SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 13th February 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Year 1/2 with 100%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

We received some great news this week; Toni Neil (our grants governor) has been successful in her application for a £1000 grant to support with English resources, particularly for our pupils learning English as an Additional Language. We already know what we would like to spend this grant on so ‘THANK YOU’ Toni – you are simply brilliant at getting us what we need!

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parent Consultations, this week. Now we are half way through the academic year, it is great for you to see just how much progress your children are making across the curriculum. If you were not able to make either evening for any reason, please speak with your child’s class teacher after the holiday and they will try to arrange an after school meeting or telephone call.

Finally, we are aware that two of our after-school clubs had to be cancelled this week. The office received a number of calls following notifications that were sent out. We understand that it is frustrating and that it means you often have to make alternative arrangements but sometimes this simply cannot be helped. Sickness, emergencies etc happen, occasionally. However, please note, these clubs are not childcare. Play Pals is our after-school childcare provision and that is never cancelled. You can always book your child into Play Pals, even if it is last minute, so that you don’t have to worry about rushing to school for pick-up.
Play Pals can be booked via Arbor and is £8.50 per session (3:10-4:30p.m / 4:30-6:00p.m).

Half-term is finally here after what feels like the longest January of all time!
It looks like it might be a wet one but enjoy the break wherever you may be and whatever you may do 😊

Commando Joe’s Workshop

Today we had an awesome visitor called Commando Joe! He came to play some fun, energetic games that made us use all of our muscles to the highest of our capabilities. In the first game that we did we had to push our reflexes and leg muscles to the limit! In the second challenge, we had to stretch our legs and arms to propel us across the hall! We had a blast with all of the activities and challenges he presented us with and it was so exhilarating!

by Sadie and Aaron



Year 6

On Friday 30th January, Year 6 went on a trip to Hazard Alley Safety Centre in Milton Keynes. During the session, we had 10 different scenarios in the village which helped teach us about how to stay safe, understand risks and avoid accidents out in the real world. Some of the scenarios were: water safety, safety in the home, road safety and making the right choices (in person and online).












Year 5

This half term, we have been exploring installation art — an exciting form of art that transforms spaces through creative expression. Last week, we presented the installation pieces created and photographed in the previous lesson, sharing the inspiration behind our work and the messages that we hoped to communicate through our designs. Each group brought unique and imaginative ideas to life, including The Temple of Learning, The Monkey Mansion and The Cosy Campsite.





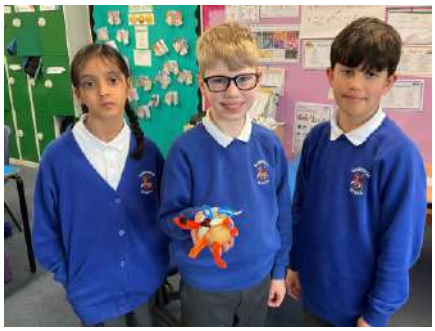






Year 4

In PSHE this week we took part in a competition to make the funniest potato person. We had to use teamwork skills to work together on our designs and to create our potatoes. We started with one big potato and had to create a potato person that had a job, hobby, name and address that we could choose in our groups. We had two winning potatoes, Peter the potato and Bob Diddle Bob the potato, but all of our designs were funny and made us laugh!





Year 3

This week we continued to investigate light and were given the challenge of making rainbows. There were pieces of white paper, dark card, glasses filled with water, mirrors, CDs, glass prisms and torches. It was a chance for us to pose scientific questions, come up with a plan and then test our theories. We made the room as dark as possible then went to different work stations to try and split the light into a rainbow. We found the CD made the best rainbows and the prisms made lights look like rainbows when we held them up to our eyes.









Year 1/2

This week in Year 1/2 we started our learning about letters. We started off looking at postcards and their features. We then wrote our own postcards to our mums and dads. We then walked to the post box to post them home. Look out for letters arriving soon!










Reception

In maths, we have been learning about subtraction/take away in fun ways:

We have played playdough smash where we make an amount of playdough balls and smash some and work out how many we smashed and how many are left.






We have done the same with 10 skittles!





The following children celebrated their birthdays this week

Reggie, Hugh, Oscar P

Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Azari
Year 1/2: Bilvani

Star Writer awards

Year R: Freya
Year 1/2: Elliot
Year 3: Olivia

Year 4: All of Year 4!
Year 5 Stephanie
Year 6: Cece-Blue

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

Demonstrating more and more self-belief, especially with her beautiful singing in Russian: Alice

Being such a kind and wonderful friend to everyone in the class: Mia

Showing equality and respect to all members of the class: Hope

Working so hard to keep our classroom tidy and respecting our environment: Wilfred

Persevering in a number of areas in school life: Karen

Having self-belief across the curriculum and putting 100% effort into his work: Oscar P

Certificates of Merit

Being kind to others when offering to play games with them: Beatrix

Always contributing to class discussions: Danai

Sharing what makes you special with the class and being resilient when facing challenges! Lyra

Putting such effort into using your beautiful joined up handwriting in extended writing: Amelia

Sharing your knowledge of Islam in RE and helping your classmates interpret the Qur'an: Sara

Having a positive attitude in all lessons and asking interesting and purposeful questions: Karson

Sport Certificates

Your amazing, speedy, cross country, muddy bike race – we enjoyed watching it so much! Rocco

Showing good control with a tennis racquet: Tilly

Making good progress in our yoga sessions, improving your control and holding your poses for longer: Charlie M

Fantastic passing and defending in our basketball game this week: Mustafa

Excelling at the task of performing an African dance! Georgia

Demonstrating a range of precise skills in gymnastics this week: Orla