# SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

## Friday 28th November 2025

**The attendance winners for this week are Year 1/2 with 99.5%**



**Number of late in each class this week:**

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|---|---|
| **No lates** | **Reception** |
| **1 late** | **Year 5** |
| **4 lates** | **Year 1/2, Year 6** |
| **7 lates** | **Year 3** |
| **8 lates** | **Year 4** |



## ‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

On behalf of FOSS; thank you very much for your bottle donations, today, ahead of next week’s Winter Fair. They are very much appreciated.

Talking of the Fair…our Winter Fair takes place next Tuesday 3:15-6:30p.m and will, weather permitting, be outside on the main playground. Those of you who have been at Sandridge a while, may remember we had an outdoor fair a few years ago with festoon lighting and floodlights and it felt very magical – especially to the children! Fingers crossed for a dry day and evening.
The classes will be performing some Christmas songs to get us all in the festive spirit. The times are as follows:

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| Rec / Y1 / Y2 | 4:30p.m |
| Y3 | 4:50p.m |
| Y4 | 5:00p.m |
| Y5 | 5:10p.m |
| Y6 | 5:20p.m |
| Choir | 5:30p.m |

We hope to see you there ☺

### Assessment Week

Next week, is whole school Assessment Week. All classes will be undertaking end of term activities, tasks and tests to support teachers in their assessment of children’s progress since the start of the year. Year 6 will be completing mock SATs tests.
Please make sure your child is in school every day and on time.

### Facebook & social media permission

You will have received a letter on Wednesday about social media permission due to the launch of our new Facebook page. We are excited to start using this to share all the amazing things we do and enjoy at our lovely school Please do follow us using the link below:

https://www.facebook.com/people/Sandridge-Primary-School/61584437512018/?locale=en_GB

Please make sure you log on to Arbor (if you haven’t done so already) to respond to the permission request. You need to do this even if you don’t want your child’s photo on this platform. Thank you.

Have a great weekend – I imagine most of us will be putting our Christmas trees and decorations up – enjoy!



## FOSS

### Winter Fair – Tuesday 2nd December – 3.15pm to 6.30pm

Come and join us at our Winter Fair – buy a raffle ticket, play on the tombola, hear the children sing carols and watch our firework finale!

We are still looking for donations and would appreciate any of the following:



- Soft toys
- Chocolate (no nuts)
- Sweets (wrapped)
- Cakes (on the day)



If you would like more raffle tickets please collect from the office.

### Elves' Workshop – Friday 12th December

Our magical Elves Workshop is coming to school, giving children the chance to do their very own Christmas shopping for the special grown-ups in their lives!
Tickets are now on sale: https://pta.events/38lt4f8v



The money raised from the Christmas events will be going towards new playground climbing apparatus.

## St Leonard's Church Christmas Fair

St Leonard's Christmas Fair is this Saturday 29th November from 10.30am to 1.00pm.

There will be refreshments, stalls and a luxury hamper raffle

Father Christmas will be making an appearance from 11.00am to 12-noon (only £3 per child)!



## Netball

On Monday 24th November, the school netball team played Oakwood in a home match. It was a brilliant match but sadly we lost 7-1. Our one goal was scored by Eve, our goal shooter, in the second quarter. Our player of the match was Sam, our goalkeeper.

We all played well and Miss Everall said it was our best game. Mrs Allard did a great job umpiring in the third and last quarter!

by Eve and Isla

## Year 6

Last week, in Science, we finished our unit by conducting an experiment linked to micro-organisms. We were trying to find out which substance yeast reacted the most with out of sugar, salt, flour and coffee. We made predictions based on our knowledge of yeast and those other foods then set up our experiment before lunch. When we came back, we could see bubbles of carbon dioxide in some of the bags and the bags with the sugar solution in had grown significantly! We learnt that the sugar gave the yeast energy and supported fermentation (changing those sugars into gases). We also learnt that too much salt dehydrated the yeast, hence why the reaction was the smallest.

