SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 8th May 2026

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



Number of late in each class this week:

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

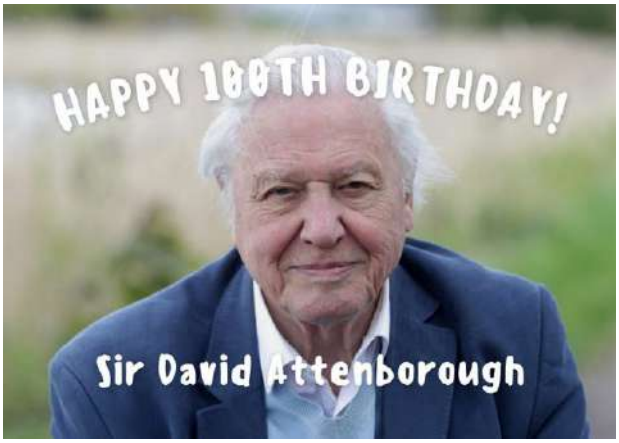


‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

I hope you enjoyed an extra day last weekend.

We have had a very busy week, this week, especially Year 6 who have been revising hard ahead of their SATs next week. We wish all of you the very best of luck and know that you are as ready as you can be. Thank you to the Year 6 team who have prepared the children for these and who have gone above and beyond in providing study sessions and extra interventions throughout the school day.
For SATs week, there will be a separate Breakfast Club for Year 6 children in their classroom from Monday – Thursday at 8:15a.m.

Today, we have celebrated Sir David Attenborough’s 100th birthday.
Mrs Hardie delivered a special assembly about his many achievements over the last 70 years and children shared their outfits, cuddly toys and books in honour of this great man. See below for more information.



Have a great weekend 😊

FOSS

Summer Fair - Friday 19th June – Save the Date!

Plans are underway for our annual Summer Fair on Friday 19th June. There'll be fun for all the family from 3.30pm including a fabulous colour throw party!

If you are able to volunteer your time to help us organise the Fair or if you're able to donate any prizes for our raffle, please let your FOSS class rep know.

David Attenborough

David Attenborough is 100 today!

We have all enjoyed dressing up as animals or in Earth colours today and bringing our favourite animals to school to talk about. Mrs Hardie led an assembly and displayed some Attenborough quotes in the hall. Her favourites being:

"It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living."

"If children don't grow up knowing about nature and appreciating it, they will not understand it, and if they don't understand it, they won't protect it... and if they don't protect it, who will?"

We listened to Panama harp music 'Bell Bird' from David Attenborough's Desert Island Discs and his first TV programme 'Zoo Quest'.



Mrs Hardie showed some of her special egg collection and recent 'wonders of nature' that she had witnessed (e.g swan's eggs for the first time last weekend)! We all talked about amazing 'wonders of nature' that we had seen in our lives too.

We watched David Attenborough's highlights including: his encounter with gorillas; geese nesting on high cliffs against the odds; boxing praying mantises; fish making amazing symmetrical mathematical patterns under water; elephants that seem to mourn their relatives.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUXhNc0d8gU (Gorillas)
https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b04wtt8r/life-story-7-the-full-circle

You may want to watch/rewatch some of the FANTASTIC documentaries that he has made over the years. What an amazing contribution he has made to teaching us, raising awareness and increasing the conservation of all living creatures that we are fortunate to have on our planet Earth.

Thank you, David Attenborough and Happy 100th Birthday to you!



We dressed up to celebrate David Attenborough's 100th birthday – including Mrs Hardie who was a monkey!



Swimming Gala

On Saturday 2nd May, Henry, Karson, Sam, Charlie, Jack, Oscar P, Daniel, Eve, Sadie, Matilda, Roxy, Orla, Olivia and Isla took part in the St Albans Schools Swimming Gala at Hertfordshire Sports Village. The races were Boys & Girls Freestyle A, B & C, Boys & Girls Breast Stroke A, B & C, Boys & Girls Back stroke A, B & C, Boys and Girls Free Relay and Boys and Girls Medley Relay. Everyone competed so well and were fantastic at representing the school. Special mentions to Karson for coming 1st, Matilda for coming 2nd, Olivia for coming 3rd and Sadie for coming 4th.

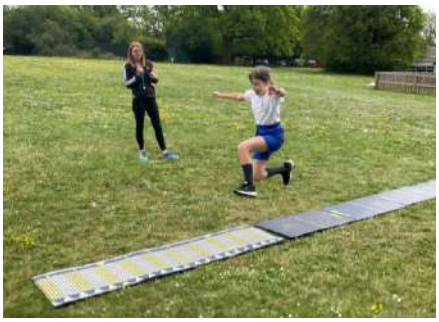
Football

This week, Artie, Harry, Jack, Parker, Ralph, Oscar P and Daniel took part in the Year 5 6-a-side prelims at Bowmansgreen. Their first match was against Bowmansgreen and Sandridge started very quickly with Daniel scoring a goal in the first few minutes. Unfortunately, Bowmansgreen were just too strong and we ended up losing the match. Their second game was against Fleetville, again Sandridge started strong and put pressure on but Fleetville were the stronger team. The Sandridge team should be incredibly proud of how they played in their first competitive matches. We are looking forward to next season.



