SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 7th March 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Reception, Years 1, 4 & 6 all with 100%



Number of late in each class this week:

No lates	**Year 1, Year 4, Year 6**
1 late	**Reception**
4 lates	**Year 5**
5 lates	**Year 2, Year 3**



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

This week began with our annual Governor Day. The morning was largely focused on training around governance and Ofsted inspections. However, the afternoon involved learning walks, book looks and meetings between governors and school leaders on safeguarding, health and safety, finance, English as an Additional Language, Maths and Writing.
It was a busy but interesting day and governors really enjoyed the opportunity to see the school in action (as most meetings take place in the evenings when there are no pupils present)! Huge thanks to our governors who work really hard behind the scenes monitoring school priorities and ensuring our school is the best it can be.

Yesterday was another annual event – World Book Day. Everyone looked amazing as always so thank you for your efforts as parents. Staff, this year, decided to dress in order to represent a word. The children had great fun trying to guess the words throughout the day and enjoyed the ‘big reveal’ in a short assembly at the end of the day.
Thank you, in particular, to Mrs Allard for organising the day, selecting the whole school text and supporting teachers with associated activities.
On the subject of World Book Day, please swing by the shops in Marshalswick to see the window display in the hospice charity shop. Some of our children designed book covers for their favourite books which are on display in their window. It looks great and is a brilliant way of getting our school name ‘out there’.

Next week is British Science Week. We will be celebrating that by having a Science and Maths Day on Tuesday. Mrs Hardie and Mrs Kennedy have planned an exciting assembly and fun activities to promote these subjects which link so well together. Children will be conducting investigations and experiments as well as taking time to go into the hall and explore the activities that have been set up in there. We also have a visiting team of virologists on Wednesday who will be leading workshops with KS2 classes about what they do and why. Watch this space for photos and write-ups next week.

Have a lovely weekend – enjoy the sunshine ☺

Parent reading sessions – this half-term

See below for the parent reading sessions this half-term. They are Wednesdays 8:40-9:00a.m on the Library Bus!

Wednesday 12th March	Year 6
Wednesday 19th March	Year 5
Wednesday 26th March	Year 4
Wednesday 2nd April	Year 3

Do come along and enjoy a story with your child on our lovely bus ☺

We are proud to have had artwork from across the classes at Sandridge being displayed in the Marshalswick-owned charity shop at the Quadrant for World Book Day!

They are absolutely amazing pieces of work and they will be there for all the community to see this week. Do go and have a look for yourselves!







WORLD BOOK DAY
6 MARCH 2025

































Science and Maths Day – next Tuesday 11th March

As next week is officially British Science Week, Sandridge School are focusing on a Science/Maths Day to highlight and focus on the learning and links between these two subjects. We are having a 'Fairground Attraction' themed day! During this day:

1. Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Hardie will introduce the theme during assembly and give each class their challenge for the day!
2. Each class will have a fairground related Maths and Science Challenge
3. Each class will come in the hall to take part in some fairground Maths and Science linked fun activities.

Please see next week's newsletter for more information.

There will be Maths/Science optional home learning for everyone to have a go at. This will be sent home on Monday.

We will also be having some Sandridge scientist parents visiting to share their knowledge. This will begin on Wednesday when James' Mum (Y4) and her colleagues will kindly come and share some of their virologist knowledge about bacteria/viruses and blood with Key Stage 2 children.





Sport at Sandridge

Netball

On Tuesday, the Sandridge Netball Team played a match against How Wood. We made quick passes and worked successfully as a team. Although we lost 3-2, this was an important experience. Orla and Michelle each scored a goal against the opposition and Henry was voted star player of the match. Overall, Sandridge improved massively as a team!

By Cherry and Henry

Football

Unfortunately, Sandridge had their first loss of the season against St Adrian's. The game started off with both teams pushing at each other's goal until half-time. After the break both teams came out strong but St Adrian's pressed that little bit harder and scored the first goal. Sandridge were determined to score an equaliser. Then on a lucky spill from the keeper from Theo's shot, Stefan pounced, volleying it straight into the back of the net. However, St Adrian's broke free and scored finishing the game 2-1 to them.

Overall both teams played well and, although we lost, we should still be happy.

