SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 3rd July 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Year 6 with 97.3%



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



The attendance champions for this month are Year 1/2 with 98.8%
Year 1/2's reward will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 10th July!

'Head'lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Thank you for your understanding, this morning, regarding the power cut. What a start to Friday! Thankfully, UK Power Network provided a generator and worked hard to connect it to the school building so that we could open for the afternoon session.
I know it has been inconvenient – it is one of those rare and frustrating scenarios we have no control over. Thank you again.

Just a reminder that our annual Sports Day and Family Picnic is next Monday (6th July) 12:00-3:10p.m. I will be on the front gate from 11:45a.m to welcome you and tell you where the picnic is (it is likely to be the field based on the current weather forecast). Your child will need to come to school in their P.E kit but wearing a T-shirt in the colour of the house they belong to. They will also need to be wearing a hat, sun cream and have a water bottle with them.
If they normally have a school lunch, please note; Miss Parfitt will only be making cold lunches that day which should have been ordered already – these will be brought out to the relevant children by class staff.
Please feel free to bring camping chairs or picnic rugs. If you are bringing younger children, please ensure they stay with you during the afternoon races and do not run on to the track or over to their siblings. Do come along and support.

Also, next week, is our annual Open Classroom 'event' – parents are invited to come at either 2:30p.m or 5:00p.m to spend time with your child looking through their books and looking at models, artwork and computing tasks etc. It's always a lovely atmosphere and children enjoy proudly showing off their hard work from across the year.
We hope to see you then.

Next week, it is set to become a little hotter though, currently, no weather alerts have been issued.
Please send children to school in their normal uniform/P.E kits and with a hat, water bottle and sun cream. If you don't hear from us, it will be 'business as usual'!

Finally, we have had a few parents ask about Monday morning due to the England football match being on in the early hours. We will not be operating a soft start. It is sports day, as you know, and we expect children in school and at the usual time. Thank you.

Have a good weekend 😊

FOSS – Message from Tom, current Co-Chair of FOSS

Hello everyone,

Firstly, we'd like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Summer Fair such a success. It was a fantastic day, everyone had a great time, and together we raised an incredible £2,829 profit for the school.
This was made possible in no small part thanks to the generosity of Sean McGuigan from the Granemore Group, whose donation covered many of the event costs. We are incredibly grateful for his support.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful committee and all of our volunteers. These events simply wouldn't happen without your time, energy and enthusiasm. Our thanks also go to Miss Roberts and the entire school team for all of their support in helping make every event a success.

Two years ago, Rhia, Gemma and I agreed to take on the role of Co-Chairs of FOSS, and our time in those roles has now come to an end. Rhia and I will remain as trustees of the charity, and I will continue as Treasurer, but it's now time for new people to take the lead.
Being part of FOSS is a fantastic way to support the school, bring the community together and create memorable experiences for the children. We'd love to see some fresh faces bring new ideas and take FOSS into its next chapter.

If you're considering getting involved, please don't worry about starting from scratch. We'll provide a full handover, including our planning documents, contacts, supplier lists and everything we've learned over the past two years. We'll also be available to offer advice and support along the way.

If you'd like to have a chat about what's involved, please speak to Miss Roberts or any of the current FOSS team. We'd be delighted to talk you through the role with absolutely no obligation. If, after that, you'd be interested in becoming Chair or Co-Chairs, we'd love to hear from you.

Finally, thank you once again to everyone who has supported FOSS over the last two years. It's been a privilege to serve our school community, and we're proud of everything we've achieved together. We're excited to see FOSS continue to thrive in the years ahead.
Every event, every raffle ticket sold, every cake baked, every prize donated and every hour volunteered helps create opportunities and experiences for our children that simply wouldn't be possible otherwise. We hope you'll consider being part of that story.



Inflatables

On Tuesday, we had two inflatable obstacle courses on the field. Reception to Year 6 all had an hour on the inflatables, which were set up as a circuit.
Everyone had a fantastic time and came back in to the building very excited and tired.











Commonwealth Festival

On Thursday 2nd July Elsa, Shona, Lasya, Sam, Albie, Alex, Roxy, Cece, Alice and Lilly went to Oaklands College to take part in a Commonwealth Festival. We were representing the country Cyprus. We started with an opening ceremony where Roxy and Cece carried the flag. We then went outside to take part in eight different activities. They took part in dance, tennis, relay races, team building, golf, cricket, fencing and circus skills. We also got to speak to the Paralympic Trust who told us about how the Paralympics started and had some different items for us to look at including torches, mascots and equipment used.
Well done to the children who represented the school amazingly.

