SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 12th September 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Year 3 with 99.5%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Our first full week back and everyone is still smiling (though a little tired)!
It is amazing how the children settle back into routine so quickly after such a long break and embrace the ‘new’: new adults, a new classroom, new learning and extra challenging tasks.
Well done everyone!

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we have updated our Homework Policy – also attached with the newsletter today and on our website. The only change is to optional homework tasks. If you attended the ‘Meet the teacher’ session for your child, this week, it was probably explained then. Please read through the policy to for the explanation about optional tasks. Year 5 will be given their homework and return it on different days to the other classes due to the job-share arrangement.

You will also receive your class termly Curriculum Letters. These detail the many topics and content to be covered this term. These will be added to the website in the class information section.

Please also find attached a letter from the Prime Minister that we have been asked to send to all parents.

On Monday, next week, some of the Year 6 children will be reading their speeches to the school and standing for election for our School Council. Children in all classes will vote for the Year 6’s and will also elect two reps for their own class.
School counsellors for Years 1-6 will be announced next week.

Well done to Orla and Meral in Year 6 who have been chosen as our Sports Ambassadors this year. They will be very busy indeed.

Have a great weekend everyone 😊

FOSS

We hope you all had a lovely summer.

Please join us at our first PTA meeting of the year this Tuesday at 8pm at Tom and Rhia’s house. Everyone is welcome. If you'd like to join us, please text Tom on 07805333591 (he will give you the address).

Your support is really appreciated. It helps us to run exciting events throughout the year and raise money to improve school resources and enhance the curriculum.

Year 6

This week in English, we started looking at our first narrative unit, based on the book, 'Night of the Gargoyles' by Eve Bunting. We started off by reading the book and coming up with a bank of vocabulary based on the mood and atmosphere. After this, we acted out scenes of the story and had to freeze frame, again discussing any description or feelings that were evoked by that scene.







Year 5

This week in RE, we discussed freedom in religious rights and how some other countries don't let people have the freedom that they should enjoy.

We had to write a song about religious freedom. We all came up with good ideas, rhymes and words, before performing it in front of the class.

Aras said, "I enjoyed performing the song my group came up with and had fun whilst making it."

Matilda said, "I enjoyed working with some people that I don't usually work with and having fun making the song."





Year 4

This week in art, we were developing our drawing skills to use tone. We were inspired by Sarah Graham's images of confectionary and had our own plates full of sweet treats on our tables to use as inspiration for our own drawings. We used torches to create areas of highlights and shadows that we could replicate using different tones in our own sketches. We created tones using different pressures of sketching pencil and different colours.












Year 3

This term we are looking at forces and magnetism so for our first full lesson, we used a range of classroom resources to demonstrate what we already know. We posed our own questions, talked about what we were seeing and tried to use the vocabulary linked to forces that was displayed on the board. After a while, we realised that we knew quite a lot already and just needed a few question prompts to remind us. This will give us the starting point from which to expand our knowledge across the unit.









Year 1/2

In Science this week we were looking at different animal groups. We had to think about the characteristics of each animal and decide whether it was a mammal, reptile, amphibian, fish, bird or insect. In groups we then classified and grouped some photos explaining our decision to our partners.








Reception

Reception have been enjoying many settling in activities and exploring their new environment inside and outside. They particularly enjoyed going on the Sandridge Library Bus!






They have been learning about themselves and colour. This has included looking in the mirror, singing body songs and drawing and painting self-portraits.
They also enjoyed listening to Elmer stories and creating their own finger puppets and Elmer patterns.







The following children celebrated their birthdays last week and this week:



Theo, Nancy S, Uma, Artie



This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to: Year 5



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Markos
Year 1/2: Zahra



Star Writer awards

Year R: Beatrix
Year 1/2 Tilly
Year 3: Nancy
Year 4: Alexa
Year 5 Georgia
Year 6: Roxy



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



Showing lovely respect for both adults and children through using good manners: Noel

Showing self-belief in your maths and English this week. You have had a go at all activities and tried your best: Hugo

Helping so much in class by keeping the room tidy and being kind to others: Hope

Such a fantastic start back at school showing perseverance and self-belief: Jack

Being a respectful member of the class who helps her peers and adults and starting the year brilliantly! Sara

Being incredibly respectful and polite! Not only has he used his manners beautifully in class, he stood up and moved for a parent to sit down on the bus when there were no seats left: Karson

Certificates of Merit



Really settling in well to our new Reception class and all the different activities: All of Reception

Being an absolute superstar all week. You are the first to stop and listen and the first to follow the instructions! Harrison

Showing a positive and independent attitude in maths this week: Archie

Looking closely at our art stimulus and copying key features in art: Wilfred

Working hard and always putting his hand up to actively contribute to lessons: Henry

For having a fantastic start to Year 6! I am so pleased with how engaged, focused and hard-working you have been: Meral

Sport Certificates



Showing confidence, enjoyment and perseverance when riding bikes and playing football outside: Rocco

Working so hard in PE this week. In our team building activities you showed good listening and communication skills: Sophie K

Showing your listening skills in PE lessons this week: Quinn

Showing excellent control during our ball skills lesson and working well with a partner: Sama

Sharing his knowledge and skills in netball this week and supporting his teammates: Charlie LH

Understanding the musicality in dance and putting the sequence together well: Franklin