By Thomas and Albert



Shrove Tuesday

On Shrove Tuesday, Reverend Wendy came to talk to us about Lent. Lent is the 40 days and nights when Jesus was tempted that Christians focus on before Easter. She chose children to hold some things up that she had tried to give up or do more of during previous Lent periods. These included:

- time on social media so Lily and Charlie had her phone,
- Anna held up a postcard and pen to represent taking time to communicate more with friends.
- Sara held a chocolate bar to represent giving up chocolate
- Faris had a pound coin to represent giving/donating
- Pip held up walking socks to represent taking up more exercise
- Mollie-Mae had a prayer book to represent praying more





Reverend Wendy also read a story from the Bible that Jesus told about the 'parable of the leaven' (yeast) in bread.

Reception thought about Shrove Tuesday and also learnt a little about what people eat around the world (not just pancakes). We also had our own pancake races.







We also think of those members of our Sandridge school community taking part in Ramadan that started on Saturday. We considered the fasting links with Lent as well during assembly.

Sandridge 10K 2025

We're excited to announce that after a hugely successful event last year, Sandridge 10k will be returning on Sunday 14th September 2025.

Please save the date and sign up now via the Sandridge 10k website (see separate flyer). And if you don't fancy running, then please still mark your calendar as the event relies on brilliant on-the-day volunteers to ensure it runs smoothly. If you would like to consider volunteering please email sandridge10k@gmail.com to register your interest.

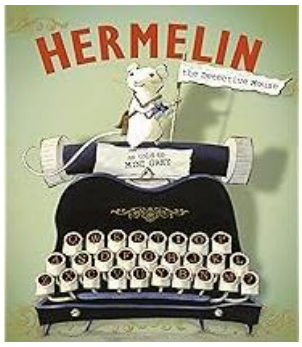
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The Sparkly Spring School Disco is on Thursday 13th March (times below)!
Ticket link is: bit.ly/4bilkZU or use QR code below.



Year 6

Year 6 threw themselves into their last World Book Day at Sandridge School! An amazing array of costumes came in, which conveyed their eclectic reading range. Following assembly, they headed on to the library bus to listen to their buddies read. In lessons, the class were introduced to the school's theme for the day - Hermelin. They carefully worked out what they knew, inferred and wondered from the front cover. Year 6 listened to the story and created a paragraph describing everything they knew about the little mouse. The afternoon was filled with creative activities. They were challenged to draw a mouse, box by box. Next, the students created a new front cover for Hermelin.












Year 5

On World Book Day, we got creative and made some mobiles. Using the book Hermelin the Detective Mouse (which was being studied by the whole school) as our inspiration, we tried to represent the book (its characters and themes) so that someone who had not read it would be able to get an idea of what the book was about.

We tried to include pictures of the main characters, any good quotes from the text and vital information such as the title, author and illustrator. Building the frames for our mobiles was a challenge, and we worked hard to ensure they were balanced and hung straight.





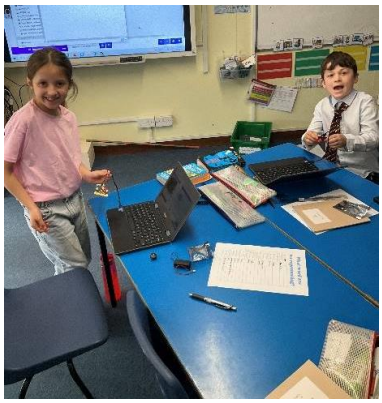




Year 4

For World Book Day, the whole school focused their activities around the book 'Hermelin the Detective Mouse' by Mini Grey. In the morning, we used the writing skills we learnt in our previous writing unit to describe the scene where Hermelin entered the party. We then added speech and 'show not tell' to describe the reactions of the crowd of people.
In the afternoon, we applied our Computing skills to Hermelin. We started learning about programming using the Microbits last week which has been really exciting! This week, we learnt how to write messages on the Microbits so we wrote the dialogue on them we had made up in our writing yesterday morning. We then learnt how to have conversations with other people in the class using the Microbits. We programmed in messages to each other, based on the story, and sent them through to other people in our groups.



Year 3

On World Book Day we focused on the 'pests' page of the book ‘Hermelin the Detective Mouse'. We went outside and collected natural materials that we would then use to create a collage of our chosen pests. They needed to dry so we had to wait for the next morning for our photo shoot!

As well as creating our art pieces, we wrote from the mouse's point of view when he found out that he was seen as a pest – these will soon be going on display outside our classroom and the children are very excited about seeing their published pieces.









