SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 6th March 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Year 1/2 & Year 5 with 100%



Number of late in each class this week:

1 late	**Year 1/2, Year 5**
3 lates	**Year 6**
4 lates	**Reception**
5 lates	**Year 3, Year 4**



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Years 4 and 5 completed their swimming programme today – they will sleep well, this weekend, I’m sure! It has been amazing to see the progress in the children’s confidence and in their swimming ability over the last two weeks – swimming for an hour each day. Children started at differing levels but we have seen those that were scared of water now swimming with a float happily, some that have developed refined techniques, some who have jumped from a diving board into very deep water and then been timed treading water for as long as possible and those that have increased their stamina and swum 33 metres or more.
Everyone also experienced a life-saving skills session yesterday which was brilliant.
Well done to everyone in Year 4 and Year 5 for pushing themselves and achieving success - we are proud of you.

Please remember that we are celebrating World Book Day next Thursday so get your costumes at the ready… we look forward to seeing them in all their glory!

Have a great weekend 😊

PTA – 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, 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.



Spring Allergies & Asthma – What Parents Should Know

Pollen and hay fever often make asthma worse. A few simple steps can help:

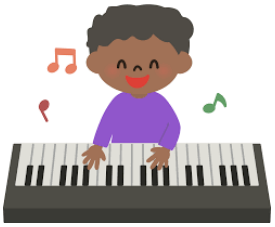
- Keep windows closed on high pollen days
- Wash hair/clothes after outdoor play
- Ask your GP about antihistamines if needed

Ana Marote Consultancy
Expert Paediatric support, when it matters most

Music tuition

Our lovely piano teacher, Oula Williams, has capacity in her timetable to teach two more pupils at Sandridge. If your child is interested in learning the piano, please click on the link below for further information, including prices, and to sign up. She is happy to take children from Reception upwards.

www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/registeronline



Netball

On Wednesday 4th March, we played Mount Pleasant Lane School. It was a brilliant game, but unfortunately, we lost with the final score 1-9 to MPL. Despite losing, we all enjoyed the game. Orla, our Goal Attack, scored our one goal. Player of the match was Isla, our goalkeeper/goal defence.

by Matilda and Isla

Football

On Monday we played a match against Park Street School. The final score was 5-3 to us with Theo scoring a hat-trick, Jerome scoring one goal and Hugh scoring one goal. It was a fantastic match and a tense one, with Park Street getting two goals in the last five minutes! Theo was player of the match.

Sandridge are now permanently top and have therefore won the league!

by Jerome and Daniel

Well done to Theo, Oscar, Hugh, Jerome, Kam, Meral, Otti and Karson in Year 6, Freddie and Harry in Year 5 and Daniel in Year 4 for playing so well this season!

COLNEY HEATH COLTS FOOTBALL CLUB
EST 2024

COLNEY HEATH COLTS FC

Saturday Soccer School!

For Boys & Girls Aged 5–7



Fun, Friends & Football!

WHEN?
Every Saturday
10:00am – 11:00am

WHERE?
Colney Heath FC

COST?
£5 Per Session

- Fun Skills & Games
- FA Qualified Coaches
- Safe & Friendly Environment
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TO BOOK:
Ollie Poole
07813 389505

Year 6

This week in Science, Year 6 were learning about how light can be reflected and change direction. As we knew that light only travels in straight lines, we had to think about what we could use to help it change direction. We discussed that when light hits a mirror, it bounces off and changes direction, depending on the angle the mirror is at. For our task, we had to explore the changes of direction depending on the mirror's angle. We then had some challenges where we had to use our knowledge to think about where mirrors would need to be placed to help the light reach its goal.








Year 3

Last week was our turn to visit the residents at Tara's Retreat. We started by singing them the song 'Acceptance' that we have been learning from Electric Umbrella and used the Makaton signs that go with the song. They seemed to enjoy the show as some joined in with the actions and there were lots of smiles. We were proud of ourselves for remembering it so well! We then had time to talk to the residents, play games or read to them. Our adults were impressed with how many of us had the confidence to introduce ourselves and heard us use our best manners. To finish, we performed our song again and there was certainly a lot more dancing this time! Thank you for having us Tara's Retreat!









