SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 22nd May 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Year 1/2 with 96.7%



Number of late in each class this week:

No lates	**Year 1/2**
1 late	**Reception**
2 lates	**Year 5**
6 lates	**Year 3**
7 lates	**Year 8**
8 lates	**Year 4**



The attendance champions for this month are Year 5 with 98.6%
Year 5's reward will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 5th June!

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Governors are currently analysing the parent surveys that came in. Once this is done, I will use the analysis to produce a summary report and respond to anything that is needed. We aim to get this done in the next few weeks.

Today, we say goodbye to Mr Riley. His last official day was Wednesday but he came in today for a special assembly where we were able to give him leaving cards and gifts and a proper send-off. Thank you to Mr Riley for all his hard work over the last few years and for everything he has contributed to our lovely school. We wish him all the best in his new role.

Please remember, you have an extra day of holiday following the half-term break as Monday 1st June is an INSET day. Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June at 8:40a.m.

Have a fantastic half-term holiday, whatever you have planned and enjoy the great weather that is forecast. 😊

Families Hertfordshire Magazine May/June

Link below:
https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_hertfordshire_may_june_2026?fr=sOTg1NzkxOTE5NzM

As usual, there are lots of great features and places to go as we gear up for summer!



Pollen and Sunshine – What Parents Should Know

Pollen levels are high in late spring and summer. Keep windows closed at night and encourage your child to shower after outdoor play to remove pollen. Stay hydrated and avoid smoky BBQ areas if your child has asthma.

💡 TIP: Sunglasses can help protect eyes from pollen too!

If your child is wheezy or struggling to breathe, use their inhaler and get medical help if symptoms don't improve.

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FOSS
Summer Fair – Friday 19th June – 3.30pm to 8pm

Please help us to make this a great day!

- Buy tickets for the Colour Throw (adults very welcome) – those tickets can be bought here.
- Please donate an hour of your time to help run a stall
- Please put flyers through letterboxes on your street (collect from the office)
- Please give stuffed toy donations to the office
- Please bake or donate a cake
- Please donate something for our raffle
- Please get donations from local businesses
- Please invite friends and family
- Please post the flyer below on your local WhatsApp groups

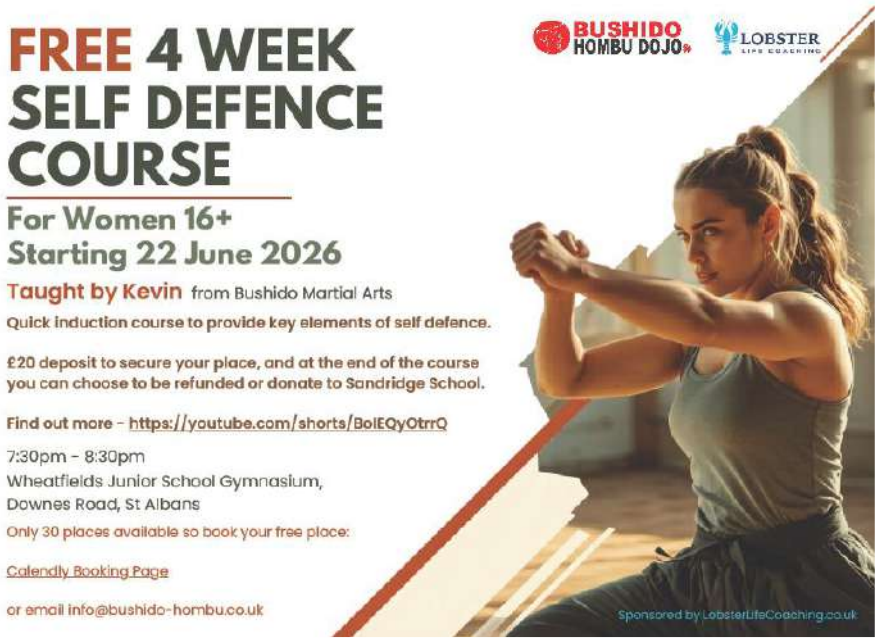
Thank you for your support.

