SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 30th January 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Year 1/2 with 98.3%



Number of late in each class this week:

1 late	Year 1/2
4 lates	Reception
6 lates	Year 6
7 lates	Year 5
8 lates	Year 4
11 lates	Year 3



The attendance champions for this month are Year 5 with 97.8%
Year 5's reward will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 6th February!

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Yesterday, as you know, we had the NSPCC in working with children as part of their 'Speak out. Say Safe' programme. I apologise that you only received the official letter about it on Wednesday – that is when it was sent to us! However, the children enjoyed the assembly and workshops and engaged well in the sessions.

Next week, it is our annual Science Week – and this year, we are incorporating English into the Science focus. Mrs Hardie and Mrs Allard have planned a very exciting week with workshops and visitors (some will be animals)! Children will have whole school Science homework sent home today and a week to complete it. We can share it, next Friday, in our assembly. There will be a very detailed write-up about Science (and English) Week in next Friday's newsletter, so watch this space…

The following week (w/b 9th February), we have our Spring Parent Consultations. The booking system will go live at midday next Monday. Please do book an appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress, so far, this year and to have the opportunity to look through their books.

Have a good weekend 😊



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Sparkly Spring Disco – Thursday 5th February

Reception, Year 1/2 – 3.15pm to 4.15pm
Party clothes can be brought to school and staff will supervise children changing
Please collect from their own classrooms

Years 3, 4, 5, 6 – 4.30p m to 5.30pm
Children to be dropped off at the main school door and collected from their own classrooms

Sparkly fancy dress optional!

Tickets are £5 per child – please click on the link below to buy:

https://pta.events/sparkly-spring-disco

All money raised will go towards new school playground equipment.

HertsHub – Support for children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing



The CYPMHS HertsHub has recently launched. Co-produced with young people, parents, carers, and professionals, this new platform will make it quicker and easier to find the right support for children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing in Hertfordshire.

From building healthy daily habits to getting help early, HertsHub aims to empower young people and families to take charge of their emotional wellbeing.

With information and signposting to a wide range of free services, the site brings everything together in one place: self-help resources, early support options, and more specialist services and contacts for help in a crisis.

www.hertshub.co.uk

Netball

On Monday 26th January, our school netball team played St Columba's. It was an amazing match but unfortunately we lost 13-1. Orla, our Goal Attack, scored the goal with many attempts as well as Harry and Charlie who also both had a couple of attempts. The player of the match was Lizzy (Centre). Overall it was a brilliant game and everyone showed great sportsmanship.

by Isla and Orla

On Thursday 29th January, we played Fleetville. It was our best game so far because we won! Charlie was player of the match and he played Goalkeeper. The score was 5-4 to us. Eve scored 2 goals and Orla scored the other 3. Altogether it was a brilliant game and we played amazingly. Well done to us!

by Eve and Isla



Year 6

This week, in one of our art lessons, we learnt about the artist, John Singer Sargent. He was an Italian born artist known best for his portrait painting and his ability to draw with a brush. The main painting we focused on was called 'Gassed' which depicts the aftermath of a mustard gas attack on the Western Front in August 1918 as witnessed by the artist. We had to describe the feelings evoked by the painting and then, in groups, created a tableau of the painting to help us experience the human side of the image.









Year 5

This week in computing, we learnt how to transform a vector drawing of a penguin into a parrot using skills from previous lessons, such as duplicating, flipping, and changing colours and shapes. We paid attention to alignment guides and made use of the zoom and border tools while working in Google Drawings to create our transformation.









Year 4

In science we have started learning about sound. We learnt about the different parts of our ears and how sound is passed from our ears to our brains. Then we had the question, how does the sound get to our ears? We conducted three investigations to help us to understand how sound travels. We noticed that in each of our investigations there were vibrations and deduced that this must be linked to how sound travels. We can't wait to find out more in the rest of our unit!



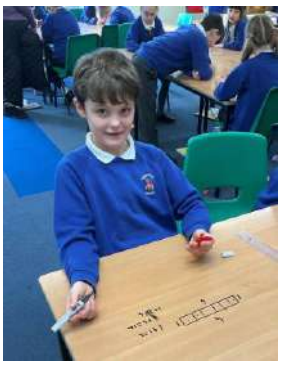






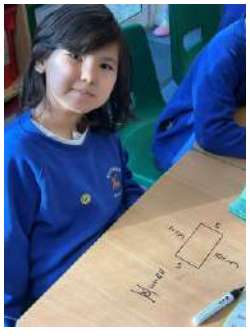
Year 3

This week we have been looking at measuring length and learning how to use our rulers accurately. We then moved onto using this skill to help us find the perimeter of rectangles. Using our rulers we had to draw rectangles, measure the sides and then add the lengths to find the total perimeter. Some of us used our knowledge of rectangles to simplify our calculations because we spotted that opposite sides are the same, which meant we could double values to speed up our working.








Year 1/2

This week in maths we have been looking at all things quarters. We started off learning that to quarter something you share it into 4 equal parts. An easy way to do this is to halve it and halve it again. We then looked at finding a quarter of a shape and a quarter of a number.












Reception

This week we thought about Goldilocks and sizes and measuring in maths. We ordered many objects including bowls, spoons, chairs, beds and bears by size. We also found and drew things that were taller and shorter than us. We enjoyed role playing the story and playing with and making porridge!












The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Matilda, Nancy N



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



Phenomenal Phonics awards



Year R: Rocco
Year 1/2: Avraaj

Star Writer awards

Year R: Alice
Year 1/2: Matty
Year 3: Uma

Year 4: Teddy
Year 5 James
Year 6: Sam



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



Showing amazing self-belief and perseverance in his learning times and showing lovely respect for his friends and the environment! Noel

Always following the school values. You can be relied upon to be doing the right thing! Harrison

Consistently demonstrating all our school REPS: Nancy N

Always being such a shining example of all our school REPS: Alexa

Showing self-belief in how confidently you participated in maths and contributed ideas to the class: Hadley

Having more self-belief and confidence across the curriculum and challenging himself more: Aaron

Certificates of Merit



Being a lovely friend and listening and remembering more! Markos

Being amazing in maths this week when finding a quarter of a shape and a number: Pip

Getting more into your books – it is so nice to see your ideas and understanding! Taliyah

Such confident work in computing, challenging yourself to create different codes for your micro:bit with some amazing results: Sophie S

Always showing respect to everyone and for consistently putting in effort to improve your learning: Aras

Thoughtful observations, comments and questions in both RE and Art this week: Isla

Sport Certificates



Using good game skills in PE this week: Oliver R

Working well this week when practising throwing and catching of a bounce pass: Hugo

Demonstrating excellent throwing and catching skills in handball this week: Elliott

Working brilliantly with your partner to create a sequence in gymnastics: Sofia, Jack

Having developed his handball skills and shown good team work in the games this week: Charlie

Modelling and performing a range of precise skills in gymnastics this week: Sadie

Player of the match as voted by the opposition in the netball match against St Columba's College: Lizzy

Player of the match as voted by the opposition in the 5-4 win against Fleetville! Charlie