SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 16th October 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Reception/Year 1 with 98.3%



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Mrs Lisa Harrison, Headteacher)

Halloween Discos

We had a **‘spook-tacular’** time at last night’s Halloween discos! A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the events and to all of the staff who gave their time to stay and support. It was wonderful to see the children having such a fantastic time.

Reception 2027 Tours

It is that time of year when families are beginning to consider schools for September 2027.
If you, or anyone you know, is looking for a Reception place for next September, please visit our website for details of our upcoming school tours. There are dates available next week, as well as during the next half-term.
We look forward to welcoming prospective families to our school.

Parent Consultations

A reminder that our Parent Consultations will take place next week, on **Tuesday and Thursday after school**.
Children’s books will be available for you to look through during the consultations, giving you an opportunity to see the work they have been completing in school.
Appointments are still available. Please use the link below to book a convenient time:

https://sandridge.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Our Children’s Wellbeing Practitioner, **Lucy Farren**, will also be available during Tuesday’s consultations. Parents can book a time to speak with Lucy about a range of issues, including children’s anxiety and worries, routines and boundaries, behaviour management and bereavement support.
To book an appointment with Lucy, please email admin@sandridge.herts.sch.uk.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

Appropriate Clothing for Autumn/Winter

We have been very fortunate to enjoy a fantastic summer and a warmer than usual start to autumn. However, with colder weather now approaching, please ensure that your child brings a suitable coat to school **every day**.
Please also make sure that all coats are **clearly labelled with your child’s name**. It can be particularly easy to forget a coat when travelling to school by car, so please check that your child has everything they need before arriving at school. If possible, keeping a spare coat in the car can also be useful for those unexpectedly chilly days!
Thank you for your support.

Finally, a reminder that we break up for half-term **next Friday at the usual time of 3.10pm**.

Have a good weekend ☺

Football

On Monday 12th October, we had our first league match against Margaret Wix. We played as hard as we could but the final score was 4-2 to Margaret Wix. We showed good teamwork and good sportsmanship.
Ralph and Daniel scored two amazing goals. Until the last 5 minutes we were tied, then Margaret Wix's best player, Max, scored two incredible goals! We chose him as the player of the match and they chose Ralph. We all shook each other's hands and it was a peaceful end to the game.

by Ralph and Jack

Cross Country

On Thursday afternoon, we went to Fleetville School to take part in a cross country event. The girls ran first with Georgia finishing first for Sandridge and coming 40th. The boys ran next and with one of our best runners, Harry, unable to take part this time, we had to have a positive attitude! In the end Parker came 36th and Daniel came 9th in a brilliant run!



Year 6

At the beginning of the year, in Science, we set up an experiment to investigate what would happen to bread which had been exposed to different conditions - sterile, washed hands, unwashed hands and dropped on the floor. Over the following 3 weeks, we checked on our bread and had to describe what had changed about it, focusing on the mould. This week, we learnt about what the different colours of mould might mean and why they had grown on our bread. We have learnt that it is important to wash our hands thoroughly before eating and that dropping food on the floor, and then consuming it, probably isn't the best idea...!









Year 5

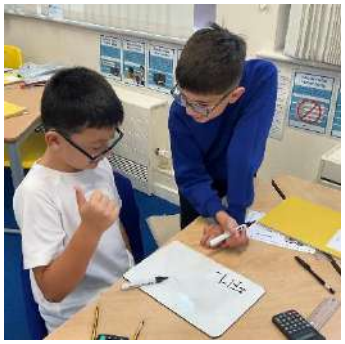
In maths we have now covered the four written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. So, to revise them, we became teachers. We used whiteboards and resources to talk through how to use each method and checked on calculators if we needed to. There was a lot of language that we were challenged to use when explaining the processes and we had to make sure we listened to our partners to follow their instructions carefully.