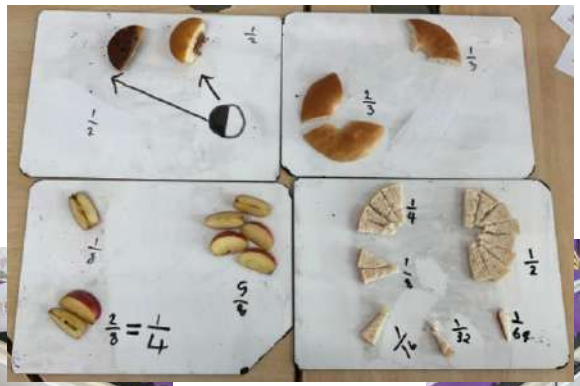







## Year 5

This week we had active Maths on fractions. On Tuesday, Mr Riley started the lesson with cutting a bagel to help us understand the idea of parts-whole. Then we worked in small groups to cut different food into equal parts, identified how they were represented in numbers and wrote onto whiteboards to show and explain to our peers. Following this, on Wednesday, Ms Loh showed us how to add and subtract fractions using a piece of bread that was cut into equal parts. We were all made very hungry by learning fractions this week!





## Year 4

In English, we have been learning about explanation texts for a range of different machines. As we have been reading our example texts we have been learning about the importance of prepositions and prepositional phrases to link nouns and pronouns to other words in a sentence. We focussed on using prepositions to explain the position of object and drew our own gadgets with buttons, levers, dials, wires and tubes. Then, we had to describe where each of the elements of our gadget were placed, using prepositions, for our partners to draw.








## Year 3

We have been creating a dance to the theme 'Machines' this half term and have performed our final pieces in small groups. We learnt to break our dance into counts of 8 and learnt the beginning section to dance in unison. After that, we had to choreograph our own sections to represent pistons, cogs and then the working machine developing a fault and shutting down. We were very fond of the paired teddy bear rolls to show the cogs turning and lots of us used this in our dance.





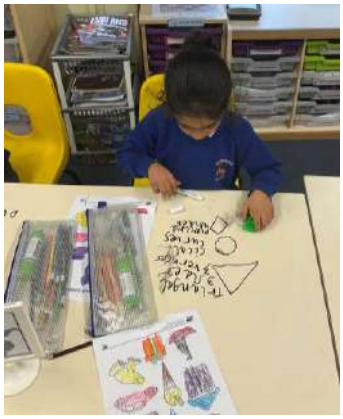




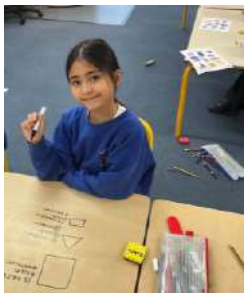


## Year 1/2

This week, Year 1 & 2 have been looking at 2D shapes. We started off recapping some 2D shapes and discussing the properties. Then on our tables we drew different 2D shapes, wrote the name and the properties of the shapes.







## Reception

Reception have been exploring dark boxes and dark places around the school with torches as part of our Dark and Light topic. Freya and Markos even spied some Christmas decorations hidden in a dark cupboard!







In maths, Reception have been thinking about more and less.
They grabbed 2 handfuls of small objects and quickly had to guess (estimate) or 'subitise' which was more and which was less. Then they counted them to check and recorded the numbers. Some people grabbed the same amount a few times!







**The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:**




Karen




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



## Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Markos
Year 1/2: Danai



## Star Writer awards

Year R: Noel
Year 1/2: Zen
Year 3: Taliyah

Year 4: Charlie
Year 5 Hadley, Imogen
Year 6: Orla



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



Amazing perseverance during every single lesson and making SO much progress with his fine motor skills too! Rocco

Being such respectful members of the class. You have been so helpful at keeping the classroom looking neat and tidy. You have helped the tuck in chairs, tidied the books, coats and bags: Matty, Nancy S

Showing kindness and respect to others and tackling every task with a positive attitude! Charly

Showing such perseverance when using your finger spaces in writing this week: Reggie

Believing in yourself and diving into maths with a positive attitude: Freddie

Being motivated and persevering in all lessons this week, especially maths: Franklin

## Certificates of Merit




Extra focus this week in all her learning and for being so confident with her Christmas play words too! Mya

Trying so hard in all lessons. You are showing more and more understanding and trying to speak more English: Mahnaz

Responding really well to feedback about your letter formation and trying hard to make it even better: Archie

Always having such a positive attitude in the classroom and being kind and helpful: Daniel

All the effort you put into learning and the determination to grow: Zainab

Working hard in maths and English this week and producing good quality work: Hannah

## Sport Certificates



Dancing so well in our heads, shoulders, knees and toes dance! Alice

Showing wonderful technique when dribbling a football with your feet: Austin

Super moves, timing and partner work in dance: Minnie

Working hard in hockey and using an open stick tackle effectively when defending: Emma

Working well in yoga with your partner and playing well in tag rugby: Karen

Excellent skipping and passing in hockey this week: Karson

Player of the match as voted for by the opposition in the netball match against Oakwood: Sam