



Sandal Castle VA Community Primary School

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Class	%
2AD	99.1%
4JS	99.1%
3TD	98.1%
1JP	96.4%
6RS	96.2%
3BJ	96.1%
3RQ	95.5%
5LG	94.2%
6HH	93.6%
4JG	92.3%
1JS	92.3%
6SW	91.9%
FJW	91.3%
5HF	91.0%
1EJ	90.5%
FKW	89.5%
2CW	89.0%
FDJ	89.0%
5SE	88.6%
2JT	88.1%
4RW	86.0%

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge are: 2AD + 4JS with 99.1%!

Well, done folks!
Keep up this amazing achievement!

Many thanks for supporting our very important attendance drive. This week our whole school attendance is: **92.64%**.

Our target is **96%**! Let's go for it next week. Together, we can do it!

Next Year's New Classes

On **Friday 5th July**, your child will receive their new class slip which will inform them which teacher they will be with next year. On **Monday 15th July**, your child will then enjoy a 'meet the teacher' morning where they will meet their new class and have lots of fun getting to know each other. We are very excited for this!

Cancelled Clubs On This Date

Due to the Summer Fayre on 3rd July, all clubs will be cancelled for this evening. Sandal Stars will still be running. Thank you.

Summer Fayre Donations

Many thanks for your donations today for our non-uniform. These will be used to support our summer fayre.

If you have **any pre loved uniform** you would be happy to donate we are also hoping to have a stall at our fayre.

Thank You

Headteacher Overview of the Year

Please see on the pages below a letter attached from Mrs Butterworth with an overview of our school year.

Thank you!



Diary Dates



24th June	Yr 5/6 Sports Day Yr5 09:30-11:00 Yr6 13:30-15:00
25th June	EYFS Sports Day 14:15-15:00
26th June	Yr3/4 Sports Day Y3 09:30-11:00 Y4 13:30-15:00
27th June	Yr1/2 Sports Day Y2 09:30-10:15 Y1 14:15-15:00
1st July	Year 5 Trip Jorvik Viking Centre
3rd July	Summer Fayre 2:30pm-4pm
4th July	Year 4 Trip Murton Park
5th July	Year 4 Trip Murton Park
8th July	Year 5 Trip Jorvik Viking Centre
11th July	5LG Ukulele Concert 1:40pm parents' welcome 
16th July	Year 1 Trip Yorkshire Wildlife Park
19th July	Last day of School Start of summer holidays!

Water Bottles and Sun Hats

Please can you make sure your child brings an appropriate water bottle and sun hat to school, labelled with their name as the weather is getting warmer.



Parent Governor Vote

Reminder to vote for the Parent Governor and return your slip to school as soon as possible.

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Sandal Castle Primary School Updates!

Academic year: 2023-2024



What a year! 😊 |

It's been a very busy but fantastic academic year at Sandal Castle School. We have achieved so much over the last ten months that we wanted to share some of our amazing achievements with you!

Our Vision and Values:

In January 2024, we launched our new School vision and values as part of our rebranding. We worked with all stakeholders (children, parents, staff and governors) to develop this and agreed upon some fantastic ideas.

Because we are a Church of England School the parable that underpins our School is the wise man who built his house on the rock. This links to Sandal Castle which has been built so skillfully that it remains standing, despite its age! Our motto is: 'Building strong futures together', which relates to the strong foundations of the Castle, but also the strong foundations that education offers towards our future.

Finally, our five values are: Resilience, Inclusion, Creativity, Knowledge and Respect. These will help drive our curriculum over the next few years.



Our decorated hall showcasing values



Our new school rules

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Harvest Festival donations

Our links with St. Helen's Church:

We have been delighted to recommence our visits to St. Helen's Church. It has been wonderful to see our parents and community at our Services throughout the year! Thank you so much for supporting us!

We have also enjoyed half-termly visits to school from Reverend Hannah who has delivered some of our Collective Worships.

Our School Building:

Our school building has had a HUGE transformation internally during the last ten months. We have filled almost ten skips and enjoyed a really good de-clutter! ☺

We have also had almost all of our communal rooms and corridors painted so that our paint work is smart and matches throughout school. We have had almost 60 fire doors fitted to keep us fire safety compliant, but also look smarter.

We have also incorporated beautiful Christian-inspired areas throughout school. We have used hessian to make our classrooms calm and natural and developed our reading areas to make them exciting places to visit.



Our Points Win Prizes Shop

Our new Behaviour Policy:

At Easter, we launched our new behaviour policy which has been a real success! Our children now understand our clear expectations of good behaviour and are rewarded for following this. We have school rules which can be articulated by everyone.

Children who do not follow these have clear consequences (restorative inclusions) that are immediate, which allows for starting a 'new slate' the following school day.

Our children can earn house points for demonstrating good behaviours and swap these for prizes from the Points Win prizes shop (see photo). Every half term, our golden star children experience an amazing treat, chosen by School Council! ☺

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Curriculum:

We are beginning to develop an exciting curriculum and this is something that we are planning to work hard on during the 2024-25 academic year.

Lots of our children now have small group music lessons which is wonderful to see and hear!

We are also very proud of our Swimming Squad who have competed in numerous competitions over the school year!

Many thanks to members of our local community who have supported our Reading Friends initiative. It has been wonderful to see our children and parents enjoying reading together!

We have also developed our Pupil Voice opportunities; we now have an active School Council and a Junior Leadership Team (JLT).



Our Swimming Squad team!

Communication:

Having listened to parent feedback, we were made aware that you wanted our communication channels to improve. Because of this, we have redesigned our weekly newsletter to make it easier to read. We have also updated our website; this is a fantastic resource to gain lots of school information from at the click of a button! We also have reactivated our 'X' (twitter account), where photos are uploaded frequently.

Since Easter, we have invited our Star children's parents/carers to our Friday Collective Worship. It has been a wonderful opportunity for you to share in this special occasion. We have also invited our Parents into school for (Phonics and Maths) workshops and coffee mornings. We hope that you will join us on 3rd July for our Summer Fayre?

Our SEND (Special Needs) Team have worked hard this year to connect with Parents of our SEND children. We aim to bring you more timely and accurate information in supporting your children with their SEND needs.



Our X account:

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Finally, we listened to our Parents who informed us that they didn't like the last written report format. We have changed that this year and hope that you will prefer it.

Next Steps;

From September, we aim to continue along our journey of improvement by:

- 1) Improving our site- both internally and externally
- 2) Continuing to raise standards in reading, writing and maths
- 3) Developing and implementing an exciting curriculum
- 4) Supporting our children to become happy, healthy citizens of the future!

Finally, we would like to thank you for all your support this year. We couldn't have achieved the above, without your support.



**Together we are building our
children's strong futures!**

Very soon there will be an electronic survey being sent to you through Parent Pay. We would very much appreciate your positive comments and suggestions for the future.

Thank you! ☺

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