SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 27th February 2026

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



Number of late in each class this week:

No lates	**Year 2, Year 3**
1 late	**Year 3**
2 lates	**Reception, Year 1**
3 lates	**Year 4, Year 5**



The attendance champions for this month are Year 1/2 with 99.5%
Year 1/2's reward will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 6th March!

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Welcome back everyone; I hope you all had a good half-term.
It's been lovely to have some sunshine as we return to school.

This week, Years 4 & 5 have been swimming daily at the Hatfield Swim Centre and, even with just five hours of swimming so far, we can already see a lot of progress. They will continue their daily lessons next week to finish the programme and achieve, we hope, even more success. Keep going everyone – we know its tiring swimming for an hour each day!

Please note that, even though World Book Day is officially next Thursday, due to swimming, we will be celebrating it the following week on Thursday 12th March. See below for more information and possible dress-up ideas if you haven't already planned your costume.

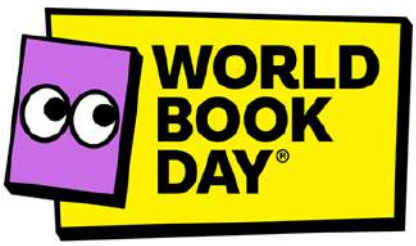
Finally, we welcome our new caretaker, Steve Pryor, to Sandridge this half-term. We have been without a caretaker for a few months so we are thrilled he has started. He is getting to know the site and the school building and has made a great start. Welcome Steve!

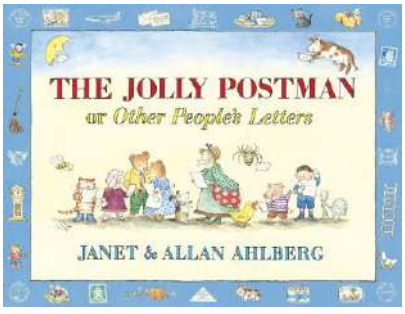
Have a lovely weekend 😊

World Book Day

We can't wait to celebrate World Book Day as a school on **Thursday 12th March**.
This year marks 40 years since The Jolly Postman was released and we will be completing work in our classes to commemorate this lovely book and support an exhibition in The Postal Museum in London.

We are looking forward to seeing all of your lovely book inspired costumes on the 12th March but if you are a little stuck for ideas maybe you could be inspired by the Jolly Postman or some of the fairy tale characters that make an appearance in the text (also see below for more dressing up ideas).





World Book Day Dress Up Day – Thursday 12th March

Dressing-up can be a fun way to get children talking about books, sharing recommendations and celebrating what they enjoy reading. We don't expect parents to spend a lot of money on costumes – homemade ones are often the best! There is lots of inspiration online – https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/2026-1-e1-50-dressing-up-ideas-pack/ has some good ideas and templates.



Football

On Monday 23rd February, we played an away match against St Adrian's. Our goal scorers were: Theo with 4 goals, Jerome with 1 goal and Oscar with a goal from his own box! It was a tough game but we succeeded and ended up winning the game. The final score was 6-1. Daniel and Harry swapped positions with Harry coming out of goal. Theo was the player of the match. This puts us at 6 points clear in the league.

On Wednesday 25th February, we played another away match against St John Fisher. It was a thrilling game full of goals! The final score was 10-0 to us. The goal scorers were: Theo with 4, Oscar and Jerome with 2 goals each, Daniel with 1 goal and Karson with 1 goal that was magical! This puts us 9 points clear of second place in the league!
The player of the match was Oscar.

by Oscar, Karson and Daniel

Cross Country

On Thursday 26th February, Eve, Meral, Matilda, Olivia Z, Artie, Harry, Kam, Oliver and Jerome went to Mandeville School to compete in a cross country race. It was cloudy and miserable weather but everyone did their best and we had some children who placed really well. Meral came top out of the Sandridge girls and was placed 7th and Harry came top out of the Sandridge boys in 20th. Overall, it was the hardest race so far since it was all uphill but everyone persevered and finished the race!

by Eve and Meral

Year 6

In art we have been taking inspiration from the artist Lubaina Himid, who painted images, using picture clues, about important topics in the world e.g. racism. We chose our own topic and created images in Lubaina's style.





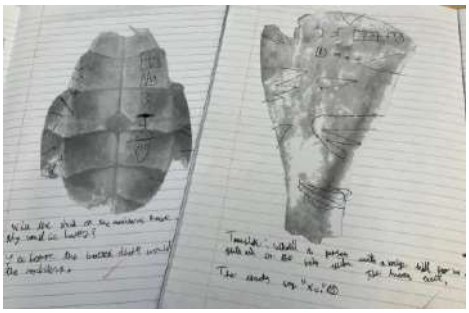
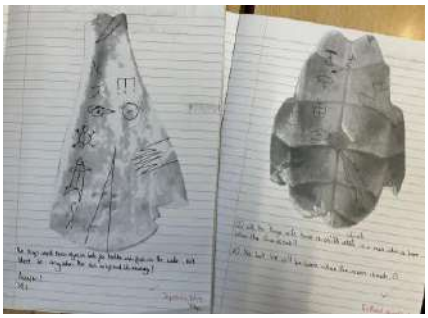
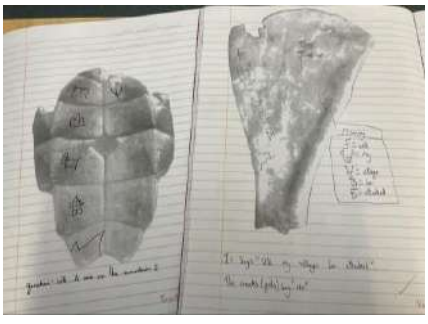