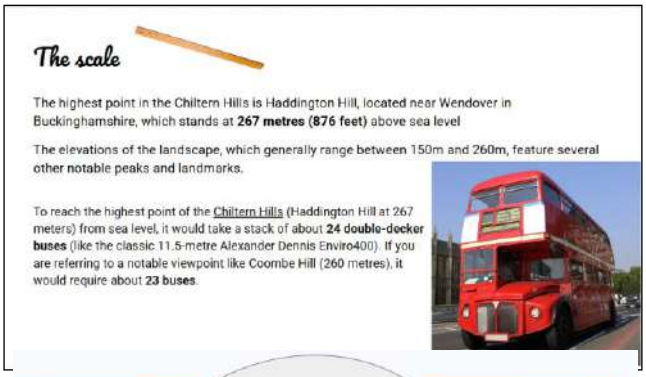


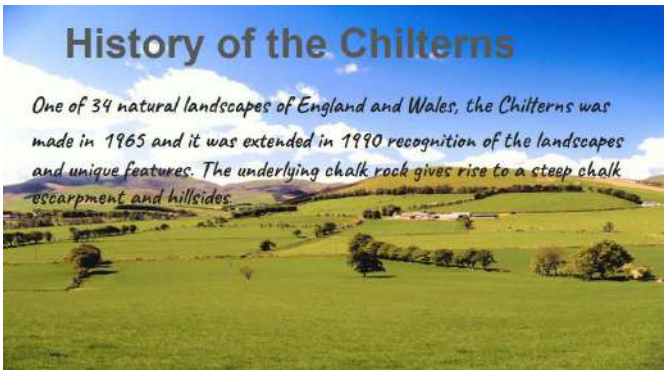


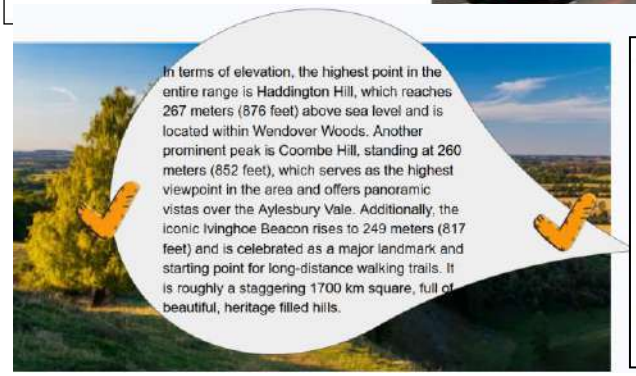


Year 6

In our geography unit, we have been conducting a local area study. Yesterday, we looked at mountains and hills, focusing on the Chiltern Hills. Independently or in pairs, we had to conduct research on different aspects of the Chiltern Hills and then create a presentation. At the end of the lesson, we shared some of our slides with the class.









Year 5

We have completed our self-portrait unit in Art! We began by exploring portrait drawing through continuous-line techniques before experimenting with a variety of materials and artistic approaches. We created unique background compositions, adapted our photograph portraits using mixed media such as paint and pastels, and explored creative techniques such as cutting and rearranging our portraits.

The final artworks are personal expressions that reflect our own individuality and identity. We are excited to showcase these self-portraits during the upcoming Open Classroom, and we warmly welcome you to come and enjoy our exhibition.



Year 4

Year 4 have continued with the rainforest inspired art this week. We were exploring how drawing can develop ideas for pattern design. We have drawn one rainforest animal from four different perspectives using a viewfinder to focus on a small area of our inspiration picture. We identified textures and patterns and we have used sketching and oil pastels to recreate them.









Year 3

On Tuesday we started cutting out the shapes and design for our cushions. We had to think about whether our designs would be easy to cut out from the felt and how much sewing would be needed to attach them. After making paper prototypes, some of realised we would need to simplify the designs. Next lesson, we will be starting to sew and attach embellishments such as beads and buttons.








Year 1/2

Year 1/2 were looking at position and direction. We had to give instructions to move a plastic frog around the funfair. We had to use the language forwards, backwards, quarter turn, half turn, three quarter turn, clockwise and anticlockwise.








Reception

Last week we enjoyed playing a 'build an ant' maths game with a die and match sticks.






This week we have thought about 'people who help us,' and have never known quite so many medical emergencies happening during our own learning time!
We have all talked about what an emergency is and about dialling '999' and what happens when you do. We practised doing this and created our own 999 emergency posters too.









The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Alice, Kamron, Avraaj, Michael

Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Freya
Year 1/2: Harrison

Star Writer awards

Year R: Charlie
Year 3: Hunter
Year 4: Sofia
Year 5 Matilda
Year 6: Oliver

Certificates will be given to children on Monday

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

Demonstrating lovely self-belief when he told his friends what they could do in an emergency this week: Noel

Showing wonderful perseverance this week when completing test papers: Mahnaz

Showing more confidence and resilience during our maths tests this week: Lyra

Showing such perseverance and resilience each lesson, you are working hard to complete work more independently: Su

Perseverance in all learning. It is always a pleasure to answer her questions surrounding our learning topics and from her own learning: Olivia Z

Being patient, kind & respectful when helping Mrs Kennedy learn the basics of the Rubik's Cube! Hugh

Certificates of Merit

Working hard, making some great achievements and also for being a bubble wizard! Rocco

Having a fantastic attitude in all areas of learning: Nancy S

Being one of the first to listen and follow instructions at all times: Minnie

Having such a fantastic attitude towards all your learning this week particularly your writing: Charlie W

Enthusiastically participating in learning, contributing to class discussions and group work: Henry

Working really hard in maths this week, even when the pie charts were quite challenging! Amna

Sport Certificates

Running really fast and being a great footballer this week. We can tell that you are 5 now! Alice S

Showing wonderful improvement in your overarm throwing: Zen

Incredible batting skills in cricket this week – you literally smashed it! Lacie

Excellent accuracy when you were bowling in rounders: Milo

Creating some amazing drives in golf this week, demonstrating how to control a good launch angle to give accuracy and distance: Hadley

Striking the ball longer distances and maintaining his accuracy: Karson

Participating in The Hertfordshire School Games Commonwealth Festival at Oaklands College. You all represented the school so brilliantly: Shona, Lasya, Elsa, Roxy, Alice, Lilly, Cece, Alex, Albie, Sam