SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 24th October 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Year 3 with 100%



Number of late in each class this week:

1 late	**Reception, Year 1/2, Year 6**
2 lates	**Year 5**
5 lates	**Year 3**
6 lates	**Year 4**



The attendance champions for this month are Year 5 with 98.6%
Year 5's reward will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 7th November!

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Harvest Festival

Unfortunately, due to a shortage of staffing, we were unable to visit St Leonard's Church on Tuesday for our annual Harvest Festival. Instead, Reverend Wendy and Reverend Rita came to us. We sang some of the Autumn and harvest-themed songs we have been learning over the last few weeks and listened to a story about the history of harvest and bumper crops! A huge thank you to all of you for your very generous donations – I think it was the biggest harvest display we have had for a long time. Year 6 helped pack the donations into crates for both Reverends to take away with them. These will be given to a local foodbank.



Road Closure – Langley Grove

Langley Grove will be closed from October 27th to December 5th between 8:00a.m and 5:00p.m, due to roadworks. This is likely to affect parking, so please leave 10 minutes earlier so you can park further away and walk up to school, if necessary.

Climate Action Plan

As of September 2025, schools have to produce a 5-year Climate Action Plan.
You may remember being asked to complete a survey in the summer term – as were staff and pupils. The outcomes of these surveys along with key data from the school, contributed to our baseline report. The report was an essential step in preparing our action plan. The baseline report provides a clear picture of the school's current environmental impact, covering carbon emissions, energy use, waste, water consumption and transport habits.
Our action plan addresses four key areas: decarbonisation, adaptation and resilience, environment and biodiversity, and climate education and green careers.
Mr Riley has set up an Eco-Council with pupil representatives from different year groups. If you would like to support in any way, please do speak with Mr Riley.

Finally, half-term is upon us and we are ready for it! The children are exhausted; as are we.
Have a lovely half-term break whether you are at home or away.

We look forward to seeing you at 8:50a.m on Monday 3rd November 😊

November / December – Winter Wellness

Cold weather and viruses can make asthma worse. Wrap scarves loosely over children's mouths to warm the air they breathe, and keep using preventer inhalers every day.
Try to keep your home warm but not damp — open windows briefly each day to let fresh air in.
💡 Tip: Steam from a warm shower can help loosen mucus before bed.
If your child is coughing a lot, struggling to speak, or breathing quickly, seek medical advice straight away or call 999 in an emergency.

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FOSS

Coffee and Croissant Morning

Thank you to everyone who stopped by and joined FOSS for a coffee and a croissant on Tuesday morning. It was so lovely to see so many of you there.



Winter Fair – Tuesday 2nd December – 3.15-6.30pm

Preparations are already underway for the Winter Fair! We are looking for donations of any of the following items:

- Chocolate (wrapped/no nuts)
- Sweets (wrapped)
- Small toys/board games suitable for 5-11 year olds
- Soft teddies
- Gifts for grown-ups
- Prizes for our raffle

Please drop off any donations to the school office. Thank you.

Non-School Uniform Day – Friday 28th November

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 28th November in exchange for a bottle to be used in the bottle tombola at the Winter Fair.






Halloween at church farm

Visit
Church Farm Ardeley
A real working farm!

- Spooky Farm Trail to see the farm animals & Halloween Décor
- Big Bale Play
- Tractors & Digger Ride-Ons
- Creepy Fairy Woodland Play
- Spooky Photo Opportunities
- Spot the Pumpkin & sweet treat prizes
- Scarecrow Trail
- Find the Spooky Fairy Doors
- Find your unique Witch and Halloween name
- Spooktacular Costume Stickers for the best dressed boys, girls & dogs
- Halloween Activity Pack, 'I've Been to Church Farm' Sticker
- Puzzles and Colouring-in fun
- Farm Sensory Trail

Additional Activities

Pumpkin Picking & Carving

Trick or Treating in our Spooky Wood (4-6pm)

Horrid Hay Tractor & Trailer Rides

Eerie Egg Collecting

Ghoulish Goat Walking

Book online **www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk**






Church Farm, Ardeley
A Free Range Experience

Year 6

In science, we have been learning about living things and their habitats. Last week, we were classifying plants. First, we learnt about the different types of plants and started to think about how they could be classified. We then went outside to take pictures of plants or collect fallen parts of plants. After this, we used books, leaflets and the internet to classify the plants. Some leaves from trees were difficult to classify due to their shapes being similar to others.