Kevin Archibald, the parent who has been running the free karate class, is now also offering a free self-defence class (see below and attached flyer too). Kevin is a martial arts teacher with a wealth of experience having been teaching for many years.

Here is a video for more information: https://youtube.com/shorts/BoIEQyOtrrQ

Here is the booking link: https://calendly.com/kevin-kevinarchibald/free-self-defence-course-summer-2026





Swimming

On Friday 15th May, St Albans District Schools held a swimming competition. There were four races each individual could enter: 50m front crawl, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly and finally 50m backstroke. I placed 5th in my front crawl, 11th in my breaststroke, 8th in my butterfly and, last but not least, 3rd in my backstroke. The event was fun and I want to inspire other children that, if they work hard towards their dreams and goals, it may be tough but, in the end, you will achieve it. By Matilda, Year 5



Matilda has also been selected to swim for St Albans District on the 12th June in the 50m backstroke and relay.

Congratulations Matilda and good luck!

Year 6

This week in English, we have been writing, writing and doing more writing! One of our pieces was based around 'The Piano' which is a short film where a man playing the piano prompts an emotional trip down memory lane. In one lesson, we focused on 'show not tell' for emotions. We had to act out an emotion to our partner or group and they had to guess, from our facial expressions and body positioning, which emotion we were portraying.










Year 5

This week in maths, Year 5 began their shape topic and started by recalling the knowledge they had gained earlier in the year. The class discussed 3D shapes and even confused themselves by researching 4D shapes! After naming a range of shapes and discussing their properties, they were given a task to find as many 2D shapes as they could outside on the playground and make a note of them in their tables. They realised many markings on the playgrounds were shapes they recognised and the outline of buildings and objects, such as the equipment shed and netball hoops, were also recognisable 2D shapes.








Year 4

Today, Year 4 finished their baking unit and made their final adapted recipes. They worked as groups and budgeted their extra ingredients to make sure that their biscuits were affordable for their target markets.

‘We experienced some very tasty ingredients!’ – Daniel
‘I can’t wait to taste them myself!’ – Jack
‘I loved adding the extra ingredients.’ – Emma
‘I loved putting on the icing’ – Sophie
‘I like adding the mini marshmallows’ – Teddy
‘My group’s biscuits are like rocky roads with cinnamon!’ – Oscar T



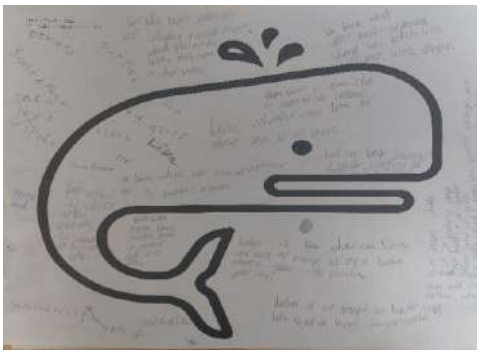
Year 3

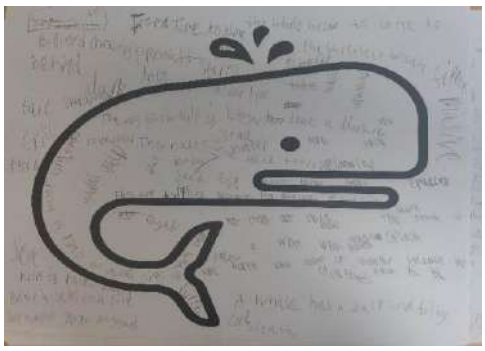
For DT we have been thinking about what fruits and vegetables we might want to put onto our tartlets so needed to have a tasting session. We learnt how to use a peeler and knife safely with an adult, and then tasted different foods to see what we liked. Lots of us tried things we hadn't eaten before or tried combinations to see what went well together before putting together our final designs.

