SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 27th November 2026

The attendance winners for this week are Year 2/3 with 98.9%



Number of lates in each class this week:

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



‘Head’lines (Mrs Lisa Harrison, Headteacher)

Last Sunday, our choir gave a fantastic performance of Christmas songs at the annual St Albans Christmas Cracker event. The children did so well and were the last school to perform so ended the event in style!

Huge thanks to Mrs Allard for running choir every week and for arranging the performance and thanks to Mrs Virji and Miss Littlechild for coming along to help with escorting and looking after the children.
It definitely got us all in the festive spirit as we approach the weekend when most of us put up our trees and decorations.



On the theme of Christmas… next Friday (3:10-5:30p.m) is our Christmas Fair, organised and run by the PTA. It is a non-uniform day, that day, and we ask that all children wearing non-uniform bring a bottle to school for the Bottle Tombola stall.
Please also do see the PTA section below – we need donations of…

- wrapped sweets and lollies
- new unwanted gifts
- small toys for lucky dip
- gift hamper goodies e.g. chocolates, wine or soft drinks, candles, biscuits, Christmas pudding, biscuits for cheese, chutney etc.

In the meantime, have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week (particularly on Friday afternoon)! ☺

PTA

The countdown has begun to our Christmas Fair - 4th December, 3.10 - 5.30pm.

On the day of the Christmas Fair, children are invited to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for donating a bottle for our Bottle Tombola. This could be any type of bottle - consumable or not. Hand your bottle to one of the PTA helpers on the playground on Friday morning.

Please help make your class stall a success by volunteering some of your time to help run it. You can sign up using the poll in your class WhatsApp group. If you're flexible and happy to help where needed, please get in touch directly and we'll match you with the perfect role!

Please bring your children to the stage at the following times for their class performance:



Year R/1 – 4.00 pm
Year 2/3 - 4.15 pm
Year 4 - 4.30 pm
Year 5 - 4.45 pm
Year 6 – 5.00 pm
Choir - 5.15 pm



And if they would like to perform one of their personal favourite Christmas songs or carols as a solo or duet, please contact us and we'll schedule it in.

We would be very grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits or savoury bakes. Please bring your contributions directly to the cake stall on the day, together with a list of ingredients.

Lastly, you will have received a letter and raffle tickets which were sent home yesterday. Please take a look on the reverse of the letter and below at the fantastic prizes we have available to win. Thank you to those in our school community who have contributed towards the raffle, we are very grateful!

Please get in touch at sandridgePTA@sandridge.herts.sch.uk for anything Christmas Fair related!

Thanks and we look forward to spending a festive afternoon with you and your families next week!