Year 6

This week in athletics, we have been learning how to do the long jump. We started by learning how to use our arms and legs to generate power in a standing long jump - trying to beat our distance each time. We then had to use this skill to try and jump the length of our body and our partner's body (if they were taller). During the lesson, we worked with Mrs Kennedy on long jumps with a run up. We had to consider our stride pattern, where we jumped from and how we landed to ensure we produced the longest jump we could.







Year 5

We cooked our Bolognese sauce this week! We started the unit by understanding where ingredients come from, followed by a tasting session to identify ingredients and how they contribute to different flavours in the Bolognese sauce. After that, we investigated how to create a healthier sauce by reviewing conventional recipes and calculating nutritional values, and designed our own Bolognese sauce recipes in groups. To apply our knowledge from computing, we also designed our own jar labels using the vector drawing skills we learnt in the last unit. A lot of skills have been mapped into the unit and the class has been enjoying it!

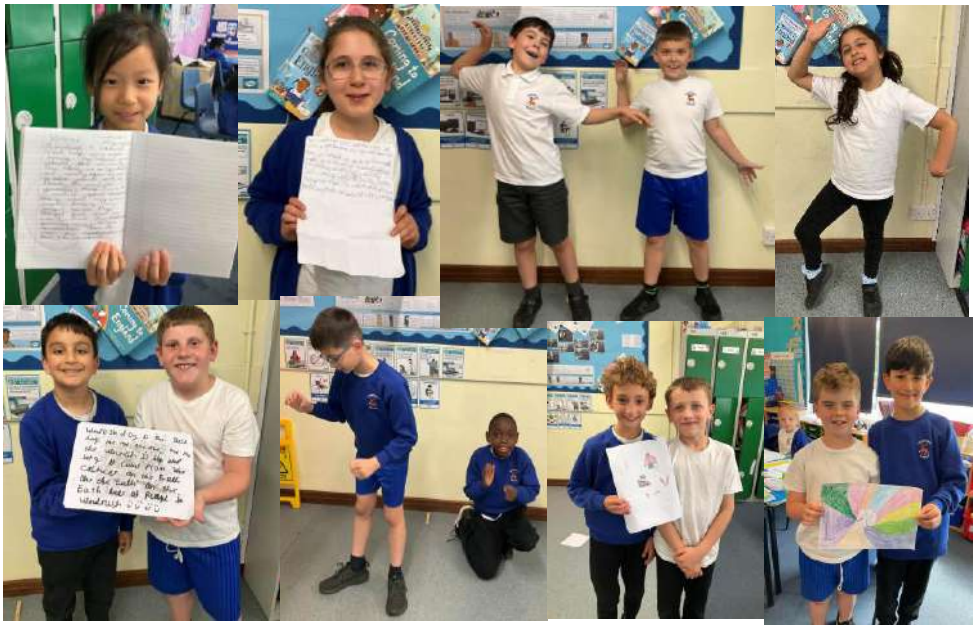







Year 4

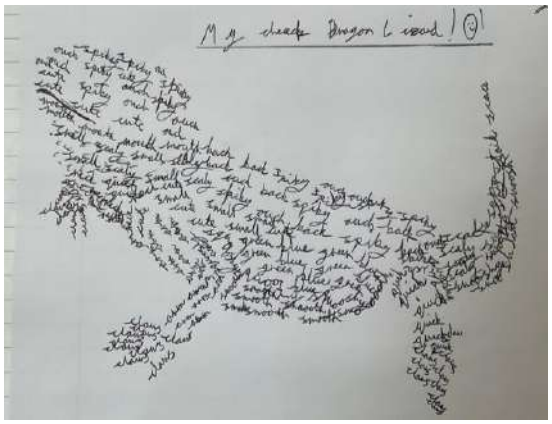
To finish our learning about the Windrush Generation, we learnt about ‘Windrush Day’ which has been celebrated since 2018. The aim of having an observed day each year was to celebrate and recognise the contributions that Commonwealth migrants and their descendants have had on Britain and its culture. The day is used to keep their legacy alive for future generations, ensuring that we all celebrate the diversity of Britain's history. We were challenged to create our own way of celebrating Windrush Day through song, dance, poetry or art in groups or as individuals.

