SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 9th May 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Reception and Year 1 with 100%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Another very short week, this week, and a rather chilly one too. Hopefully, the warm and sunny weather will come back this weekend and stay around for the next few weeks!

You should have received a consultation letter yesterday regarding the official closure of our Nursery. We have been ‘mothballing’ our Nursery for over a year now but this letter is about the official closing of the provision. Please do read the letter and make any comments if you wish to – details of where to send your comments can be found in the letter. This has also been sent to local childcare providers.

We had a very busy Movie Night last night with a lot of very excited children watching films in their PJs and munching popcorn. Children have been talking about it for over a week so, thankfully, it lived up to their expectations (and that of the staff)! Huge thanks to FOSS for organising. It was a great fundraiser!

Next week is SATs week for our Y6 pupils. We wish them huge good luck and know they will do their very best as they always do. Remember, whatever the outcome; it doesn’t define you. We are already very proud of you.

Have a good weekend everyone ☺

FOSS

Thank you to all who came to Movie Night. All the children had a blast with their PJs, teddies and popcorn (everywhere)! ☺



We made a fantastic £500 for the school.



Thank you for all your support.

St Albans Spring Festival – Sunday 18th May 11am to 5pm

There will be a Spring Festival in St Albans town centre next Sunday 18th May with live music, food stalls and lots of fun activities for children including: arts & crafts, coding and video game design, sports and games and fairground rides.

See link for further details: https://www.enjoystalbans.com/event/st-albans-spring-festival/

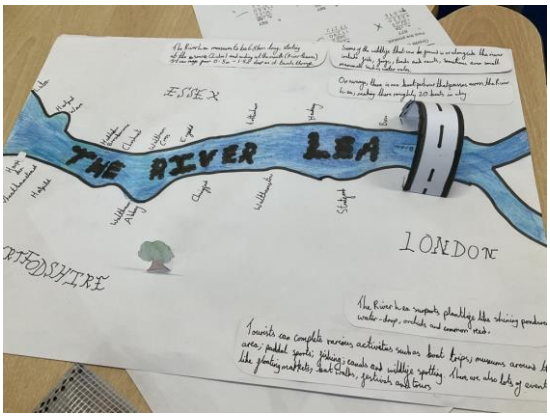
Year 6

Yesterday, in Year 6, we learnt about the River Lea and features of other rivers near us. In this lesson we created information posters informing people about the River Lea. We learnt about how precipitation causes rivers to form and how they always eventually lead to a source of still water such as a lake or the sea.
There are a few different types of animals that live in the River Lea like mink, water voles and water shrews. The River Lea's name is believed to come from a Celtic root 'lug' meaning bright or light.
The River Lea isn't very deep; depending on the tide it can be from 0.5 to 1.5 meters.

By Adriana and Buzz









Year 5

In music this half term, we are learning about remixing and looping. Following last week's lesson where we experimented using body percussion, our lesson on Thursday involved working together to use the Chrome Music Lab software to create a loop that sounded good when played on repeat.
Having chosen 'three' octaves from the range settings, the children were able to create three melody lines and two percussion lines that play at the same time. We had to think about:

- Experimenting with beats of silence or thinner layers of sound.
- Organising melodies that overlap, rather than all playing at the same time.
- Changing the tempo or key (major or minor) to achieve different effects.











Year 4

Over the last week in Maths, we have been learning about fractions and decimals. We have been understanding how to count in tenths and hundredths, representing them as fractions and decimals, and also using this to help us convert a half, quarter and three quarters. On Wednesday, we practised counting up and down in tenths and hundredths. We went outside and played a game called ‘Stop the Clock’. Half the class had a decimal number and the other half had a command. After moving around in different ways e.g. jumping, we had to pair up with someone and follow the command. For example, we may have started on 1.25 and had to count up in tenths until the minute timer had finished.





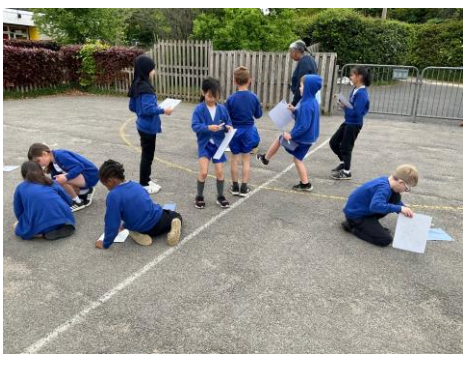


Year 3

This week, in Maths, Year 3 embraced active learning by playing Dual! The children eagerly challenged each other to solve multiplication and division questions, fostering both competitive spirit and collaboration. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm and determination as they tackled tricky problems.







Year 2

This week, in maths, we started learning about how to measure mass. We started the week using balance scales. We went around the room finding objects and measured how many cubes were equal to their mass and recorded this on our boards. Then we started using weights instead of the cubes so we could find the mass in grams. The mass of the weights were 5g, 10g and 20g so we had to add them together to find the total mass.
“It was really fun because we got to measure lots of different things.”
“We found it really fun finding objects with different masses.”








Year 1

Last Friday afternoon, Year 1 walked to St Leonard’s park as their reward for attendance of the term (Spring). We enjoyed playing on all the equipment, skipping, playing football, playing basketball and, most importantly, having a snack!








Reception

Over the last two weeks we have focused on growing and different stories linked to Jack and the Beanstalk e.g. Jasper's Beanstalk and Jim and the Beanstalk.
We have made 'friendship beanstalks'.











We talked about what food we eat that is grown and even ate beans on toast!







We have also used socks to sort, practise counting in twos with and also to measure our class giant with and then ourselves! We also measured leaves.

We made 'Spitfire' paper aeroplanes for VE day and enjoyed seeing how they flew outside!







The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Ralph, Matty



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Hugo
Year 1: Nancy
Year 2: Archie



Star Writer awards

Year R: Mae
Year 1: Oscar
Year 2: Nancy

Year 3: Sophie S
Year 4: Henry
Year 5 Franklin
Year 6: Ariella



Times Tables Rock Stars Award

Year 4



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



Continuing to grow in confidence and showing lovely respect to adults and friends alike! Mia

Persevering in PE when looking at balance and leaping from base station to base station: Austin

Showing such perseverance in science when dissecting beans: Mohammad

Consistently demonstrating all our school values and doing your vest best in every lesson: Alexa

Having more confidence to give his ideas in the classroom and always being respectful and polite: Charlie LH

A huge improvement in her home reading and making progress in maths this week: Emily

Showing such respect for our classroom environment: Jayden, Adriana

Certificates of Merit



Being so confident to perform and talk to residents at Tara's Retreat last week – we are so proud of you all! All of Reception

Always doing the right thing in class, following instructions and joining in with class discussions: George

Working well on the carpet with your talk partners: Lenny

Amazing progress in dividing on a number line: Parker

Sorting animals into a Venn diagram well in science: Zainab

Demonstrating good technique when passing and receiving the baton in relay racing this week: Orla

Working hard on her reading comprehension and asking for advice when needed: Hailey

Sport Certificates



Being confident to attempt all PE activities in lessons and outside during your own learning time! Mahnaz

Showing wonderful balance and control in athletics: Ted

Working hard to maintain a rally with your partner in volleyball this week: Hope

Working hard with your team when we were learning the changeover in replay racing: Oscar P

Working brilliantly with her partner in athletics this week: Elsa

Showing respect and equality when supporting his classmates during PE this week: Karson

Displaying excellent skills and having a brilliant attitude in PE lessons: Albert