SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 12th December 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Year 5 with 100%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Christmas has been in full flow at Sandridge this week…

On Monday, our choir entertained the residents of Tara’s Retreat with an array of carols and Christmas songs. The residents joined in with ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas’ at the end and everyone had a really lovely time.

Yesterday, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed their nativity play; ‘Christmas Counts’ to their families. The children did so well; saying their words expressively and loudly and singing all of the songs beautifully. Well done to them and well done and thank you to Miss Everall, Mrs Hardie, Mrs Di Fonzo, Mrs Lewis and Mrs Jones for their hard work in preparing the children. Special thanks to Mrs Allard for staying on and doing the music and technical bits. It was a great show!

Next Tuesday, we are taking all children to St Leonard’s Church for a special Christmas-themed assembly. Should you wish your child not to attend due to religious/cultural reasons, please let us know by Monday morning.

Next Wednesday is our annual Christmas dress-up day and festive lunch. For those of you new to our school, this is a day for dressing up in fancy dress costumes (Christmas-themed, of course) or wearing Christmassy clothing – staff join in too and love it!
FOSS have organised a pantomime for the children in the afternoon so I imagine it will be a busy and very exciting day.

Please remember, there are no after-school clubs next week with the exception of Play Pals which will run from Monday to Thursday only.
We break up for the Christmas holiday at 1:30p.m on Friday.

Have a great weekend 😊

FOSS

Thank you to everyone who signed up to join in with the Elves' Workshop. It has raised over £200 for the school!

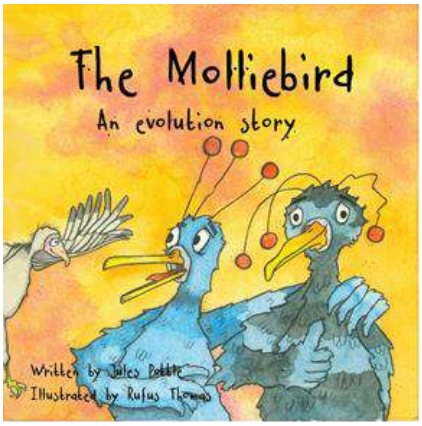


FOSS are busy planning lots of exciting events and fundraising activities for next term. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please do let us know by contacting your FOSS class rep.

Thank you for all your support.

Year 6

This week, in Science, we continued to learn about evolution. We read the book, 'The Molliebird - An Evolution Story' by Jules Pottle and discussed how the Molliebird had to adapt and evolve in order to survive. We discussed the scientific understanding around this, touching on Darwin's natural selection theory. After that, we had to redesign the Molliebird, thinking about how it could evolve if it had to relocate to our school grounds. We considered: its new habitat; what predators it might have; and what it might need to feed on in order to survive. Following this, we put them outside, in their new habitat, to see how well camouflaged they were and how they might need to continue to adapt to their new environment.





Year 5

We have been practising yoga this half term. This week, we worked in groups to design our own flow. Certain poses we had learnt, such as warrior, tree, happy baby, dolphin and cobra, were put into our flow. We practised with our partners to make sure poses were done accurately and at the same pace. We also learnt to manage our breath and completed the flow in a calm and focussed way.











Year 4

This week in history, we developed our understanding of the Anglo-Saxons by learning the Anglo-Saxon tale of Beowulf. We worked in groups to act out the story and particularly enjoyed acting out the scene where Beowulf pulls the arm off of the evil Grendel!





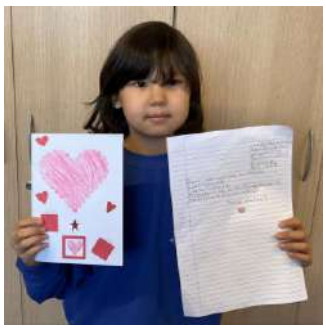



Year 3

In Year 3 we start learning French and Charly's mum had kindly arranged for us to set up pen pals with a school in France. This week, we wrote our first letters (in English) to our assigned pen pal and they will be writing to us in French! To add to the fun, we also made them a Christmas card which we very much enjoyed making. The letters told our pens pals: our names, age, hobbies and what we eat for Christmas. We kept it simple because they will be translating the English and when we get our letters, we will be translating the French...we are very excited!











Year 1/2

Yesterday, Year 1/2 and Reception performed their nativity ‘Christmas Counts’. They all did so well remembering their lines, acting, dancing and singing. Well done everyone for such a brilliant show!



Reception

As well as performing their Nativity play, Reception have been busy painting/creating Santas!





They have played a Nativity maths game with their Year 1 friends.

We also had a lovely reading session on the bus with our parents and Year 6 buddies and parents too!









The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Milo

This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to: Year 1/2



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Alice
Year 1/2: Reuben

Star Writer awards

Year R: Jerry
Year 1/2: Oscar
Year 3: Elliott
Year 4: Oscar
Year 5 Matilda
Year 6: Malak



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

Persevering more with all she does after being asked to 'try for a bit longer' by adults: Freya

Showing more resilience and perseverance in all areas of your learning: Lennie

Showing all our school REPS consistently, focussing well in publishing our fable, whizzing through your maths and being helpful around the classroom! Amelie

Showing such respect towards adults by holding the door open for them and showing lovely manners: Mustafa

Persevering in his cyclical story composition: Harry P

Being respectful in the classroom to adults and to the environment, independently taking on the responsibility of the recycled paper box! Isla

Certificates of Merit

Being amazing stars in our Nativity play 'Christmas Counts': All of Reception

Being amazing actors, dancers and singers when performing our nativity 'Christmas Counts'. You were all so confident and gave a brilliant show! All of Year 1/2

Showing focus and determination to improve your writing this week: Mohamad

Challenging yourself to up level your technical vocabulary when writing about your machine: Ann Teresa

Diligence in her learning and reviewing her work to actively improve it: Georgia

Great 3D shape and net work in maths this week: Alex

Sport Certificates

Using good skill and control with bouncing basket balls (grasshoppers) in PE this week! Elijah

Being a superstar in our dance lesson where we were at the circus and in our lesson looking at throwing and catching: Anna

Such a resilient and mature attitude in our tag rugby lessons: Lacie

Such fantastic passing, moving and scoring in our hockey tournament – we loved seeing how much you enjoyed yourself in the games! Evie

Eagerness to work with his partner when designing and practising a flow in yoga: Henry

Improving throughout the hockey lessons this week and persevering to achieve the task: Alice