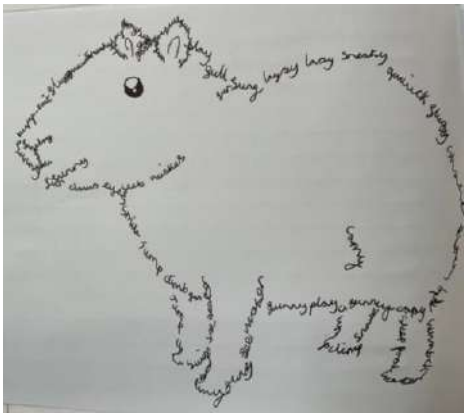


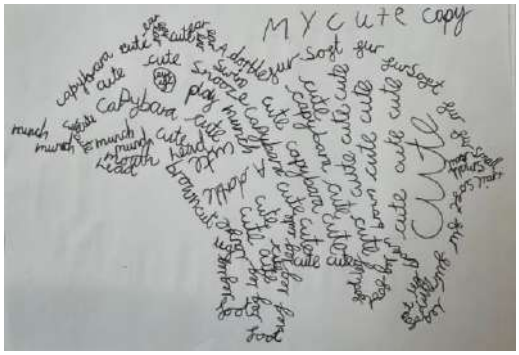
Year 3

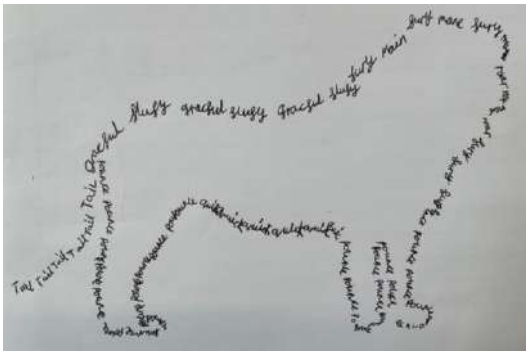
We have been looking at the poetry unit on calligrams (shape poems) and chose an animal to write about. We first thought about some nouns, verbs and adjectives linked to the animal before publishing them. It was fun thinking about where to place certain words and deciding the direction of writing because it didn't have to follow typical writing rules**.**











Year 1/2

This week in music, we were composing a piece of music with a given structure. This was based on the rhythms from the two myths we had studied this unit, ‘St George and the King’ and ‘When Good King Arthur’. In our groups, half of us used instruments while the other half used our voices.







Reception

For part of our Jack and the Beanstalk learning, Reception have been accompanying the story with glockenspiels to play beanstalk music (learning about high and low notes/pitch) and drums to play ‘fee fi fo fum’ rhythms.







We have been using socks, beans and Cheerios to measure leaf pictures and our heads (linked to ‘Jim and the Beanstalk’). We also used our fine motor skills to create mini-Cheerios and spaghetti beanstalks









We were very excited when Miss Everall found a frog hiding under the high jump mat! We relocated him safely to our outside area.

The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Ralph, Matty



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



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Charlie
Year 1/2: Sophie



Star Writer awards

Year R: Mya
Year 1/2: Hugo
Year 3: Ellie

Year 4: William
Year 5 Karen



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



Persevering to independently complete more and more adult learning tasks: Azari

Showing perseverance and self-belief in maths this week and accepting more challenging work: Avraaj

Demonstrating good listening and focus this week and contributing to discussions well: Samuel

Showing self-belief and focus when completing your writing: Sofia

Showing the courage to take up leadership when working with different people in group work: Henry

Aiding the discussion in PSHE with his thoughtful and insightful views: Hugh

Certificates of Merit



Constantly being helpful, diligent and a lovely role model for the class: Oliver R

Sharing all your wonderful knowledge about Florence Nightingale in history: Nancy S

Thinking carefully about what the different graphs were showing in maths and making sure you understood the questions before answering: Lyra

Being so thoughtful and recognising both points of view when sharing your ideas during our weekly debates: Seth

Being amazing when making the Bolognese sauce this week, showing good skills and knowledge: Stephanie

Working hard all week and being a kind and thoughtful classmate: Jerome

Sport Certificates



Developing confidence to challenge himself when balancing during PE: Markos

Showing wonderful technique when doing standing long jump and jumping the furthest: Ted, Pip

Working well with others in all activities – you are such a team player! Nancy N

Focussing on the ball and making good choices for when to use forehand or backhand in tennis: Oscar P

Untiring effort in fitness this week, demonstrating good running and agility: Freddie

Continuously trying to improve her long jump distance: Otti

Representing the school in the Year 5 6-a-side prelims on Tuesday at Bowmansgreen: Artie, Harry, Jack, Parker, Ralph, Oscar P, Daniel

Representing the school at the St Albans Schools Swimming Gala: Henry, Karson, Sam, Charlie, Jack, Oscar P, Daniel, Eve, Sadie, Matilda, Roxy, Orla, Olivia, Isla
Winning the Boys Breast Stroke A at the Swimming Gala: Karson