SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 5th September 2025

‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Welcome back everyone – and a special welcome to our new children and families - I hope you all had a lovely summer break.
We have enjoyed a very short week back, easing ourselves back into routine and hard work after six weeks off! The children have been working hard already, our new children have settled well and everyone has enjoyed being back with their friends again.

‘Meet the teacher’ sessions

Next week sees the start of our annual ‘meet the teacher’ sessions. These sessions are an ideal opportunity to find out more about your child’s teacher(s), the curriculum they will be taught and the timetable. Other information relevant to their year group will also be discussed and there will be a short time for questions. NB: please note these sessions are not for individual consultations between parent and teacher about children.

All sessions are 8:40-8:55a.m and in your child’s classroom. Please wait on the playground outside your child’s classroom door and the teacher will invite you in once children have been taken to assembly.

Mon 8th Sept – Y6	Thurs 11th Sept – Y3
Tues 9th Sept – Y5	Friday 12th Sept – Y1/2
Wed 10th Sept – Y4	

Parent reading sessions

Our Wednesday morning parent reading sessions will continue this year and start again next week. For those of you new to our school; these sessions happen on our library bus 8:40-9:00a.m each Wednesday for one class each week. Parents and staff enjoy reading to/with each other for a while and sharing a range of stories together.
See below for this term’s ‘rota’:

Date	Class	Date	Class
Wednesday 10th Sept	Y6	Wednesday 5th Nov	Y6
Wednesday 17th Sept	Y5	Wednesday 12th Nov	Y5
Wednesday 24th Sept	Y4	Wednesday 19th Nov	Y4
Wednesday 1st Oct	Y3	Wednesday 26th Nov	Y3
Wednesday 8th Oct	Y1/2	Wednesday 3rd Dec	Y1/2
Wednesday 15th Oct	Rec	Wednesday 10th Dec	Rec & buddies

Homework – some changes

There will be a small change to homework this year. We will continue with daily reading and weekly times tables / spellings (phonics for younger children) as we know these are the things that have the most impact on children’s attainment.
However, instead of a weekly optional homework task, we are proposing that at the start of each half-term, teachers will set 3-4 ‘options’ for optional homework linked to topics coming up in the curriculum. Children can then choose one or more to complete over the whole half-term. Hopefully, this will mean that tasks aren’t causing stress at home by being squeezed into a single week! We will publish our revised Homework Policy next week and put it on the website.

Please see the ‘dates’ sheet attached to the newsletter with all the term’s events and activities for you to pop in your diaries.
Have a good weekend – see you next week for a long and very full week! ☺

PE Days

Children should come into school wearing their PE kit on the following days:

Reception	Monday and Thursday
Year 1/2	Wednesday and Friday
Year 3	Monday and Friday
Year 4	Thursday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Tuesday

PE kit consists of:
Plain white round-neck T-shirt, royal blue shorts or plain black joggers, plain black plimsolls/trainers
School sweatshirt or sweatcardi over the top.
No leggings, cycling shorts, or any hoodies/other sweatshirts, please.

School Absence Procedure

If your child is unwell and is unable to attend school, please contact the school office with a specific reason for absence by 9am on the first day of absence and keep us regularly informed of their progress and expected return date.

A message can be left on the school absence line (01727 850576, opt 1) at any time or an email may be sent to admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk.

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school for 2 days after their symptoms have gone. For further advice on whether to keep a child away from school and for how long, please see the NHS guidelines linked below:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. Requests for leave can only be granted in exceptional circumstances – a holiday is not considered exceptional.

Stationery – Years 1 to 6

Please make a payment for your child's stationery for this academic year if you have not already done so. This is done via the School Shop section of Arbor.

Children in Years 2 and above **do not** need to be provided with a completely new set of stationery if they have items from last term. The payment we ask from parents is to cover the cost of replacing items when they run out over the course of the whole school year. This means that children have the correct equipment, have access to replacements as soon as they run out, and it is an easier and cheaper option for parents too.

Please do not allow your child to bring their own stationery items from home.

All exercise books and other items used are provided by the school free of charge.

KS1 - £10	KS2 - £14
30cm ruler Pencil Sharpener Whiteboard pen Set of coloured pencils Glue stick Green editing pen Mini stickers (for labelling)	30cm ruler Pen Pen refill Pencil Sharpener Whiteboard pen Set of coloured pencils Glue stick Green editing pen Highlighter Mini stickers (for labelling)



