SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 13th March 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Year 3 with 97.1%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

On Monday, we had our annual Governor Day with all governors being in school carrying out a wide range of activities including learning walks, book looks and pupil wellbeing surveys. The pupil surveys were overwhelmingly positive with all children saying they feel safe in school. Our annual parent survey will come out after Easter.

Yesterday, we celebrated World Book Day. Everyone looked amazing and enjoyed reading for pleasure and completing a range of activities linked to The Jolly Postman which celebrates its 40th year, this year. See below for photos…

Next week is Assessment Week for all children. Year 6 will complete mock SATs tests in the hall whilst other children will be completing a mix of tests and practical assessment activities throughout the week. Please make sure your child is in school every day and on time. Thank you.

Finally, save the date: our new Mental Health Support Team Practitioner, Lucy Farren, is hosting a coffee morning in the school hall on Tuesday 24th March 9:00-10:30a.m. This is a great opportunity to find out about her role and what she can offer you and/or your child. Do come along and enjoy a cuppa and biscuit. We will set some mats up at the back of the hall with a few toys if you need to bring toddlers/pre-schoolers along.

Have a great weekend 😊

Saltmine Theatre Company

On Tuesday afternoon, we all enjoyed an ‘amazing, funny, entertaining and moving’ original, musical performance, based around the Rhyming Bible from Saltmine Theatre Company. It was interactive and the music covered a wide range of genres from rap to sea shanty (for Jonah and the Whale!) It was lovely to have an actor called Jonah singing and acting out the story of Jonah and an actor called Esther acting out the story of Queen Esther!
Afterwards, Year 5 and Year 6 had an interactive workshop with the actors and also had the opportunity to ask them questions.

Thank you to Saltmine Theatre Company for giving us this rich RE learning opportunity for free.







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Easter fun at Sandridge School – Tuesday 24th March from 2.50pm

Join us on Tuesday 24th March at 2.50pm for our Easter bonnet parade on the school playground. Then, after school at 3.10pm, join in the Easter trail and find the hidden clues. You could even treat yourself to a doughnut on the day too!

Easter Bonnet details

Children are being invited to get creative and design and make a bonnet at home for our school Easter bonnet parade. The bonnet can be any design they like. Children will need to bring their bonnet into school on Tuesday 24th March. At 2.50pm, before school pick-up, all children who have entered will take place in the Easter bonnet parade on the school playground (all parents/carers are invited to watch). A winner from each class will be chosen and prizes will be given out. It costs £2 per entry. Follow this link to book a place: https://pta.events/lj5m2fzx

Easter Trail details

After the parade, the children can join in our Easter trail and find the clues hidden around the playground. It costs £2 per child and this is payable on the day.

Easter Hamper

As part of our Easter event, we are organising a raffle and we would be really grateful for any donations we can add to an Easter hamper. If you are able to help, please give any donations to the school office. Please could we ask that any food donations are nut free.

Thank you. 😊





Playground Equipment

We have been working hard to raise funds for new playground climbing equipment for the children and we have good news! We can now let you know that the trim trail will be replaced with the addition of a monkey bar section and the criss-cross climbing frame will be repaired. Works will begin sometime in the summer term. We will let you know exact dates as soon as we get these from the supplier.

We are looking at options for a third piece of equipment for the far corner of the grassy area by the playground. This may take a little longer to confirm as we want to make sure we have the sufficient funds to make it amazing!

Thank you for all your support with our events that helps to raise the money to make these things possible for the school.

If you have any ideas or would like a chat, please message Rhia on 07940037932.

If anyone would like to join the committee or volunteers, please join the relevant WhatsApp group below.

Committee: https://chat.whatsapp.com/HfXfGZ8mxxvAZehFqupn6h?mode=gi_t

Volunteers: https://chat.whatsapp.com/JhyYmH6fo15HzS63Rf96dS?mode=gi_t

Thanks again,

FOSS team



Netball

On Wednesday 11th March, our school netball team played an away match against Colney Heath. It was a thrilling and windy game but unfortunately… we lost 9-1! Our one goal was scored by Charlie (Goal Shooter). Player of the match was Sam (Goal Keeper). Overall, it was a brilliant game. Well done everyone!

By Eve and Isla

Football

On Thursday 12th March, the Sandridge football team, Harry, Hugh, Otti, Oscar, Jerome, Theo, Meral, Daniel and Karson played a home game against Maple School. The game finished 11-2 to us, making us official league winners without losing a game. Goal scorers were: Oscar, Karson and Meral with one each, Hugh with two, and Theo and Daniel with three each. Player of the match was Theo.