Year 4 and 5

Over the past fortnight, children in Years 4 and 5 have been attending swimming lessons at Hatfield Swim Centre. During these sessions, they have been developing their swimming skills by practising different strokes, improving their breathing techniques, and learning how to coordinate their arm and leg movements effectively. A particularly important part of the programme was self-rescue training, where children practised essential water safety skills while wearing their pyjamas to simulate a real-life situation. It has been a fantastic experience; the children have all made excellent progress, practised new skills and have been polite and supportive of each other.

Feedback from our children about the lessons:
'The self-rescue training was really fun and useful.' - Aras, Year 5
'I am very excited because now I can swim with my family in the summer,' - Zainab, Year 5
'I liked going on the diving board because we were able to spring up and jump into the 3.8m pool' - Daniel, Year 4.
'I was really scared of jumping into the 3.8 but when I did it, it was really fun!' - Emma, Year 4.
'It was fun swimming to save the dummy' - Alexa, Year 4.
'When we did the pyjama swimming, I enjoyed being dragged to safety. It was like I was having a nap in the water!' - Jack, Year 4.
'When we were swimming in our pyjamas it was fun.' - Ann Teresa, Year 4.
'I enjoyed using the noodles to rescue people and now I feel like I could help someone if they were in danger!' - Oscar T, Year 4










Year 1/2

This week in science we have been making our own recycled paper. We started off by mixing ripped up paper with warm water before we mushed it with our fingers. We drained the water off before spreading it out over foil and squashing it with heavy books. We took the books off to allow it to dry.








Reception

We have enjoyed linking our focus story of the Three Little Pigs with materials and enjoyed thinking about what a strong house would be made from. We tested a straw/paper/stick/Lego/brick house by blowing on them ourselves and then using the cold setting of a hairdryer (closely supervised!).

We drew on previous and new experience to use sentences with the word 'because' in to justify what we would build a strong house with.
Beatrix said, "Lego is strong *because* it doesn't blow down."
Markos said, "*Because* when we blow it, it wouldn't go down on the floor."
Noel said, "Lego *because* it's made out of plastic and plastic is strong."
Freya said, "Lego *because* it stays standing up."

We have also thought about wolves and have mixed black and white to make grey.






The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Rebecca, Hope



This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to: Year 6



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Mya
Year 1/2: Danai



Star Writer awards

Year R: Oliver
Year 1/2: Hugo
Year 3: Uma

Year 5 Georgia
Year 6: Lizzy



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



Continuing to show so much respect to adults and his peers with his lovely manners. Also, for having more self-belief and perseverance with independent work this week: Noel

Persevering with your handwriting and amazing us all with the improvement! Sophie K

Persevering with your learning, especially your writing: Charlie W

Showing such perseverance and determination in swimming and making amazing progress: Sama

Your growing confidence in maths this week: Harry

Always being respectful and having more self-belief across the curriculum: Lilly

Certificates of Merit



Lovely focus and enthusiasm to read and write this week: Freya

Working well in maths this week when telling the time: Ewan

Drawing very accurate clock faces and using the clock game to show us what you can do: Hunter

Always having a fantastic attitude towards your learning: Emma

Diligence in learning this week: Charlie

Remembering our key vocabulary in RE and sharing his knowledge with the class: Franklin

Sport Certificates



Working hard to produce good rainforest themed gymnastic shapes and moves this week: Beatrix

Working well with your partner, you were successful in passing and moving the ball around the playground: Ted

Positive attitude in handball this week: Lucien

Being simply amazing at swimming, making fantastic progress, being polite and supportive of each other. It has been a pleasure to take you all! All of Year 4

Fantastic swimming, showing great resilience, perseverance, enthusiasm and wonderful manners: All of Year 5

Trying really hard to improve her core skills in gymnastics: Meral

Player of the match as voted for by the opposition in the 5-3 win against Park Street: Theo

Player of the match as voted for by the opposition in the netball match against Mount Pleasant Lane: Isla