Year 5

In History this week, we continued our learning about the Shang Dynasty. We explored what life was like for peasants during that time, including the kinds of jobs they did, how they lived, and the types of food they ate. To showcase our understanding, we worked in groups to discuss, practise and perform short plays, bringing the daily lives of people in the Shang Dynasty to life. We then moved on to learning about Shang writing, an early form of pictograph, where we worked on decoding symbols and used them to create our own messages on the oracle bones, just as Shang kings used them to ask the gods questions about ruling his kingdom.



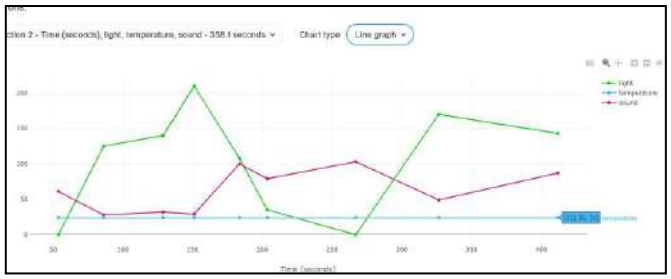

Year 4

In computing we have been learning about logging data. We have been using micro:bits as a tool to collect and record data. We started by learning how to program the micro:bits and used them to detect light levels. When the light level went below a certain level it would turn on the LEDs. We then learnt that we could use the data loggers to record sound and temperature as well as light. We programmed them to collect and record all of this data when we pressed the A button. We travelled around the school to see how the data changed in different environments and when we came back to our computers we uploaded our data and created graphs using our results.











Year 3

We have been looking at castles for our DT unit last half term and the final task was to build a castle using 3D structures. We had looked at how to make structures stable and the different features of a castle. Most of us added the towers, battlements and a drawbridge, but some managed to put other features such as the keep, moat and flag. We then enjoyed adding embellishments to make our castles suitable for the intended inhabitants. Who knew a capybara would be such a popular guest!










Year 1/2

This week in maths we looked at measuring capacity. Both Year 1 and 2 filled up different containers with water. Year 1s described how much water was in it by using the language full, nearly full, half full, nearly empty, and empty. Year 2s had to read a scale to say how many millilitres of water was in each of the containers.



Reception

As part of our Understanding of the World curriculum we have been learning about Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year, which both happened last week.
Of course, we had to eat pancakes and noodles with chopsticks to experience these events! We also learnt about Shrove Tuesday events around the world and how people prepare for and celebrate Chinese New Year. We acted out the story of the zodiac/animals race and were brilliant at Chinese writing too. We enjoyed watching and taking part in a lion/dragon dance and also explored Chinese New Year artefacts and set up our own noodle delivery service during our own learning time!



The following children celebrated their birthdays this week and over half-term:



Isabelle, Lizzie, Oscar P, Olivia Z, Ellie, Lyra, Shahnaz, Danai



This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to: Year 4 & 5



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Oliver
Year 1/2: Zahra



Star Writer awards

Year R: Elijah
Year 1/2: Cherry
Year 3: Ettie

Year 4: Ann-Teresa
Year 5 Lasya
Year 6: Malak



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



Persevering with drawing circles and spirals on the large whiteboard this week: Azari

Demonstrating all of our REPS in class this week: Avraaj

Having more self-belief and trying challenges in lessons: Elliott

Showing such self-belief at swimming this week and having such a positive attitude: Oscar T

Persevering in identifying formal words when reading and practicing them in your writing: Shona

Having more self-belief and perseverance this week especially in maths: Eve

Certificates of Merit



Loving every story this week and using good memory recall for prediction too: Jerry

Contributing more to class discussions this week: Liam

Excellent reading this week! Demi

Improving so much in swimming this week and showing great effort and eagerness to try: Zainab

Challenging yourself to become a coordinates master this week! Ralph

Sharing her knowledge and supporting her group during RE this week: Amna

Sport Certificates



Being a fantastic game player in our Emergency Services vehicle PE lesson! Markos

Showing good ball skills with both your hands and feet: Pip

Brilliant engagement in our first gymnastics lesson: Quinn

Fantastic passing and dribbling in football this week: Parker

Setting a great example in the pool through your swimming skills and attention to the rules: Matilda

Throwing himself into every sport and demonstrating a range of precise skills: Jerome

Player of the football match as voted for by the opposition in the 6-1 win against St Adrian's: Theo

Player of the football match as voted for by the opposition in the 10-0 win against St John Fisher: Oscar

Representing the school in your first two football matches this week: Karson

Representing the school in your first cross country meet at Mandeville school this week: Artie, Olivia Z