By Theo and Karson

Year 6

For World Book Day yesterday, Year 6 took inspiration from The Jolly Postman book and wrote complaint letters about a fairy tale character. Examples of this were: a complaint about Goldilocks from the 3 bears; a complaint from the wolf about the three little pigs (and the other way round); and a complaint from the giant (up the beanstalk) about Jack. We then created a design for a stamp which incorporated something linking to the fairy tale we were inspired by. We used sketch work and watercolours to complete our designs.



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have moved on to their new English unit of suspense writing. They learnt about the story of The Watertower written by Gary Crew. It is set in a rural area and two characters let their intrigue get the better of them as they attempt to explore the abandoned water tower. Mystery sets in as it appears there may be something strange going on! It frustrated many of the class leaving on such a cliffhanger, but they were given the opportunity to understand the characters further by acting it out. There was some excellent reading accompanied by imaginative actions and creative use of props to create the scene. The vivid pictures enabled the class to replicate characters' expressions and the mystery surrounding the water tower.

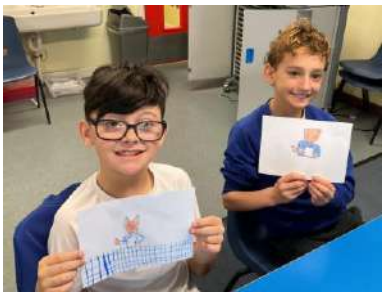


Year 4

We loved celebrating World Book Day in Year 4! We were inspired by The Jolly Postman and wrote our own persuasive letters as Goldilocks to the Three Bears apologising for our behaviour and asking for a playdate with Baby Bear. We were able to apply the skills that we learnt earlier this year and our letters were fantastic. We also created some artwork to be sent to the Postal Museum inspired by the Jolly Postman. We used a pointillism art technique that we had practised in our art lessons.






Year 3

In English, we have been writing persuasive speeches about protecting the environment. We had to think about a problem, why it was important and how we proposed it be fixed. Before presenting them, we went outside to rehearse our speeches. Some of us read to partners or groups, and some of us found that trees were good listeners! We had to think about where we wanted to change our voices, when to look up, if there were any gestures to be added and think about being loud enough. After doing this for a while, we went back inside to deliver our speeches to the whole class.









Year 1/2

For World Book Day, Year 1/2 wrote postcards in the morning to characters from the story, 'The Jolly Postman'. Then, in the afternoon, we created stamps. We could either collage with paper and stick our silhouette over the top, or we could stick the silhouette on the paper and then use our fingers to paint the stamp, so that when it was dry, we could take the silhouette off.







Reception

This week we have enjoyed role playing the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have also enjoyed writing about the Three Billy Goats Gruff and Postcards from the Jolly Postman, dressing up and reading with our buddies!










The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Hannah, Aras



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



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Markos
Year 1/2: Mia



Star Writer awards

Year R: Azari
Year 1/2: Oscar
Year 3: Charly
Year 4: Seth
Year 5 Matilda
Year 6: Otti



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



Showing tremendous self-belief and perseverance in all his work this week! Elijah

Showing respect to your classmates and classroom. You listen to others, help tidy up and take care of people: Matty

Showing more determination to achieve set tasks and listening to feedback: Kira

Showing such respect for our school environment and being so helpful when putting toys away: Evie

Brilliant drama performance in our English lesson: Elsa

Having a positive attitude and self-belief in maths when persevering with a new method: Michael

Certificates of Merit



Being so quick at our maths sharing number activity this week and also such a confident 'Jolly Postal worker' yesterday! We all loved reading your letters! Alice

Thinking carefully about the design of your stamp and working neatly to complete the design: Harrison

Trying really hard in English and maths this week: Isabelle

Showing such creativity and thoughtfulness when creating your artwork for World Book Day: Oscar P

Engaging participation in drama this week, working well with your group: Freddie

Listening carefully and involving herself fully in the RE workshops: Isla

Sport Certificates



Being so motivated to talk about your bowling experience, and bowling skittles during your own learning time this week: Jerry

Using a wide range of shooting skills with different equipment: Reuben

Demonstrating good pivoting and catching skills in our first netball lesson: Amelie

Pushing yourself in football this week: Su

Effort in fitness this week, showing great stamina in skipping and agile running: Hadley

Trying really hard to improve in gymnastics and putting together a fluent sequence: Roxy

Player of the match as voted for by the opposition in the netball match against Colney Heath: Sam

Player of the football match as voted for by the opposition in the 11-2 win against Maple: Theo