SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 26th June 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Year 1/2 with 98.4%



Number of late in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

It would be remiss of me to start this week’s headlines without mentioning the heatwave! Thank you for working with us to keep children and staff as safe as possible throughout the week. It has been much appreciated. Normal service will resume next week: children will be back in their usual uniforms/P.E kits and the full lunch menu will be on offer.

We have a new date for Sports Day – Monday 6th July. It will run in exactly the same way and parents should arrive at 12:00 for the family picnic which will be followed by the races on the field in the afternoon.

Finally, it is that time of year where we begin to think of the academic year ahead.
Below are the classes for next year and the staff in each year group.
Children will spend an hour with their new teacher on Thursday 9th July where they can start to get to know each other a little before September.

Year group	Teacher	Teaching Assistant *Predominantly in the classes below – there may be some flexibility on a need-by-need basis*
Reception / Y1	Mrs Hardie	Mrs Di Fonzo Mrs Lewis
Year 2 / 3	Mrs Allard	Miss Littlechild
Year 4	Miss Loh	Mrs Woolard
Year 5	Mrs Barrasso	Miss Roberts
Year 6	Mrs Kennedy	*Miss Roberts will provide some support in the form of interventions for targeted pupils.*

You will have noticed that Miss Everall and Mrs Jones’ names do not appear. Sadly, Miss Everall will be leaving us at the end of term to take up a position in a new school. She has worked at Sandridge for eight years and taught Years 1-4 during that time. She has also been our P.E & Sports Leader for many years and done a fantastic job promoting sport and providing opportunities for children to experience a wide range of physical activities.
Mrs Jones is also leaving to take up an Early Years teaching assistant position in a private nursery. She has worked at Sandridge for a very long time as an MSA, teaching assistant and, more recently, providing pastoral support.
Both members of staff will be sorely missed and we appreciate everything they have contributed to the children and families of Sandridge School.

Next week looks set to be a little cooler. However, it will still be warm and sunny so please continue to send your child in with a water bottle and wearing sun cream and a hat.

Enjoy the weekend ☺

FOSS

Thank you to everyone who came to the Summer Fair last Friday. Thank you also to everyone who helped with the organisation, planning, setting up and clearing away.

A fabulous time was had by all (even Mrs Allard and Miss Everall – see picture)!

We made a total of £2,825 profit, which will go towards additional new playground apparatus for the whole school to enjoy.



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District Sport

Last week on Tuesday and Thursday children from KS2 took part in District Sports at Westminster Lodge. We started with the 4x100m relay heats where both the girls and boys qualified for the finals. We then went onto the field events of long jump, high jump and throwing. Meral qualified for the final of the long jump and came 3rd, Oscar qualified for the final of the throwing and came 3rd, Karson came 4th in the high jump. Everyone performed really well in the heat. Then on Thursday it was time for the track events. We started with the shuttle relays where the girl's team qualified for the final. Then onto the 600m where Meral came 3rd and Oscar came 2nd. Georgia, Harry, Daniel, Nancy and Lucien all qualified for the final of their sprint and performed really well in their final. The girls then came 4th in the shuttle relay before both the boys and girls' 4x100m relay team came 2nd.

Well done to Meral, Eve, Lizzy, Orla, Matilda, Georgia, Karson, Jerome, Oscar Hugh, Harry, Sama, Alexa, Nancy, Ettie, Emma, Artie, Daniel, Parker, Lucien and Charly.

You all represented the school brilliantly and performed well.



Festival of Sport

On Friday 19th June, Evie, Sofia, Alexa, Seth, William, Oscar T and Teddy took part in a Festival of Sport at Oaklands College. There was an opening ceremony where Daniel Angus spoke about his journey through sport as someone who is visually impaired. Then it was onto the sports activities. They took part in rugby, football, athletics, netball, dance, basketball, cricket, team building, archery and goal shooter. There was time for a quick ice cream break during the day as well which helped to cool everyone down! Then there was a closing ceremony where everyone performed the dance they had learnt during the day.

Oscar T – "My favourite event was the inflatable football."

Alexa & Seth – "I really liked the archery."

Teddy – "The cricket was my favourite."

Well done to all the children who represented the school brilliantly in the heat.









Cricket

On Monday, we had our final cricket match of the season. We played against Skyswood and decided to bowl first. We started strongly restricting them to few runs. There were also some close catches and some excellent bowling by Sandridge. Then it was time for Sandridge to bat, we had some excellent shots but unfortunately Skyswood kept catching them. We also had some fantastic fours hit. The final score ended Sandridge 102- Skyswood 171

Climbing Wall

On Tuesday, we had a 7m climbing come onto the school grounds. Years 1-6 all got one hour outside to climb the wall. The children had lots of turns and it was great to see the confidence grow in the children with each climb. See our Facebook page for some photos!

Year 4 & 5 – Trip to Kew Gardens

This Monday, Year 4 and 5 enjoyed an exciting school trip to Kew Gardens. The highlight of the day was an educational session led by a Kew teacher in the stunning rainforest greenhouse, where students discovered how many everyday products come from tropical plants — including the surprising fact that the colouring in Quavers is derived from the seeds of the achiote tree! Standing beneath enormous leaves, the children explored how rainforest plants adapt to hot and humid conditions to maximise their growth, and took part in discussions about the positive and negative impacts humans have on rainforest habitats. Beyond the greenhouse, students experienced the Hive — a remarkable installation that recreates the inside of a beehive, complete with the sensation of buzzing all around them. Some groups also strolled through the Carbon Garden to learn about the natural carbon cycle, marvelled at drought-resistant plants in the Alpine House, and explored the rich ecosystems on display in the Princess of Wales Conservatory. In the warm weather, the children also took a break to enjoy a picnic lunch together under the trees before continuing their explorations of this magnificent garden.

