SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 5th December 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Year 3 with 99%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



The attendance champions for this month are Year 1 & 2 with 98.3%
Year 1 & 2's reward will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 12th December!

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Winter Fair

Well, I think the highlight of the week has to be our Winter Fair! Huge thanks to the FOSS team for organising such a fantastic event – full of food, drinks, games, activities and plenty of things to buy. The children sang their class songs really well and as for the fireworks…well, they were AMAZING. Everyone said how brilliant they were and how long they lasted. Thank you to Colin Everall and his glamorous assistant (wife, Shirley) for doing the fireworks for us. We will certainly look at having fireworks every year from now on!

I'm sure FOSS will let us know how much they have raised as soon as they can.

Thank you for your support.

Change of date for Rec & Y6 buddy reading

Due to next Wednesday morning being the dress rehearsal for Rec, Y1 & Y2's nativity, we have brought forward the parent reading session for Reception, Y6 and their parents to Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you then.

New play equipment

The children have had their lunchtime transformed over the last week with the introduction of a wide range of new play equipment and resources. The Sandridge 10K event donated £1000 to our school for the purchase of new equipment and Miss Everall did a great job ordering a wide range of things that the children are really enjoying. We now have 'throwing and catching' 'agility and balance' and 'skipping zones' each day along with netball and football on a rota basis.

Huge thanks to the Sandridge 10K team for their generosity – it's made a world of difference.

Have a great weekend 😊







FOSS

As the dust settles after the Winter Fair, we are so touched by all of the generosity shown. Thank you so much for all of the donations and all of the hard work done behind the scenes. From all of us at FOSS we want to say a big thank you to all of you for making this event so special.

After paying costs we have raised just over £1500 which is a brilliant contribution to the playground fund. These profits were made possible because of cash donations towards the running of the event and the buying of fireworks. Big thanks to those parents and grandparents for that contribution.



Congratulations also to all of the children for their amazing songs on the evening and a big thank you to Colin Everall for orchestrating the brilliant fireworks display.

In 2026 we are excited to put on more lovely events for our brilliant little school.

Wishing you all a very merry Xmas and a happy new year.

Team FOSS

Football

On 1st December, the Sandridge School football team: Harry, Jerome, Hugh, Daniel, Freddie, Kam, Meral, Theo, Otti and Oscar played a friendly home match against Oakwood. The game finished 8-1 to us. Our goal scorers were Jerome with 3 and Theo with 5. The player of the match was Theo.

On 4th December, the Sandridge School football team: Harry, Hugh, Meral, Otti, Daniel, Theo, Jerome and Oscar played a league game against St Adrians. It was a good home match and, in the end, we won 5-1. The goal scorers were Jerome with 2 and Theo with 3. The player of the match was Meral.

by Theo and Oscar

Families Hertfordshire Magazine Nov/Dec

Click on the link below for lots of ideas for festive days out and activities, a toy giveaway and some great articles on education and work!

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_hertfordshire_november_december_2025?fr=sNTAxODg5MjEyNDE



Year 6

On Wednesday, in PE, Year 1 & 2 and Year 6 joined together to play 'decorate the Christmas tree'. In teams, the children had to run to get pieces of equipment and put it on their Christmas tree. Only pieces on their trees at the end counted and the team with the most items on at the end were the winners. In each round, the children had different restrictions (aside from time). For example, in one round, they were not allowed to decorate the head or, in another round, they were not allowed to use bibs. A lot of fun was had and there were a lot of 'beautifully' decorated trees!









Year 5

This week in science, we learnt about phases of the Moon. In the lesson, we started with a revision about how the Moon orbits the Earth, and learnt about formation of lunar eclipses. We created our own Moon Phases Wheel by drawing different phases of the Moon on a sectioned card and labelling them. Some of us also applied the knowledge to identify the Moon phase at the Winter Fair on Tuesday evening!

Our thoughts after the lesson:

Sara, "I enjoyed learning about the Moon and now I understand why the Moon disappears sometimes."
Harry, “I enjoyed watching the video on James Webb's telescope."
Aras, "I enjoyed making the Moon Phases Wheel."

