SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 20th March 2026

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



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

We have had a very busy assessment week across the school with children involved in a wide range of reading, writing and maths activities and tests.
Year 6 also completed a week of mock SATs tests in the hall so they have more of an idea of what the actual SATs week will feel like in May.
Well done everyone – you have worked really hard and tried your best!

Below are a few reminders about next week:

MHST – coffee morning

Next Tuesday, at 8:45-10:00a.m, we are holding a coffee morning in Bluebell Room. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a coffee and croissant and meet our new Mental Health Support Team Practitioner, Lucy Farren. Lucy has already started running a few pupil groups but can work with and support parents too. Do come along and enjoy an informal chat.
Toddlers/babies can come along too!

Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg Hunt

Do sign up for our Easter Bonnet Parade and competition next Tuesday – it was such a lovely event last year. There is still time to make your bonnets/hats and enter. Following this, there will be an Easter Egg hunt on the field. Come and join the fun!
Lessons will finish at the slightly earlier time of 2:50p.m that day. Children will line up on the playground in their classes (just like they do on the last day of the year).

Easter break

Please note, we finish at 1:30p.m on Friday 27th March for our Easter holiday.

Children return to school on Monday 13th April at 8:40a.m.

Have a good weekend 😊

Tax-Free Childcare

Did you know you can pay for Play Pals and Breakfast Club with Childcare Vouchers?

See https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare for further details and contact the school office if you register.

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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 can 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 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 just ask that any food donations are nut free.

Volunteers

If anyone is able to help on the day, please let the office know. Thank you. 😊

Families Magazine March/April 2026

There's lots to read and enjoy including your guide to the new Spring season, Easter activities, lots of great features, fun things to do and a What's On section. Click on the link for the latest issue:

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_hertfordshire_march_april_2026?fr=xKAE9_zMMw



Netball

On Saturday 14th March, our Year 5 and 6 netball team played a Year 6 netball tournament. It was fun and energising but unfortunately, we came sixth in Pool B. The first school we played was Alban City and we lost. The second school was Fleetville. The third was Bernard's Heath. The fourth was St John Fisher which we drew and the last was Camp. Overall, it was a brilliant set of matches.

By Eve and Isla

Year 4/5 Football

In our Year 4/5 football game, on Thursday 19th March, we had lots of fun playing against Margaret Wix. Our score was 4-4. Daniel scored three goals (a hattrick) and Oscar P scored the other goal. Harry, Imogen, Charlie and Ralph all took a turn in goal and were all super stars!

By Henry, Harry and Imogen

Year 6

This week in Science, we were deepening our understanding of light by investigating which materials reflected light and which absorbed light. We had to consider different materials' properties, predict whether we thought it would absorb or reflect light and then test it. We noticed that smooth, light-coloured and shiny surfaces reflected light whereas darker, matte, opaque surfaces absorbed light more.