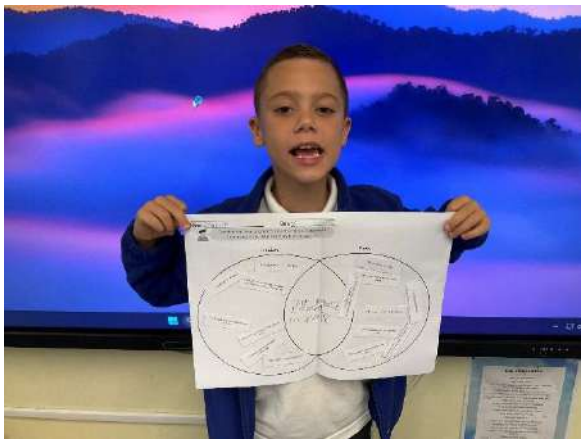
Year 4

What an exciting week of discoveries we have had in geography! We have been comparing London and Paris, looking closely at what these two European capital cities have in common and what makes each one unique. Working independently and with a partner, we researched, sorted and compared a range of geographical information. There were plenty of surprises along the way, from discovering the difference in the size of the two cities to investigating their trees and transport systems. Some of the facts certainly challenged what we thought we knew! It has been fantastic to see us asking questions, checking our ideas and thinking like geographers.









Year 2/3

This week in art, Year 2 and 3 were exploring how they could use natural products to create pigments of different colours. We started by going outside and collecting a range of natural materials from our environment such as; sticks, mud, flowers, leaves, berries and pinecones. Once we had our items, we came back into the classroom to see if we could use them to create pigments on our pages. We also tried adding water to see if that made any difference to the colours. We were amazed with our results and the colours we could create!













Reception/Year 1

Last week Year 1 and Reception enjoyed working together to link kindness and superheroes for our PE lesson.
We worked on and demonstrated some superhero moves and also pretended the parachute was created with superhero capes and enjoyed different activities using it and controlling it.



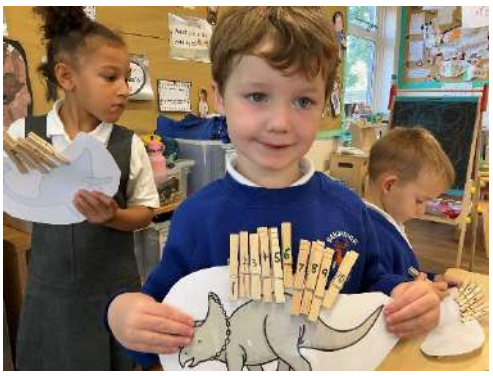





In maths:
Reception have been continuing to count, order and recognise numbers accurately during different activities.

Year 1 have been exploring partitioning numbers using base ten equipment and place value arrows.






We also had our first reading session on the library bus with our parents!





The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Zahra



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



Reception Phenomenal Phonics awards

Maeve



Star Writer awards

Year R/1: Beatrix
Year 2/3: Oscar
Year 4: Ellie
Year 5 Su
Year 6: Georgia



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

Lovely perseverance in all his activities and being more ambitious alongside this too: Rocco

Showing perseverance in maths this week and working hard to understand new methods: Zahra

Growing in confidence and beginning to see in herself what others see in her! Hope

Being heard encouraging others in the football match and making sure others are included in our PE lesson: Ralph

Having more self-belief in her learning and asking for help when she needs clarification: Karen

Certificates of Merit

Having a brilliant attitude to her work in Year 1 and trying her best! Freya

Showing a positive attitude towards your learning especially with new, tricky concepts: Zen

The effort he puts into working independently and for taking extra care to improve his learning: Archie

Persevering with our division method this week: Oscar P

Always engaging in lessons and working well with others: Sara

Sport Certificates

Demonstrating some great Superhero moves and control in PE! Isla

Such determination to develop your skipping skills: Pip

Showing excellent teamwork during OAA: Mohamad

Being more actively involved in the class game of netball this week: Evie

Working well with her partner to map read during orienteering this week: Emma