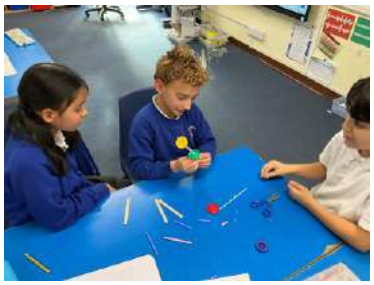


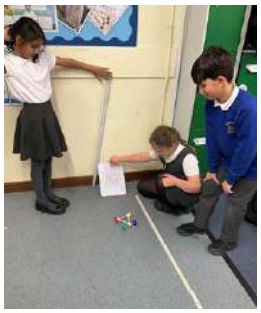


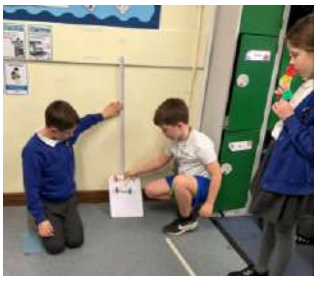
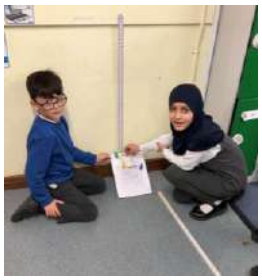



Year 4

This week in DT, we started our new unit about mechanical cars. We began by creating our first prototype car which is powered by an inclined plane. We learnt about the history of car innovations and discussed how developments have been made over the years. Then, we built a car chassis and considered how the mechanism works. We tested our cars using an inclined plane to see how far they could travel. We recorded the distance and then we considered how we could improve our initial design to help the car to travel further.



Year 3

In computing we are looking at stop motion animation. We've learnt the importance of keeping the camera still and learnt that using 'onion skinning' can help us make tiny changes to our movements which makes our movies more effective. Our main project is to 'film' a movie, so we all adopted a rock from the school grounds and planned a journey that they need to go on. Some of us have added embellishments to bring our pet rocks to life and we have begun to film the movies. We are very excited about showing the final pieces on the class interactive whiteboard!












Year 1/2

This week in Year 1 & 2, we took part in the National Farmers Union live lesson called Festive Farming Quest. We visited five different farmers and looked at all the different jobs they had to do leading up to Christmas.

We first visited Farmer John who is a Christmas Tree farmer, Coco a shepherd and sheep farmer, Farmer James who grows Brussels sprouts, Farmer Daisy at her camel farm and Farmer Steph on her reindeer farm.

Here are some facts we learnt:

- for each Christmas tree they cut down, they plant two new trees in the spring
- sheep wool is insulating and waterproof
- brussels sprouts grow on the stem of the plant and they are hidden under the leaves
- Dromedary camels have one hump and Bactrian camels have two humps, and
- reindeer are the only species of female deer to have antlers.





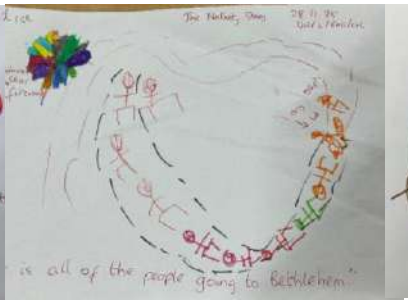

Reception

Reception have been thinking about the Christian time of Advent. They created their own class Advent calendar, which they take turns to open every day and have been observing (safely) our advent candle burning down the numbers.




Reception have been learning more about the Nativity story and they have been role playing it using small characters. They also drew their own favourite parts.






The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Parker



This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to: Year 3



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Azari
Year 1/2: Mia



Star Writer awards

Year R: Beatrix
Year 1/2: Hugo
Year 3: Demi

Year 4: Parker
Year 5 Elsa
Year 6: Hugh



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



Showing confidence and self-belief whilst playing with your friends and for being a role model for perseverance in all your learning too: Oliver R

Showing such amazing perseverance this week when completing our tests: Sophie K

Showing real determination and focus this week and working hard to show us what you can do: Lucien

Showing such perseverance when creating your mechanical car this week: Oscar T

The courage to take up challenges in his learning, exemplifying remarkable self-belief: Charlie LH

Being a model pupil for REPS! Working hard, contributing thoughtfully to discussions and being kind and respectful: Eve

Certificates of Merit



Taking more risks to use his knowledge more independently during his learning: Markos

Working so hard in all lessons and for always challenging yourself: Avraaj

Being enthusiastic about your learning this week & sharing with others what you have learnt: Charlie M

Working so hard this week and trying your best in all of our assessments: Ralph

Always participating in the lessons with enthusiasm and an excellent manner: Sara

Positive and thoughtful contributions in RE this week: Cece

Sport Certificates



Using more actions in dances and songs: Elijah

Working well with your group on Wednesday when we had to 'decorate the Christmas tree': Liam

Engaging in tag rugby with a great attitude and desire to improve your skills: Kira

Thinking carefully about the pathways, dynamics and relationships you could use in dance: Sama

For outstanding performance in yoga this week: Olivia Z

Working really hard in both PE sessions this week and encouraging her team: Meral

Player of the match voted by the opposition in the football match against Oakwood and scoring 5 goals: Theo

Scoring your first hattrick in the football match against Oakwood: Jerome

Player of the match voted by the opposition in the football match against St Adrians: Meral