SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 12th June 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Year 1/2, Year 3 and Year 5 all with 100%



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Y1 have completed their phonics screening this week and Y4 have completed the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check. Well done everyone; you all did your best, persevered and smiled throughout.

Y6 are, currently, on PGL in a very soggy Hailsham in East Sussex.
Despite the pouring rain, they have carried on with all the amazing activities – kayaking, zip line, fencing, orienteering, to name just a few – and are having an amazing time.
I think there will be some very wet clothing in some very damp luggage returning home with them, later today! They will also be needing a lot of sleep over the weekend given there has been a lack of it whilst they have been away!
Thank you to Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Barrasso, Mrs Allard and Mrs Littlechild for giving up their time to accompany the children on this year’s residential.

Governors have completed the analysis of the parent survey data. I will be using this to form part of the summary report which I hope to send out to you by the end of next week. Thank you to the relevant governors for taking the time to work on this.

A final reminder: next Friday, after school, is our annual summer fair. Do come along and support the school – there will be stalls, BBQ, a bar, dance and choral performances. We hope to see you there and fingers crossed for a dry and warm day!

Have a good weekend ☺

FOSS

Summer Fair Bake Off

We will be hosting a Bake Off at the Summer Fair. There will be separate child and adult categories. No entry fee or tickets needed. Please bring your cakes along just before the Fair starts (or drop off in the morning to the office). There will be prizes for the best bakes and all cakes will be sold once judging is over. Please provide a list of ingredients and keep all cakes nut-free. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you at our Summer Fair on Friday 19th June from 3.30pm to 8pm. Entrance is free. Tickets for the Colour Throw are £5 – those tickets can be bought here.
Its not too late to donate cuddly toys or to offer to help! Please contact FOSS or the school office. Thank you.

Year 6

Most of Year 6 are currently at PGL – see next week's Newsletter for the full write-up and some action shots!



Year 5

In science, we started our investigation into the plant life cycle and reproduction. We set up several stations to observe and explore how different species grow from seeds, bulbs, cuttings, and tubers. Over the past few weeks, we have been taking regular measurements and bringing our data back to our groups for discussion before recording our findings. We have also been making predictions about what might happen next and are excited to see how our plants continue to grow and develop in the coming weeks.













Year 4

In science, we have been learning about different types of invertebrates and how to classify them. This week, we went on an invertebrate hunt outside (carefully collecting our specimens with a paintbrush to ensure that we didn't hurt them) followed by creating observational drawings of them back in the classroom. We used magnifying glasses to make observations of the invertebrates and used a classification key to help us to classify them.












Year 3

As part of our Egyptian art unit, Year 3 explored Ancient Egyptian symbols and patterns. We created mood boards of our ideas, using texture and a range of mediums.