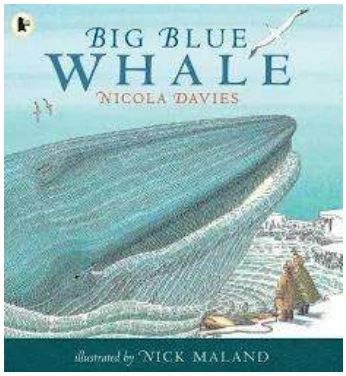


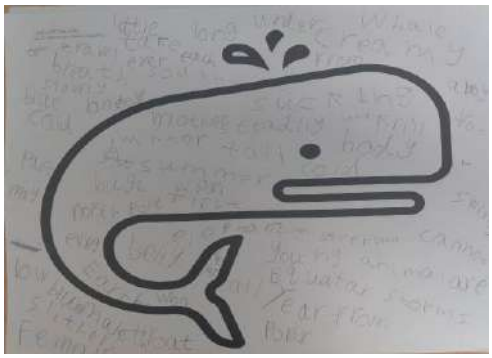
Year 1/2

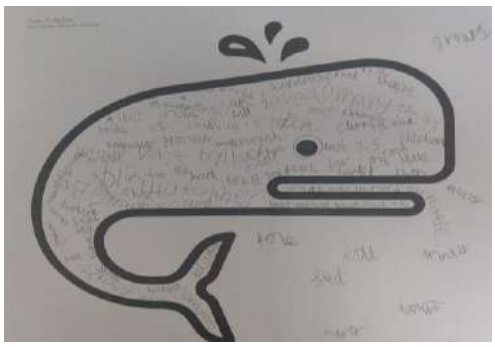
In English this week, we have started our new unit on non-chronological reports. We then did some research of our own using the book 'Big Blue Whale' by Nicola Davies. In groups we wrote down key words, phrases and facts about whales that we could then use in our own report about whales.











Reception

We have been focusing on families and we listening to family stories like 'Titch So Much' and 'My Family's Fantastic!'. We have talked about who is in our family and thought about similarities and differences between them. In PSHE 'Relationships' learning we drew and painted our families.

















We have also been thinking about how we grow and change (human life cycle). In our own learning time, we have been bathing babies and creating family home stories with small role play. We even had time to fit in a bit of hairdressing (which obviously has to fit in with family life!).









The following children celebrate their birthdays this week and over half term:



Orla, Yunus, Hugo, Zainab,
Oscar D, Amelie, Jerome, Ewan



This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to:
Year 1/2 & Year 3



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Freya
Year 1/2: Oscar



Star Writer awards

Year R: Noel
Year 1/2: Zen, Reuben
Year 3: Archie
Year 4: Daniel
Year 5 Aliza
Year 6: Orla



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



Incredible persevering with so much of his work at home and school. Also for completing a 3 hour bike ride at home last weekend! Rocco

Being respectful to the children and adults in class: Liam

Helping and praising other members of the class for their achievements and celebrating their effort and successes: Lucien, Minnie, Charly

Showing such respect to everyone in the class during our debate: Jack

Showing courtesy and respect towards teachers and classmates: Charlie LH

Always being respectful to everybody in the school, she is kind and caring and even pops back into class to wish me a good lunch! Roxy

Certificates of Merit



Working really hard on her handwriting in recent weeks. Also for continuing to enhance everyone's own learning time by adding shop signs, roads and performances! Mya

Having a wonderful attitude to your learning this week: Mia

Being so focused and determined to get the work done in each lesson: Isabelle

Working so hard with your reading at home this week: Teddy

Great effort performing a scene from Macbeth and skilfully rewriting the script into a narrative form using figurative language: Elsa

Making thoughtful contributions during English and trying to improve her ideas: Amna

Sport Certificates



Fantastic jumping and climbing in gymnastics and developing turn-taking as part of this too: Azari

Impressing me with your throwing technique – I was amazed at how far you could throw the beanbag! Lennie

Showing good racket control in our tennis lessons: Ettie

Working well to officiate scores with your groups in athletics: Ann Teresa

Demonstrating excellent skills in cricket this week: Harry

Pushing herself in the long jump and using an excellent technique: Emily

Representing the school at the St Albans District Swimming competition and being selected for the District team: Matilda