



Sept 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS 2024/2025

We are delighted to announce our clubs for the Autumn Term. Clubs at Sandcross will run from **Monday 23rd September 2024** to **Friday 13th December 2024**.

SchoolsBuddy will open for club selections on **Monday 9th September at 8am**. The selection process will be open until **Thursday 12th September at 8pm**. This letter explains how to book your child into a school club for the Summer Term.

All of our extra-curricular clubs are booked and paid for through the SchoolsBuddy app. This allows parents and carers to select clubs by order of preference, rather than through a first come-first serve system. If you have any questions on how to use SchoolsBuddy, please refer to the very useful Parent Guides on SchoolsBuddy help site link [HERE](#). Should you still need guidance, please email clubs@sandcross.school.

All clubs are priced at £3.50 per child per session. Pupil Premium children will receive *one free club* per term. The clubs will run for 11 weeks. There will be 5 weeks of clubs before October half term and 6 weeks of clubs after October half term. Monday clubs will only run for 10 weeks due to an inset day on



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Monday 4th November. There will be no discounts if a child misses a week due to residential or trips as the costs of running the clubs will still be a liability for the school.

Autumn Term 2024 - Club Dates

Clubs will begin on **Monday 23rd September 2024** and run until **Friday 13th December 2024**.

September 2024							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
35							1
36	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
37	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
38	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
39	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
40	30						

October 2024							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40		1	2	3	4	5	6
41	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
42	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
43	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
44	28	29	30	31			

November 2024							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44					1	2	3
45	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
46	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
47	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
48	25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2024							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
48							1
49	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
50	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
51	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
52	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	30	31					

- 11 weeks of clubs in total.
- 10 weeks for Monday clubs due to a school INSET day on Monday 4th November.

Choosing your clubs - club preferences and payments

From **Monday 9th September at 8am**, SchoolsBuddy will open for you to select your club preferences.

The clubs will close on **Thursday 12th September at 8pm**. You will be unable to select clubs on schoolsbuddy after this point. You can select up to 3 club preferences for each day of the week. The more preferences you put down, the more chance there is for a place to be allocated a place in at least one of them. Once you have selected your preferences, you must wait for confirmation that your child has been allocated a place in the club.

Do not assume your child has a place in the club until you receive confirmation that the place has been

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allocated.

SchoolsBuddy works on an algorithm basis. Once the preferences deadline has been met, Schools Buddy will run an allocations process. It will allocate students into the clubs based on their preferences. It works to allocate at least one club for each student who has submitted their preferences. Please note this is not guaranteed. SchoolsBuddy's auto-allocation method gives students their first choices, followed by their second choices, and then third. By using this system, places are allocated without bias. Sometimes clubs are very oversubscribed and we cannot take more than the maximum capacity of children on safety grounds. When this happens we try very hard to ensure that children who have applied for more than one club get into at least one of them.

We also keep waiting lists of any child who has not got into a particular club each term and this is taken into account when allocating places the following term. Once the automatic allocation process is complete on SchoolsBuddy, we will check these waiting lists to ensure there is fairness and that as many children as possible get into one of their selected clubs and that new children are given the opportunity to try a club each term. For example, if a child is allocated the same club every term and there is another child who has been on a waiting list for one term or more, this said child will be given a place in the club.

There are also certain clubs where places are allocated after this process, for example, the school elite football and netball teams. These children are selected from trials with the sports coaches and invited to join the team. When children are selected for these teams, parents and carers will be advised of this individually.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the Sandcross School Clubs Terms and Conditions. You will be asked to confirm that you have read and agree to these Terms and Conditions on SchoolsBuddy before you are able to submit the form.

Once you have received confirmation that a place has been allocated in a club, you must make payment on schoolsbuddy to secure the place. If payment is not received by the deadline, we cannot hold your child's place in the club and will automatically withdraw your place.

Please ensure you make payment for the clubs as soon as possible. If your child's place is withdrawn, the club will no longer show on your SchoolsBuddy account. Due to the oversubscription of clubs, we cannot allow for any late payers.

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After allocations and payments, parents/carers can send in Join Requests to join any remaining club spaces. Clubs with availability will be visible in SchoolsBuddy. The school reserves the right to Accept/Reject a Join Request AND please be aware that this might not be looked at on a daily basis. If you haven't heard for longer than a week, please enquire by sending an email to: clubs@sandcross.school.

Pupil Premium

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, you are entitled to **one free club per child**. The discount will be manually applied to the child's schoolsbuddy account. This discount will not show immediately, so please allow some time for this discount to be applied. If you have been allocated more than one club for your child/ren, **the other clubs must be paid for in full** by the payment deadline. If you are of a low income family, you may be eligible for Pupil Premium, where the school gets a grant from the Government to allow for discounts to various activities. If you think you are eligible, please [CLICK HERE](#) . Once we receive this information from you, we can run you through our computer system to see if you meet the criteria. If so, we can apply the discount straightaway for you.

Turning down an allocated place in a club

If you decide not to take up an allocated place in a club, please email clubs@sandcross.school as soon as possible, so we can cancel your place and offer the place to someone else.

Pick up permissions and collecting children from clubs

When completing your child's club preferences, you will be asked on SchoolsBuddy to complete a form called **Pick Up Permissions**. This form will ask for the names of adults who are permitted to collect your child from an afterschool club. It is important that this form is completed for every child.

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You will be asked to confirm that you have read and agreed to these Terms and Conditions on

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SchoolsBuddy before you are able to submit the form.