Year 2

In Science, we have been learning all about materials. Before half term, we asked the question 'What would be the most suitable material to fix a hole in Mrs Allard's umbrella?' and made a plan for how we could conduct a comparative fair test to find the answer. We voted to test tin foil, a plastic bag, bubble wrap, laminated paper, a towel and hessian to fix the hole. It started well with tin foil, plastic bag and bubble wrap covering the hole and letting no water through. The laminated paper let a little water in because it wasn't as flexible and didn't fully cover the hole. Finally the towel and the hessian let all of the water straight through and soaked Mrs Allard! We had a lot of fun and definitely do not recommend fixing a hole in an umbrella with a towel or hessian!





Year 1

On World Book Day Year 1 created a soundscape around our whole school book 'Hermelin the Detective Mouse'.
We chose five different pictures from the book and then we each had a different instrument to compose a piece of music telling the story of Hermelin.

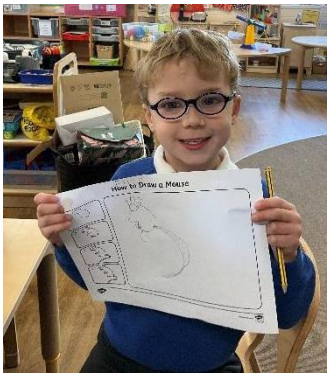


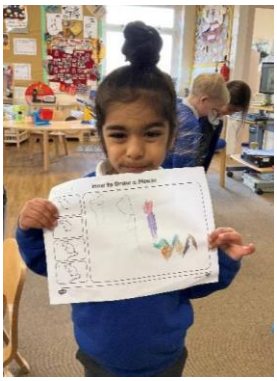


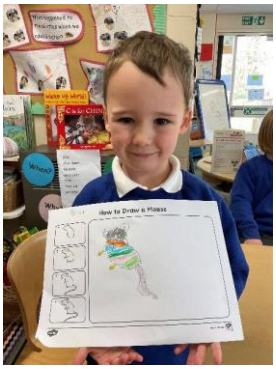


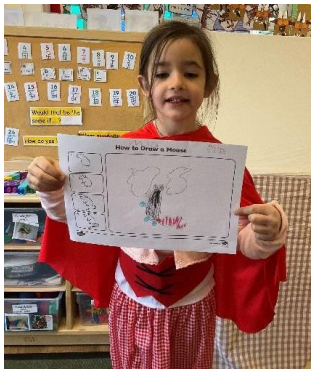
Reception

For World Book Day, Reception practised drawing mice like ‘Hermelin’.







We wrote a sentence about who we were dressed up as.

We have also written our own stories at home to read to the class and some of us made story boxes.








Finally, thank you to parents who could make it to our reading session on the bus on Wednesday.






The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Oscar W, Hannah, Andrew





This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to: Year 6



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Hugo
Year 1: Nancy
Year 2: Demi



Star Writer awards

Year R: Avraaj
Year 1: Oscar
Year 2: Nancy

Year 3: Alexa, Sophie S
Year 4: Imogen
Year 5 Eve
Year 6: Tuba



Times Tables Rock Stars Award

Year 3



REPS Certificates (Respect, Equality, Perseverance, Self-belief)



Showing more perseverance and speed during all tasks and activities: Pip

Showing wonderful perseverance when writing our own version of 'On the Ning Nang Nong: all Year 1

Showing such perseverance in art this week: Ettie

Positive attitude and efforts in all areas of your learning: Parker

Persevering with challenging maths questions: Matilda

Showing perseverance and determination during all his work: Theo

His perseverance this week in maths when working with percentages: Rory

Certificates of Merit



Being so motivated to write and read his home learning story about Spiderman! Elliot BR

Using amazing words when guessing what the teachers were dressed up as on World Book Day: Sophie K

Working hard to use your neatest handwriting across all learning this week: Hope

Effort in maths this week listening to instructions well: Oscar P

Being so engaged and helpful during computing: Artie

Being a brilliant contributor to all our lessons: Roxy

His wonderfully infectious, positive attitude towards everything he does: Spencer

Sporting Certificates



Enjoying the mindfulness body scanner movement game so much this week! Oscar D

Being such an enthusiastic defender in PE: Ted

Working well with your partner to keep possession of the ball in our invasion game: Lucien

Giving good directions to Mrs Barrasso when we had to do the trust activity with blindfolds! Oscar T

Demonstrating brilliant passing skills and movement in basketball: Georgia

Controlled and well executed rolls in our gymnastics lesson this week: Aaron

Being a supportive and encouraging team member in our OAA activities this week: Kuzey

Representing the school so well in our football & netball matches: Oscar, Hugh, Henry