SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 17th April 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Reception with 100%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Welcome back everyone – I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.
The sun is shining and all the children have settled back into routines and have been working really hard, this week.

Your child will have brought home our annual parent survey on Tuesday. We have had many back already – lots of positive feedback and some lovely comments. Thank you.
Please do take some time to complete these – the deadline for returning them is Friday 1st May.
We really appreciate your feedback and comments.

Summer is always a very busy term. Please see the accompanying ‘term dates’ sheet that has been sent out with today’s newsletter – there are a lot of trips and events taking place so do have a good look and add the relevant dates to your diaries.

Have a great weekend 😊

Optional Homework

Well done to Beatrix, Matty, Sofia, Roxy and Tilly who designed some lovely posters at home linked to saving our green spaces and caring for the environment.











Year 6

This week in RE, we were learning about the Muslim pilgrimage (Hajj) to Makkah. We learnt why many Muslims go to Makkah and the challenges some Muslims face in taking the pilgrimage. In groups, we then had to summarise (and some of us acted out) one of the 5 rituals that are undertaken during Hajj.













Year 5

Year 5 have begun their new English unit looking at the book 'The Skies Above My Eyes'. They have explored other books in the series, which investigate the oceans and what is underneath our feet. On Wednesday, they dodged the April showers and went outside for inspiration. Using the existing weather conditions, they created their own sentences based on what was in the sky. Although it was a dull day, the class used their figurative language skills and brought the scene to life.

“Overhead, I saw wavy, glum looking clouds ready to cry.” Lasya
“As I look up, I see nests squatting on branches.” Artie
“Raindrops shattering through the trees, leaf to leaf then the ground.” Shona
“Up above the clouds, Saturn and Jupiter collide together in the galactic world.” Aras









Year 4

What a start to the term Year 4 have had! On Monday we learnt about the different parts of the digestive system and their functions and we ended the day by demonstrating the process ourselves. We cut and mashed bread to represent the role of the teeth before it entered the stomach (a sandwich bag). Then we added the stomach acid and bile (orange juice and water with food colouring) before squashing it to represent contracting stomach muscles breaking down the food into chyme. The food then passed to the small intestine (tights) where all of the nutrients were transferred to the rest of the body (the tray). It then passed to the large intestine where the remaining water was removed before finally, the tights were cut to allow the faeces to exit the body.










Year 3

This week we have been looking at fractions and in particular how you find fractions of a given amount. We used manipulatives to divide the whole by the denominator, and then multiplied by the numerator. Being able to physically see the groups and count how many in each group really helped and some of us moved onto explaining to others.








Year 1/2

Before the Easter Holidays, Year 1/2 and Reception went on a trip to Standalone Farm. After we arrived, we went to the woodland area and completed a scavenger hunt looking for various insects, plants and animals. We then went to meet some more of the animals including a shire horse called Bandit who was only 11 months old but already so big! We also saw some sheep and their lambs. We then went to see more of the animals including cows, pigs, goats, donkeys, horses and alpacas. While there, Year 1 & 2 used their new knowledge about farms to identify the different buildings and their uses.








Reception

Before the holidays we were so proud of the accomplished way Reception children peeled hard boiled eggs to create egg sandwiches. Some children were surprised that they liked them so much! The children observed raw eggs too and noticed how they had changed after they had been cooked.






On the last Friday before the holiday, Reception children with their buddies in Year 6 and friends in Year 1/2 created some amazing eggs on the field.

This week we have really been enjoying our own learning time outside to continue to develop PSED, C&L and PD skills.







The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Lennie H-S, Aliza, Cherry



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



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Noel
Year 1/2: Cherry



Star Writer awards

Year R: Beatrix
Year 1/2: Oscar
Year 3: Lucien
Year 4: Sophie S
Year 5 Henry
Year 6: Sam



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



Continuing to build up his stamina for recorded work and for being so respectful and having lovely self-belief too! Jerry

Showing amazing perseverance in maths this week when working with money: Zahra

Being spotted demonstrating self-belief outside when performing a concert for younger children. You rehearsed, sent out tickets and then performed with confidence! Olivia and Amelie

Showing such self-belief during maths when calculating the area of shapes: Amelia

Persevering with her learning, particularly in English and maths, and coming back with a brilliant attitude after the holidays: Zainab

Having self-belief and persevering in all lessons: Kamron

Certificates of Merit



Showing really good progress with all her learning this week especially with her story writing: Mya

Working so hard this week especially in maths: Danai

Being so motivated to write that you are doing it at home in your own time – keep it up! Taliyah

Being so thoughtful and considerate when sharing your ideas and opinions about the difficulties that people have faced during history: Ralph

Your consistent effort across all subjects and contributing to lesson discussions: James

Making superb progress in reading and using all of the skills from our guided reading lessons: Alex

Sport Certificates



Gaining more control for kangaroo jumping and balancing with co-ordination in Gymnastics this week: Elijah

Showing excellent understanding around attacking and defending: Lennie

Demonstrating excellent landings and control in gymnastics this week: Mohamad

Showing such perseverance when developing racket skills in tennis: Alexa

A fantastic attitude in gymnastics and displaying a range of excellent rolls! Sara

Superb throwing and catching skills in rounders, showing a good understanding of a fielder's role: Theo