Any child attending a club after school will be looked after in their classrooms until 3.30pm, after which they will be escorted/directed to their club. It is vital that children are picked up promptly once their club has finished at 4.15pm. Any child not collected by 4.25pm will be looked after at our after school Harmony Club and parents/carers will be liable to pay the Harmony Club fee.

Years 5&6 ONLY - Permission to walk home after a club at 4.15pm.

During the Autumn Term, children in years 5&6 are only permitted to walk home from a club at 4.15pm **up until October half term**. Please ensure you complete the walking home section of the **Pick Up Permissions** form on SchoolsBuddy. Without your permission, children will not be able to walk home from the club.

Harmony users

If your child needs to attend Harmony each week, after one of their clubs, you can book them into Harmony using your Arbor account. When booking you can choose the Harmony after school session for 4.15pm-6pm. The children will attend Harmony at 4.15pm once their club finishes.

Medical conditions and updates

If there are any changes to medical conditions or any contact details throughout the term, please email **clubs@sandcross.school** so that the information can be updated accordingly.

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Club updates and useful reminders

****New clubs****

- **Baking and cooking club** - New to this Autumn Term, Mrs Frake will be leading a baking club for children in years 5 & 6.
- **Taekwondo club** - Fortitude will be starting a Taekwondo club after school this term for children in Years 1 & 2.
- **Girls football team** - This year Sandcross will be forming a Girls only football team led by ESE. Girls from Years 5 & 6 will be selected following trials at the start of term. The team will practise together every Thursday afterschool and matches will predominantly be booked to take place on Wednesdays throughout the school year. Once children have been picked to join the girls football team, they will automatically be placed into the club on schoolsbuddy and you will be alerted to this.
- **Basketball club** - Mr Hill will be forming a new basketball club on Mondays afterschool for children in Years 4-6. Children are reminded that the club will take place outside on the basketball court most weeks and children should dress appropriately for the weather and it will be useful to wear gloves for their hands.

****Reminders****

- **SATS preparation club** - This is an informal, fun way for children in year 6 to boost their confidence ready for the Year 6 SATS. This has proven to be extremely beneficial in previous years.
- **Athletix Kidz** - These clubs have a low capacity of eight children. Please understand that for fairness we will check which children attended the club in the previous term and look to fill the places each term with children who haven't had the opportunity to try it before. Once these places are taken, the remaining spaces will be filled using the schoolsbuddy preference system.
- **Boys football team training** - The ESE sports coaches will select boys from Years 5 and 6 following trials at the start of term to form a boys football team. The team will practise together every Tuesday afterschool and train for matches. Once children have been picked to join the team, they will

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automatically be placed into the club on schoolsbuddy and you will be alerted to this.

- **SMA Karate clubs** - Please remember to double check the days for each year group in case it has changed. Children who have been participating in Karate in a previous academic year will be prioritised if they select it again on schoolsbuddy. This is because the children have been developing their skills and can continue practising. Please ensure you still select the club on schoolsbuddy if your child wishes to do karate again this term.
- **Senior Choir** - This club is open to children in Years 5 & 6 afterschool on Fridays. If your child has been in the senior choir in the previous academic year, you must still select the club on schoolsbuddy with your preferences. Children who have attended in the previous year will be given priority. The senior choir practices for numerous concerts and shows throughout the year including the Young Voices concert at The London O2 Arena. Children are asked to show commitment to the club as they will be rehearsing songs every week for the shows.
- **Junior Choir** - This is a free club for children in years 3 & 4 which takes place during the school day on a Thursday lunchtime. If your child has been in the junior choir in the previous academic year, please do not assume they will be automatically allocated a place. You must still select the club on schoolsbuddy with your preferences. No payment is required but you must still select the club if you want your child to join.
- **Band Workshop Club - Yr 5&6** - this club is for children who are *already* learning an instrument. NB: Children do not need to be experienced musicians.
- **Boomwhackers Music Club - Rec, 1&2** - this is a music club using boomwhackers (long, colourful plastic tubes) to introduce rhythm and pitch in a fun and interactive way.
- **Gardening Club Yr 4,5 & 6** - Tuesdays & Thursdays - A child can only attend one session per week, either the Tuesday or Thursday, not both. Children are reminded to bring along some old clothes and shoes to wear for the club.
- **Arts and crafts and Artfulness clubs** - Children should bring an old shirt, t-shirt or apron to their first session, to put over their school uniform whilst at the club.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Step 1

Look at the timetable and choose your child's clubs

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Summer Term club timetable



Step 2

Clubs open on SchoolsBuddy to make selections

Monday 9th September 2024 at 8am

Select your clubs in preference order - P1 to P3

No payment is needed at this point



Step 3

Clubs close on SchoolsBuddy

Thursday 12th September 2024 at 8pm

No further preferences will be able to be submitted after this time.

Please wait and you will receive confirmation of your allocated places.

If you wish to cancel a place, please email:

clubs@sandcross.school AND/OR office@sandcross.school



Step 4

Monday 16th September 2024 at 8am

Please pay for your club places.



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Step 5

Payments close

Thursday 19th September 2024

Any clubs not paid for by this date will be reallocated to someone who is on the waiting list.

For any clubs with availability, join requests can be sent in via SchoolsBuddy.

The school reserves the right to accept or reject a request.

If accepted, payment will be a Quick Charge and must be paid for within 48 hours.



Step 6

Autumn Term clubs start

Monday 23rd September 2024

If you have any further queries please email clubs@sandcross.school.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Richards

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