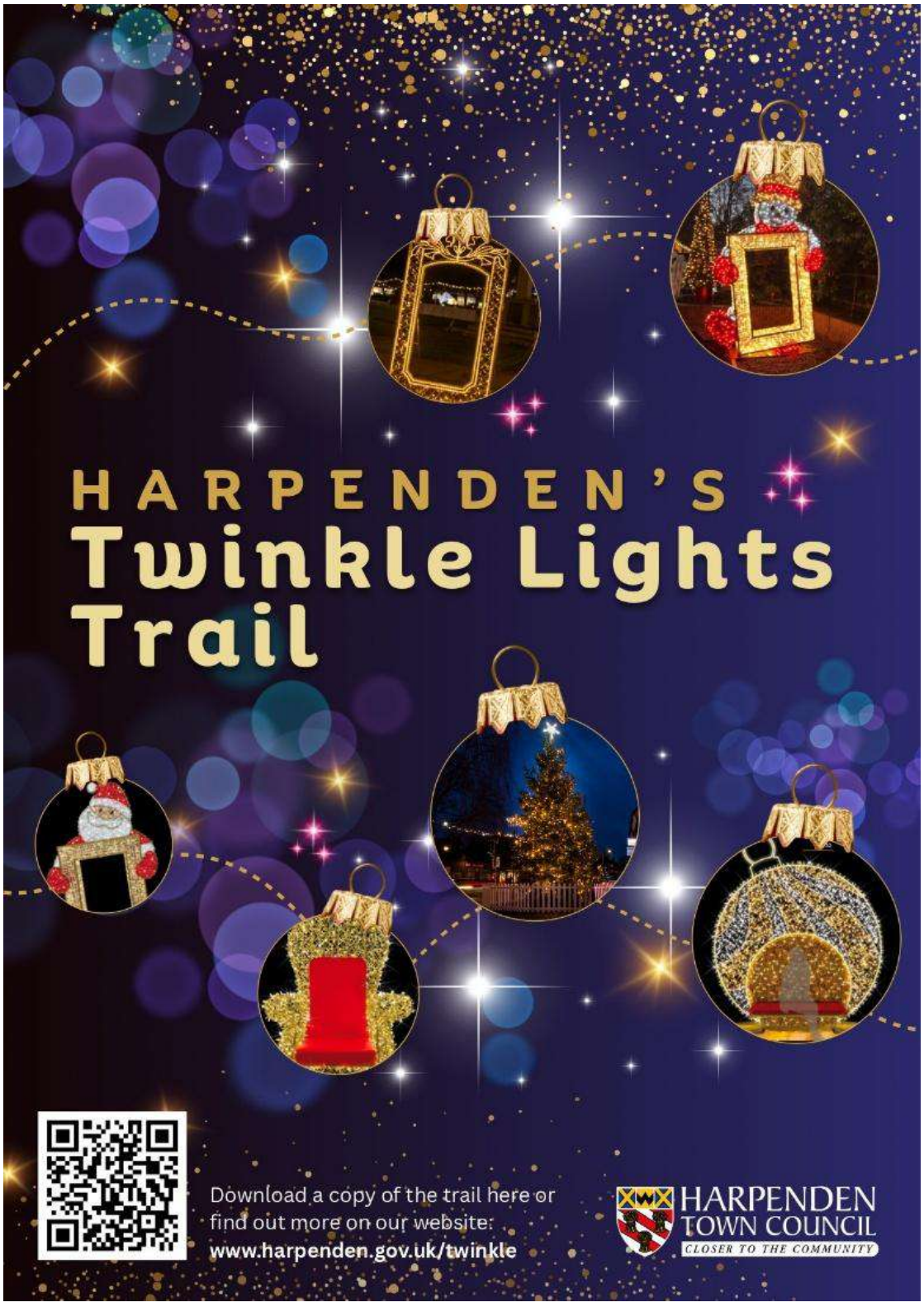


St Leonard's Church Christmas Fair

St Leonard's Christmas Fair is this Saturday 28th November from 10.30am to 1.00pm.



There will be refreshments, stalls, and Father Christmas will be making an appearance from 11.00am to 12-noon - no charge to meet him!



Year 6

Last week, along with Anti-Bullying Week, Year 6 had their Bikeability course. On Monday, we rode around the playground whilst learning about road safety, including signalling, T-junctions and looking behind us. Our first experience out on the road was on Tuesday, where we practised the 'stop u-turn' and safety around parked cars. On Wednesday, we rode further down House Lane towards Anson Close. Here we practised pulling out at T-junctions, waiting for cars and 'stop u-turn'. Thursday was our longest ride up to Jersey Farm. We learnt about who has priority on the roads (main or side street); turning on to the main road - left and right; positioning ourselves to turn left or right; and learnt about 'pass me' into 'follow me' positions. Finally, on Friday, we had to put all of our skills into practice independently. The instructors were watching and assessing us but trying not to give many instructions. It was a very helpful experience and now we feel we can ride safely on the roads - amazing!

co-written by Georgia and Harry





Year 5

This week we explored bridge structures with card and learnt about different ways to add strength. We had a go at adding arches to add strength and also how to add corrugation to beams to make them stronger. It was surprising how much our bits of thin card could hold before collapsing!













Year 4

This week in English, we began a new unit on writing informative texts. We explored the key features of explanatory writing and, inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's flying inventions, designed our own flying machines. After learning how conjunctions can be used in different positions within a sentence, we wrote an introduction and a sub-section for our texts. The introduction provided a general overview of each flying machine, including its history, inventor or appearance, while the sub-section explained its safety features and instructions for use. By using a range of conjunctions and varied sentence structures, we were able to make our writing more engaging and effective for our readers.





Year 2/3

This week year 2 and 3 took part in a live lesson from the Royal Ballet and Opera. They were able to watch and join in with the magical ballet 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'.

During the lesson we watched dancers from the Royal Ballet in rehearsals and on-stage performing Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and animations of different parts of the story. As we were watching the performances we were being taught parts of the story that we could perform ourselves.








Reception/Year 1

Reception have been thinking about the artist Van Gogh's painting 'Starry Night.' They created their own versions by mixing blue and yellow with white and black to make the colours darker and lighter. They also used different brush strokes for their paintings.











In maths, Reception found out about some common 3D shapes last week and enjoyed playing a guess the missing shape game and also going on a 3D shape hunt with their Year 1 peers. We found many cuboids, a few cubes, triangular prisms, cones and spheres but no pyramids! They also enjoyed creating with 3D blocks.







Year 1 had a very exciting cross-curricular English and computing lesson this week all about digital writing. We thought about all the things we can write on and then recognised that we can also write on a word processer too. We talked about what we already knew and noticed about what was on a computer keyboard. Markos said that there were letters there but they weren't 'in the abc order'.

The children used the chrome books to build on logging in skills and all impressed Mrs Allard and Mrs Hardie by being so quick to familiarise themselves with a keyboard (and mouse), and also all managing to type some letters (capital and lower case), their names, their friend's names and even some other words/sentences!

The children were so excited to see their individual work saved and on the big screen that they were literally jumping up and down with excitement!






The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:



Mia, Ted, Karen



This week's
Class Cup of Kindness
is awarded to: Year 2/3



Reception Phenomenal Phonics awards

Alex



Star Writer awards

Year R/1: Charlie W
Year 2/3: Ayman

Year 4: Ettie
Year 5 Daniel
Year 6: Aliza



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

Demonstrating lovely perseverance and self-belief in all her learning: Milani

Showing such perseverance in maths this week. Even though fractions have been tricky at times he has kept working hard to solve problems: Austin

Making a real effort in maths this week. His concentration and determination have shown just what he is capable of achieving: Zhayden

Showing more enthusiasm for your learning this week and being focused: Teddy

Always being a respectful member of the class and having more self-belief: James

Certificates of Merit

Persevering more in all his learning, being a lovely friend and team player too: Rocco

Showing such focus and determination to complete tasks in lessons: Zahra

Demonstrating a fantastic attitude to learning. She is eager to take up challenges in her learning, and has shown great growth in working independently: Shahnaz

Grappling with your learning and pushing yourself to try more challenging tasks: Oscar P

Listening carefully and trying to be a more independent learner: Zainab

Sport Certificates

Dancing so well in our 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes' dance and being enthusiastic in our invasion games: Beatrix

Good concentration during our throwing lesson and following instructions well: Akira

Outstanding teamwork combined with strong passing, attacking and defending skills that helped make a positive contribution to team games: Lyra

Amazing Mindful Movement lesson this week. You are mastering more of the movements and made changes to improve your poses: Oscar T

Superb skipping skills: Aras