



# Sandal Castle VA Community Primary School

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2024

**13<sup>th</sup> September**



Class	%
1JS	100.00%
4JG	100.00%
6LG	100.00%
4BJ	100.00%
2JP	99.50%
3EJ	99.00%
3RQ	98.00%
5SH	98.00%
1CS	97.90%
FDJ	97.30%
4RW	97.10%
6RS	97.10%
6SW	97.10%
5HS	96.20%
FJW	96.00%
2AD	95.70%
5JS	95.70%
3HF	95.00%
1JT	94.60%
2CW	94.10%
FKW	92.70%

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge are: **1JS, 4JG, 6LG & 4BJ with 100%!**

Well, done folks! Keep up this amazing achievement! Many thanks for supporting our very important attendance drive. This week our whole school attendance is: **96.78%**.

We have reached our target of **96%!** Well done, let's keep this attendance up!

## Diary Dates



<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>9-10am Coffee Morning</b> All parents welcome
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Flu Immunisation</b> All school
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>9.15am Assembly</b> Class 6SW – parents invited
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Secondary School Closing Date</b> Applications must be in

## Homework

We are currently updating our homework policy. This will be available for you to view on our website under the policies tab. If you have any thoughts about this, please contact Mrs Butterworth by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September.



## Car Park

Polite reminder that parents should not park in the staff/visitor car park. This includes Breakfast, Sandal Star and after school sports clubs. Our staff require these spaces. We thank you for your understanding. Please use the bottom car park only.



## School Dinners

Please ensure your child's school meal account remains in credit. School dinners must be paid for ahead of the week they are going to have their school dinner. Any debt should be cleared weekly as the system will not allow a child to order a meal if the debt is over £12.65 (one week's dinner money).



## Food Bank Donations

Thank you for all the very generous donations as we continue to collect throughout the year. If you have any spare food bank items, we would be very grateful.



## Congratulations

A huge well done to James in Class 5HS who is celebrating his first European title this weekend winning the Boys U11 event at the Welsh Junior Open in Cardiff!



## Secondary School Place

A reminder for Year 6 parents to log onto the Parent Portal to apply for secondary school places. The website link is [here](#).

## Asda Cashpot

We have 79 days to collect as much money from the Asda Cashpot for Schools. If you have an Asda rewards app, please select our school for us to gain money from your shopping. If you shop in Asda please use the app as the money that we raise will go back into our school for our children!



Yellow	99/100%	this is outstanding
Green	97% 98%	this is good
Amber	95% to 96%	this is expected
Purple	93%/94%	requires improvement –Attendance Officer involvement
Red	92% or less	Level 1 Cause for Concern-EWO involvement

## KS1 Free School Meals

A polite reminder that all children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals due to the Free-School Meals Grant. Why not use this fantastic grant and encourage your children to eat a delicious meal every day for free?

For any Safeguarding concerns please contact [legley@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:legley@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk)

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- = Bank Holidays
- = School Holidays
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There are currently no scheduled elections although schools are asked to consider reserving an INSET day in case of any unscheduled elections. Schools will need the authorisation of the Returning Officer if they are to be used as a Polling Station and wish to remain open on this day. Otherwise schools used as a polling station should be closed for INSET. Schools not used for election purposes may arrange alternative closures for INSET. Individual schools may decide the dates of the remaining 4 INSET dates.

Number of pupil days:	195
Less INSET days to be fixed:	5
Total number of pupil days:	190

**Inset Days**

- 25<sup>th</sup> October- Friday before half term
- 21/22<sup>nd</sup> July- Last two days before half term

## Use the Parent Portal to apply online for a secondary school place

The national closing date for on-time applications is **31 October 2024**.

**Make sure you apply on time.**

Last year, 94% of on-time applicants were offered their 1st Preference

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), you should not use the Parent Portal. Contact the Special Educational Needs Assessment and Review Team (SENART) for further information.

If you live outside the Wakefield district, you can still apply for a place in a Wakefield school. Contact your home Local Authority for details.

Wakefield district residents can use the Parent Portal to apply for schools in Wakefield and in other Local Authorities.

Go to [www.wakefield.gov.uk/admit](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/admit) and click on "Apply for a secondary school place"

**BEFORE STARTING YOUR APPLICATION**, click on the links in the text for:

- The **'Guide for Parents'** - **read this carefully**. Contact School Admissions if you have any questions
- The catchment area search - confirm your catchment secondary school
- **Open Evening dates** for Wakefield schools
- Admissions policies - most schools have their own policy
- The number of places offered at Wakefield schools last year
- Information about School Transport, including bus passes
- **The Parent Portal**

**This is not a 'first come, first served' process.**



All on-time applications are processed at the same time, after the closing date.

Please attend the Open Evenings in September and October, to help you decide which schools you prefer.

When you have decided, go to the Parent Portal and start your application.

Select up to five schools within the Wakefield district or other Local Authority districts.

- Rank the schools in order of preference - put your favourite as 1st Preference, your second favourite as 2nd Preference, and so on.
- You should select more than one school. This will not affect your chance of being offered a place at your 1st Preference school.

**NOTE: You will need to provide more information to some schools and academies. You should visit their websites or contact them directly for details.**

When you submit your application, you will receive a confirmation email. You should receive this within a few minutes – it will come from **"Wakefield EYES"** ([donotreply@liquidlogic.co.uk](mailto:donotreply@liquidlogic.co.uk)). Please check your Junk/Spam folders. It is **your responsibility** to contact School Admissions if you do not receive this email.

You must provide accurate information, including your child's address. Making a fraudulent or **deliberately misleading application, or failing to advise School Admissions of any changes**, may result in the offer of a school place being withdrawn.



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## Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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### Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

### Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

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### Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.