Wednesday 28th February, I will be hosting a parent coffee afternoon. Please come along. It will be an opportunity to ask ques-

tions and to further get to know myself. Your feedback is important to us.

On the 17th February, Mrs Lerwis celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Day with the children. Our children are kind everyday. However, during this week, I was pleased to see the children and staff going over and above. Well done everyone!

Over the course of this term, you may see Mrs Dabbs. Mrs Dabbs will be doing some 'Keep in Touch' days, before she returns from maternity leave in last March. Welcome back Mrs Dabbs.

*Mrs Sara Bloor*

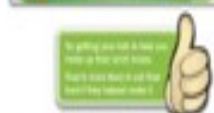
**Principal**



# Healthy School, Healthy Lunch

From September 2024, we will be introducing a new procedure for snacks, lunch boxes and drinks to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Examples of a Healthy Lunch Box



# Safeguarding



## This Month's Focus



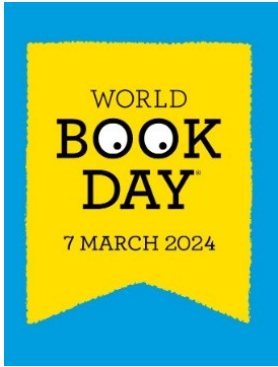
**Setting up parental controls on your child's mobile,** If you do not have the same mobile phone as your child, and therefore are unable to use Google Family link or Apple Family Sharing, then you can set restrictions on your child's device instead.

**Apple devices:** To set up restrictions on your child's device directly (rather than using an app) then follow the instructions on the link below: [Use parental controls on your child's iPhone and iPad - Apple Support](#) The instructions will show you how to get to the settings on your child's phone and then how to set restrictions such as restrict content, schedule downtime, set time limits for apps. You will need to set a passcode 'use a screentime passcode' to ensure changes cannot be made after you have set them.

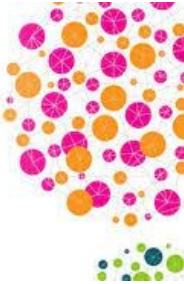
**Android devices:** As with the above link, this link shows you how to set up parental controls on the device itself by creating a PIN: [How to set up parental controls on Google Play - Google Play Help](#)

# Club Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Breakfast Club revision from 8am	Y6 Booster Breakfast Club revision from 8am	Y6 Booster Breakfast Club revision from 8am	Y6 Booster Breakfast Club revision from 8am	Breakfast Club revision from 8am
After School/ Booster	KS1 Multisport SG/EH Y5 Maths Y1 Booster JH	Green Fingers KIS1&2 ST/DK Homework LM KS2 Netball DL Y3/Y4 Multisport	Y3&4 Spelling JPB	EYFS Phonics & Maths Booster MH KS2 Football WF/JH KS2 Singing SP Y2 Booster	
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8-17 March  
British  
Science  
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## ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week, has been the best that we have had with 98% overall. Well done! Please keep this up.

Reception 98.9%

Y1 99.1%

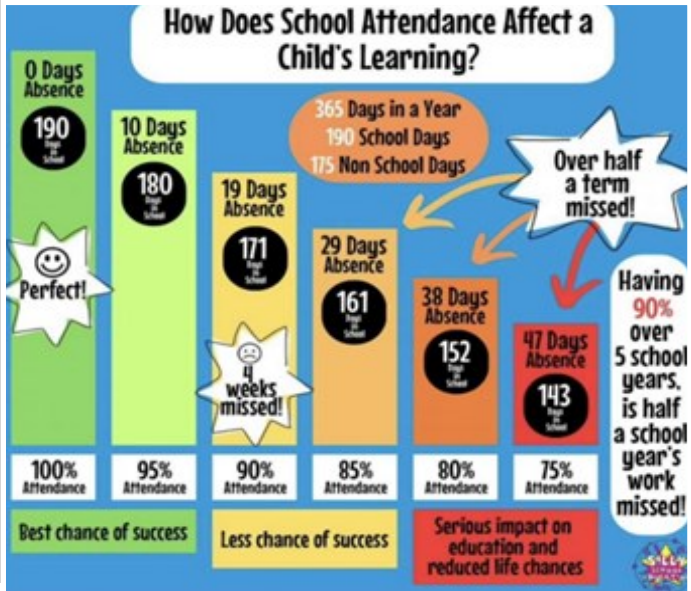
Y2 94.8%

Y3 87.2%

Y4 99.2%

Y5 97.7%

Y6 99.1%





# Lunch Menu



Please follow the link for the menu for the autumn/winter menu:

[Lunch - Star Academy Sandyford \(attrust.org.uk\)](https://lunch-staracademy.sandyford.attrust.org.uk)



We have free spaces for breakfast club. Please enquire at the school office. All children that attend, must have an allocated place and booked in online.



7.30 – 8am Breakfast club is chargeable

8.00—8.30 am Breakfast club is free

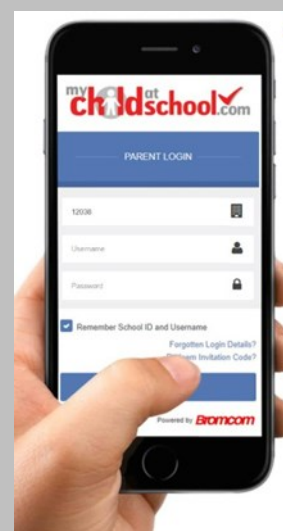
## Please be considerate to our neighbours and children

We are still receiving concerns for where parents are parking before and after school.

The safety of our pupils and families holds the highest priority for us. PLEASE help us to keep everyone safe by parking appropriately and safely. As a result, there will be increased patrols from PCSOs.



*Have you downloaded the My Child at School App?*





### YoungMinds Parents Helpline

A helpline that provides information and advice to parents/carers who are worried about a child or young person's wellbeing/mental health.

The service is available 9.30am–4.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Call: 0808 802 5544

Have you applied for your child for a place at Star in September? Follow this link, if not:

[Admissions - Star Academy Sandyford \(attrust.org.uk\)](https://attrust.org.uk/admissions-star-academy-sandyford)



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# Volunteers Wanted

Would you like to hear children read, help them in the classroom with their learning or support when going on trips? If yes, we would like to hear from you.



Please contact the school office 01782 235055.

We would love to hear from you.