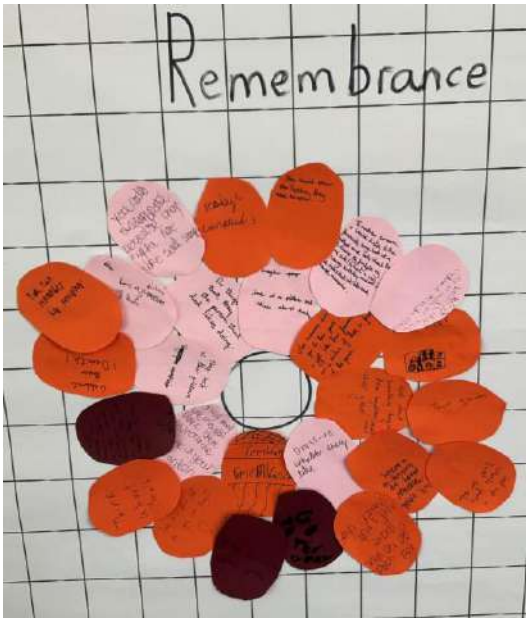




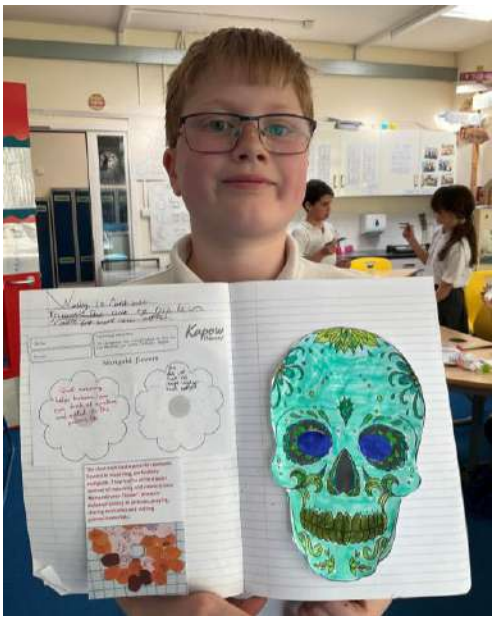



Year 5

Year 5 have had a challenging RE topic of 'What happens after death?' but have shown a mature attitude towards it and given considered answers when needed. There has been excellent discussion around different religions' beliefs and what chosen books suggest. This week focused on Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead festival. Initially, the class each had a petal to represent flowers in mourning, particularly marigolds. They had to write a quiet method of mourning and create a class 'Remembrance Flower'. Answers included looking at pictures, praying, sharing memories and visiting graves/memorials. They then explored Dia de los Muertos and created their own artwork in the traditional style.







Year 4

In science this week, we conducted an investigation to understand the relationship between volume and distance from a sound source. We started by going outside and listening to a sound on the iPad, then we took three steps back and it was played again. We did this a number of times and identified that the volume was getting quieter the further we were from the source of the sound. We thought that we could get more scientific and accurate data by controlling variables and using a data logger to measure the decibels and conducted the investigation again.









Year 3

This term in music, Year 3 are learning a Viking-themed song called ‘Dragon Ships’. This week, they demonstrated excellent teamwork by pretending to be Vikings rowing a boat, keeping a steady beat together. The warm-up exercise, which involved tiptoeing across the snow (without shoes) to use the outdoor toilet, brought lots of laughter! They then focused on learning the lyrics and creating their own actions, displaying their creativity and enthusiasm.









Year 1/2

Last week, we finished our final piece of work for our art unit, Drawing: Understanding Tone and Texture. We brought in a teddy which was our model. We started off looking for the shapes we could see, before refining it and then adding in the different tones (light and dark) and the texture.









Reception

This week, spring has truly sprung! We have enjoyed thinking about spring by going on a spring walk; drawing and painting daffodils; spotting signs of spring; thinking about spring information books and stories; and writing spring poems.







We have helped create an Easter tree and explored different types of eggs.
We have also thought about baby animals and thought about how some are born in spring…especially on a farm. We have been looking forward to our trip to the farm today to see some real farm animals and some of their babies too!








In gymnastics, we have been learning to make different shapes with our bodies and link it to animals. We practised making tuck shapes, straight shapes, star shapes, pike shapes and straddle shapes on and around the apparatus and linked it to woodland animals.

The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Sadie, Alex



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



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Beatrix
Year 1/2: Bilvani



Star Writer awards

Year R: Jerry
Year 1/2: Mahnaz

Year 4: Milo
Year 5 Rebecca
Year 6: Emily



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



Showing amazing perseverance and self-belief for all her learning this week: Freya

Showing real resilience and perseverance this week when completing our assessments: Lennie

Demonstrating more confidence and self-advocacy skills recently: Olivia W

Showing such perseverance in maths this week and pushing yourself in every lesson: Jack

Consistent effort in completing maths tasks to a good standard this week: Olivia Z

Having self-belief in all lessons and working as hard as he can to make progress: Hugh

Certificates of Merit



Working really hard and being a lovely, mature friend too: Rocco

Being so wonderful at Tara's Retreat and having lovely conversations with the residents and staff: Zen

Being a good friend to all and being inclusive in all you do: Nancy N

Leading your group with confidence and respect in science and helping to collect accurate data: Daniel

Working hard with your partner in gymnastics this week: Henry

Always being engaged, proactive and hard-working: Orla

Sport Certificates



Great shapes in gymnastics this week: Mya

Persevering and really trying when learning and practising different rolls in gymnastics: Austin

Being a blur on the netball court and marking opponents really well! Minnie

Listening to feedback to help you to improve your rolling technique in gymnastics: Mustafa

Your perseverance and growing confidence in guided reading this week: Karen

Excellent movement and shooting in basketball: Alice

Coming second in the Small School Boys Cross Country League: Oscar

Representing the school in the Year 4/5 football match against Margaret Wix: Henry, Oscar T, Harry, Ralph, Oscar P, Daniel, Parker, Seth, Mustafa, Artie, Imogen, Charlie

Winning Football League F and going unbeaten this season! Theo, Oscar, Meral, Hugh, Jerome, Karson, Kam, Otti, Harry, Daniel, Freddie