SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 15th May 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Year 6 with 100%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

It has been a very intense week for our Y6 pupils, this week, with their SATs.
Well done to each and every one of you. You have shown resilience, determination, courage and kindness. We all saw that you did your absolute best in every single one of the tests and you should feel really proud of yourselves. A super effort!
Thank you, too, to Mr Riley for coming in on his days off to support SATs and to Mrs Everall; one of our volunteers for invigilation support.

Moving on to some sad news. Mr Riley, who has been at Sandridge for almost three years, will be leaving at half-term to start a new role as a School Business Manager. We are so grateful for all that he has given to the children at Sandridge during his time here. He has been a fantastic teacher and colleague and will be sorely missed.
However, we wish him the best of luck in this career change and are sure he will enjoy the fresh challenge. Thank you, Mr Riley.

I will be at Bernards Heath Juniors Monday-Wednesday next week. As always, in my absence, Mrs Barrasso will be deputising. I look forward to seeing you at the end of next week before we break up for half-term.

Have a good weekend 😊

FOSS

Summer Fair – Friday 19th June – 3.30pm to 8pm – Save the Date!

Entry to the Fair is free! We will be running our popular Colour Throw event again this year – **those tickets can be bought here.**

Please refer to the email that was sent out on Thursday for ways you can support this fantastic event and help to raise money for our lovely school. Thank you!

Cricket

This week we took part in our first cricket match of the season, with a team of Albie, Michael, Oliver, Kam, Orla, Meral, Eve, Harry and Charlie. We played against Wheatfields and we were up to bat first. It took a while for our pairings to warm up but by the end of each over for the pairs we were getting more hits. We ended with 131 runs.
It was then our turn to bowl; some of us found cricket bowling a bit difficult due to having to keep your arm straight but we all persevered and saw improvement. Charlie and Eve both caught players out with fantastic catches. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough as Wheatfields ended with 170 runs. Kam was voted player of the match by Wheatfields.

Year 6

What a tiring and extremely hard-working week we have had in Year 6! But... SATS ARE FINISHED! The children have shown so much resilience and a positive attitude all week - we can't ask for more than that. All of the adults working with you this week have commented on how well you have focused and how lovely it has been to see you tackling the papers with no wobbles. You have been amazing, Year 6; we are so proud!

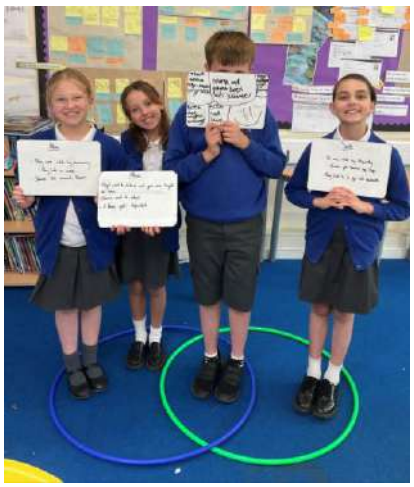


Year 5

This week in History, we were learning more about Athens and Sparta – two distinct and powerful city-states in ancient Greece. We read about their government system, way of living and lifestyle. We had a discussion about which city-states we would rather live in if we were given a chance, and we shared our views with the class. To show that we understand these two important places in Greek history, we worked out similarities and differences of these two city-states, and presented our work in a Venn diagram — created with hula hoops!









Year 4

This week, Year 4 braved the ever-changing weather to take a spring ginko to inspire their writing of Haiku's next week. In Japan, a ginko is a walk outside with 'haiku eyes' to appreciate nature. We loved exploring the natural environment surrounding our school and recorded the sights, sounds and smells that we experienced for example; exploding blossoms, birds chattering and chirping, flowers blowing in the wind, wide open fields, rain sprinkling the land, grass covered in fresh dew and sun peeking through the clouds.










Year 3

This week we learnt a bit more about Tutankhamun and the discovery of his tomb by Howard Carter. We then spent some time following a video on how to draw the 'Golden Mask of Tutankhamun'. First, we drew the outlines with pencils then added the black outlines before adding colour with chalk pastels.










Year 1/2

In DT we have been working towards creating our own pouches. In previous weeks we have practised a running stitch, used a template to cut out our felt and created our final design. This week, we were sewing the two parts of our pouch together using a running stitch. After we chose our thread, we had to thread our needle before sewing three of the sides of our pouch. Thank you so much to Mrs Sykes and Mrs Keates for coming in to help.













Reception

We have been linking our growing topic to UW/RE and David Attenborough last week, where we have been thinking about 'What makes our world special?' and 'Why should we and how can we care for the world?' We said:

"Don't step on a flower!" and "Don't litter." (Elijah)
"Plant some more plants." (Beatrix)
"Don't pick any flowers with bees on." (Mya)
"Look after bees." (Rocco, who has been creating bee watering stations at home!)

Freya advised that people should "never go on a bear when it is running…!" which led Noel to impart his bear advice: "If it's brown lie down, if it's black fight back and if it's white goodnight!" Therefore, we had a good chat about bears too!

We watched some animals and beautiful images of the world and listened to the traditional Christian hymn 'All things bright and beautiful.' We also listened to and watched David Attenborough's 'Wonderful World' https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00mfyxq

We have thought about different religions' creation stories and also the Muslim story about Mother Red Bird and her chicks, to begin to learn about how different religions think we should care for our world and the living things in it.

We went on the field and spotted some lovely birds, trees, blossom and flowers and then made some habitats for wildlife, in between the late spring showers!







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



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Alice
Year 1/2: Danai



Star Writer awards

Year R: Charlie
Year 1/2: Austin
Year 3: Uma

Year 4: All of Year 4!
Year 5 Olivia, Lasya



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



Showing amazing self-belief in his attitude and even more motivation to do his work: Elijah

Persevering and showing self-belief when sewing. You kept trying and you succeeded: Matty

Persevering with any task we give you, working hard and showing more independence: Shahnaz

Showing such self-belief in maths when working with negative numbers: Su

Showing perseverance in learning, enthusiasm for participating in lessons and a positive attitude in problem solving: Sara

Being a delight to have in the classroom. She is incredibly polite, respectful to everyone and shows care and thoughtfulness at all times! Alice

Certificates of Merit



Amazing contributions to all our learning and for relating it to her experiences too! Beatrix

Being a superstar when sewing. You showed a good understanding of how to do a running stitch: Mahnaz

Having a lovely attitude towards your learning, helping around the class and trying hard to make the most of learning opportunities: Kira

Being such a superstar and computer whizz when publishing our writing this week: Milo

Outstanding performance of a scene from Macbeth, showing good use of voice projection, facial expression and action: Shona

Hard-work, resilience and 100% effort during SATs week – well done! All of Year 6

Sport Certificates



Super speed at the pump track & recent gymnastics at home - we loved seeing this on Tapestry! Noel

Demonstrating good control of a tennis racket when practising different skills: Ewan

Working well alongside your peers in PE lessons: Hunter

Listening carefully to how to fix your stance when throwing the javelin in athletics and improving your distance as a result: Sama

Demonstrating good pacing and applying different speeds over varying distances when running: Aras

Demonstrating an excellent technique in both long jump and high jump! Oscar P

Participating in the cricket match against Wheatfields: Albie, Michael, Oliver, Kam, Orla, Meral, Eve, Harry, Charlie

Player of the match as voted by the opposition in the cricket match against Wheatfields: Kam