Year 5

This half term in Design and Technology, we have been working on making a stuffed toy. Over the last few weeks, we designed the toy, chose fabric and decorative materials, and learnt different stitching methods. Having overcome many difficulties, we successfully sewed the pieces together and completed our own stuffed toy. Well done, Year 5.










Year 4

This week we started our new dance PE unit - our theme is ‘The Spy’. We started our unit by learning a set phrase of 16 counts and practised it as a class then in small groups so we could improve the quality of our phrases. Then we worked in our group to develop our set phrases by changing directions, starting positions and pathways.








Year 3

This week in PE, we put all of our team working skills together and were set some challenges.

1. We had to complete the course while transporting a ball with a partner and couldn't touch the floor or drop the ball.
2. We then had to both touch the ball at the same time but it could touch the equipment or floor.
3. We had to transport the ball, both touch it and not allow it to touch any of the equipment or floor.

Mrs Barrasso was so impressed with how well we communicated and managed to overcome challenges with positive attitudes.










Year 1/2

This week Year 1 / 2 finished our RE unit about 'How did the world begin?'
We had to create a piece of artwork. We could choose whether it depicted one of the stories we had heard during this unit, a story or theory we have heard elsewhere. It could represent how the world began in a more abstract way using colour and shape or we could focus on what or who we think is responsible for the world.



Reception

We have thought about the festival of Diwali this week as it began on Monday. It is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jainists.
We acted out the story of Rama and Sita and particularly liked the different characters; good and bad! We also thought about it being a festival of light and how light is a symbol of good overcoming evil (dark). We created clay Divas.
We also explored rice and coloured sand to make rangoli patterns and drew some Mehndi patterns.



We have also continued to think about Autumn in outdoor learning and have made leaf kebabs and Autumn bracelets.



The following children celebrated their birthdays this week and over half term:

Azari, Elijah, Alice K

This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to: the staff!



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Mya
Year 1/2: Hugo



Star Writer awards

Year R: Freya
Year 1/2: Avraaj
Year 3: Amelie

Year 4: Milo
Year 5 Georgia
Year 6: Cece



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

Lovely perseverance in all her activities and such amazing self-belief when she is in role play too: Beatrix

Being such a wonderful member of the class. You are always following the school values and can be relied upon to be setting a good example: Mae

Showing such resilience with your learning, trying your best and achieving lots to be proud of: Lacie

Always showing such respect and equality towards your peers and being kind to everyone: Sama

Persevering in maths this half-term, being attentive in the lessons and showing self-belief in working out the tasks independently: James

Being respectful, kind and showing equality to others: Albie

Certificates of Merit

For trying her best with everything she does and also for being a lovely friend: Alice

Showing an improvement in the classroom, being focused, joining in with class discussions and completing more work: Oscar D

Getting stuck into our Autumn poem this week and independently generating your ideas: Maisie

Working so hard every day and amazing us all with your fantastic work! Reggie

Always working hard in her learning and listening carefully to instructions: Hadley

Constantly producing excellent maths work and being extra focused this week: Aaron

Sport Certificates

Brilliant climbing on the wall bars this week: Azari

Wonderful work in dance this week. You were fantastic at counting with the beat and showed wonderful imagination with your actions: Nancy S

Excellent teamworking skills this week when we were completing the partner obstacle course with very imaginative thinking! Nancy N, Lucien

Excellent 'spy' dancing following the set phrase we learnt as a class: Yunus

Focussing in OAA this week and making good contributions to the lesson: Charlie

Working well with her partner in OAA, directing them and listening to instructions well: Otti