Comments from our children after the trip:
"'It was really beautiful and the flowers were amazing!" - Sophie
"I had never heard of a lot of the plants we saw!" - Oscar T
"We learned about the cocoa tree." - Milo
"We saw HUGE lily pads in the Princess of Wales Conservatory." - Emma
"It was nice and I really like to see all the plants, particularly the Japanese Pagoda Tree that was planted in the 18th century." - Stephanie
"I really enjoyed how we walked around the garden and saw all the plants. Also, I like how we went into the rainforest greenhouse and learnt all the things that we didn't know." - Henry







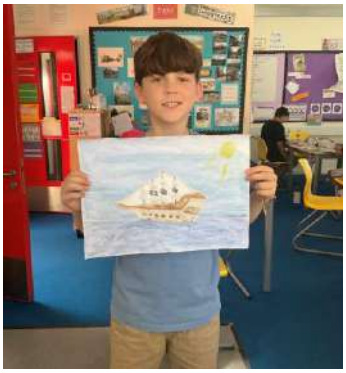







Year 6

Last week in art, linked to our writing on Treasure Island, we created some pirate ships. First, we created a colour wash background, thinking about the colours and textures in the sea. After that, we sketched our pirate ships and painted them using watercolours. Finally, we used a black pen to mark in any detail on our ships.

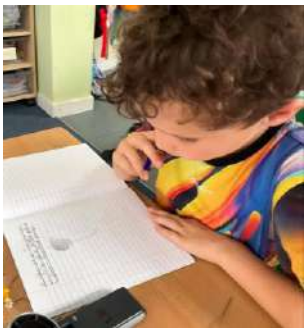




Year 3

On Monday we went looking for wild flowers in our school grounds and then took them back to the classroom to sketch. We looked at a diagram of a flower and tried to identify the different parts such as the petals, stem, sepal, anther and filaments on our own flowers; some were easier to label than others. Then, with our feet in water trays, we enjoyed some time sketching what we could see into our books. Some of us then labelled the different sections or zoomed in on smaller areas.






Year 1/2

On Monday, Austin's mum, Claire, came in to help us finish our history topic on nurses. She spoke about how things have changed since the time of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, including uniforms, infection control and equipment. She then talked to us about how some things haven't changed; for example, nurses are still kind, caring, and want to help people. We then got to use some of the equipment, such as a pulse oximeter to measure the oxygen in our blood and a training machine that showed heart activity, including heart rate and blood pressure. We then asked some questions and listened to stories about her experiences as a nurse.







Reception

We have thought about health and dental hygiene this week related to healthy food. We have kept a food diary linked to the Hungry Caterpillar work from last week. We have thought about healthy/unhealthy foods in relation to taking care of our teeth and bodies. We practiced brushing large teeth and counted our teeth too!











We also made and enjoyed eating fruit kebabs.





Also, we were very excited to spot a cricket! At first, we wondered if it was a grasshopper but we discovered that crickets have long antennae (like ours) and grasshoppers have short antennae!




The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Elliot, Maisie, Ettie,
Oliver P, Alexa, Charlie M



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



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Beatrix
Year 1/2: Zahra



Star Writer awards

Year R: Oliver
Year 1/2: Reuben
Year 3: Kira
Year 4: Oscar T
Year 5 Charlie
Year 6: Lizzy



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



Constantly showing lovely respect to everyone and being so kind and helpful every day too: Alice S

Showing fantastic perseverance when on the climbing wall, despite being nervous to start with, you kept trying and managed to get to the top: Oscar D

Showing more confidence and resilience in maths, being independent and getting work done more quickly too: Taliyah

Showing such perseverance during our afternoon art lessons this week: Wilfred

Showing perseverance and self-belief, striving in her learning and completing her tasks more independently at a good standard: Rebecca

Always having so much self-belief in everything he does (and for proving Mrs Kennedy wrong!): Jerome

Certificates of Merit



Being so cheerful and eager to learn every day! Also, for making us smile with his interesting conversation topics: Markos

Having a fantastic week and trying hard in all lessons: Hugo

Working hard to use 'listing' of tables to help you with your maths this week: Quinn

Being an absolute pleasure to take on our school trip to Kew Gardens. You were engaged, inquisitive and an asset to the school! All of Year 4

Dedication and diligence in completing the optional homework this half term: Zainab

Working really hard in maths this week, using her brilliant arithmetic methods to calculate: Emily

Sport Certificates



Lovely dancing over the last two weeks, especially with coloured scarves: Mya

For showing your best Spiderman impersonation when going up the climbing wall! Lennie

Demonstrating excellent bowling skills in cricket and being supportive of your team: Demi

Being such a fantastic climber on the climbing wall: Parker

Participating in climbing seriously, listening to instructions carefully and trying hard to work out the challenges: Karen

Persevering when climbing up the climbing wall, even in the heat! Roxy

Player of the match as voted for by the opposition in the cricket match against Skyswood: Meral

Representing the school at District Sport: Meral, Eve, Lizzy, Orla, Matilda, Georgia, Karson, Jerome, Oscar Hugh, Harry, Sama, Alexa, Nancy, Ettie, Emma, Arite, Daniel, Parker, Lucien and Charly