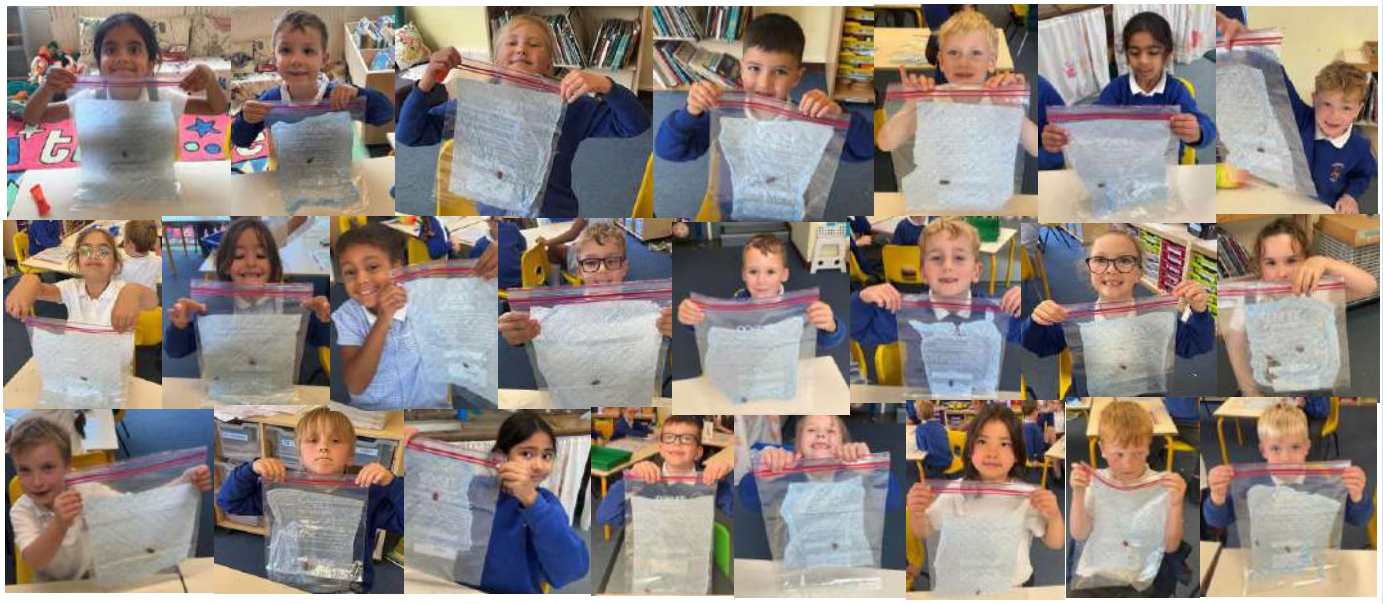







Year 1/2

This week in Year 1/2 we learnt about the life cycle of plants and germination. We then set up to grow runner beans and peas in a clear sandwich bag so we can see the life cycle happen.



Reception

This week we thought about snails and slugs and other bugs!
We started the week with a wet Monday which was so good for slug and snail finding! We brought some inside to observe them. We drew and labelled them, learnt some facts about them, created clay ones and also drew them on our smart boards too.



We also went on a bug hunt and enjoyed the story ‘Sam’s Sandwich’ about a little boy who tricks his sister by adding different bugs to her sandwich! We then created our own bug sandwiches (whilst being careful not to harm the bugs) to offer to Miss Everall as an extra treat for her lunch…However some of us thought it better to tell her the truth… which of course it is, but she was, as always, a good sport!



The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Austin



This week's Class Cup of Kindness is awarded to: Year 5



Phenomenal Phonics awards



Year R: Noel
Year 1/2: All of Year 1 for good progress on their phonics screening check!

Star Writer awards

Year R: Freya
Year 1/2: Tilly
Year 3: Maisie
Year 4: William
Year 5 Imogen



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



Having a fantastic week for self-belief and perseverance when learning about minibeasts. Also, for showing lovely respect to her friends when organising our painting jobs outside this week: Mya

Showing such perseverance and self-belief in your phonics this year! You have worked so incredibly hard and Miss Everall was so proud of how you did in the phonics screening check: Zahra

Always showing incredible respect towards others and encouraging them in all they do. Listening to you helping children who are struggling with something always makes me smile: Ellie

Being a good learning mentor, always contributing and always trying her best: Alexa

The thoughtful message on her motivational poem recognising the importance of self-belief and resilience and being a role model to the rest of the class: Stephanie

Certificates of Merit



Fantastic slug and snail hunting, observing, drawing and creating this week! Alice

Working hard on your phonics this year. You have made such amazing progress and Miss Everall was so proud of how you did in the phonics screening check: Danai

For your progress in spelling, using syllables to help you identify all the sounds in each word and remembering more of your key words – well done! Elliott

Always showing an interest in the topics we are discussing and actively adding to our learning: Sophie

Careful observation and detailed recording in our science investigations about reproduction of plants: Georgia

Interacting with respect and kindness while helping in Early Years. You really impressed Mrs Hardie, especially during reading time: Amna, Michael

Sport Certificates



Being so enthusiastic during our farm animal games in PE this week: Charlie E

Being a fantastic team player in PE this week: Austin

Making improvements to your throwing technique, showing perseverance and listening to the advice of others to throw further each time: Lenny

Being flexible and creative when we were deciding how to adapt PE for a rainy day and for naming the first game of Bodge Ball ever played, providing a helpful critique at the end! Seth

Untiring effort to work out different tennis practices with their partner: Aras, Henry