



Sandal Castle VA Community Primary School



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Spring Term
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 15th March



Class	%
6SW	97.1%
3BJ	96.7%
3TD	96.5%
FJW	95.5%
1JS	95.4%
1JP	95.0%
2JT	94.4%
3RQ	94.2%
4JG	94.2%
5LG	94.0%
2AD	93.3%
1EJ	93.0%
5SE	92.8%
FKW	92.5%
6HH	92.3%
FDJ	92.1%
5HF	91.6%
4JS	90.1%
4RW	88.8%
6RS	88.4%
2CW	86.3%

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge are: 6SW with 97.1%!

Well, done folks! Keep up this amazing achievement!

Many thanks for supporting our very important attendance drive. This week our whole school attendance is: **92.18%**.

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

Congratulations

We are really proud of **James in Year 4**, as last week he came first in his National Squash championships!

We would also like to congratulate **Tabitha in Year 3** and **Hetty in Year 4** who competed in the Yorkshire NDP Tumbling Competition at the weekend.

Tabitha competed in level 4 and won Bronze!

Hetty competed in level 6 and won Gold!

Hetty has qualified for the English Championships in June!

What superstars!



Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in school. This is situated in the old entrance at the top of the Car Park. The deadline of collecting any lost uniform will be **Friday 22nd March**, anything left will be donated to charity.

Donation Appeal

We are looking for donations from any local business for our school summer fair (in July) If anyone would be able to kindly donate some prizes.

Thank You

Diary Dates

19 th Mar	Easter Services at St. Helens Church – Parents welcome! Years 1&2 – 09:30am Years 3&4 – 11am Years 5&6 – 1:30 
20 th Mar	Year 5&6 Parent Maths Workshop This will be our last workshop. The focus of this workshop is Division . Please arrive at 1:50pm for the workshop to start at 2pm. Thank you.
21 st Mar	Year 5 Ukulele Concert (5SE) Details below
21 st Mar	Easter Eggshibiton Bring in your decorated eggs! 
21 st Mar	Rock Your Socks World Down Syndrome We will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day. We are encouraging all children to wear odd socks to promote awareness. 
8 th Apr	INSET Day First day back after easter will be Tuesday 9 th April.
11 th Apr	Future in Minds 9am-10am. The theme of this session will be low moods. 
24 th Apr	Coffee Morning 9-10am 
1 st May	PTA Event Walking treasure hunt. This will be held after school – more information to follow. 

Dinner Money

Just a little reminder to check your ParentPay account dinner money balances. Please ensure the account is in credit to ensure your child can continue to order school meals. Thank you!



Dinner money balance: £5.07

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Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut free school. If you are sending food into school to celebrate your child's birthday; we can only use them if they are nut free. Please check the labelling very carefully. Thank you for your understanding.

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THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

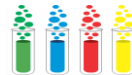
Year 5 Ukulele Concert(5SE)

We would like to invite parents from 5SE to join us to watch their child playing in a ukulele concert on **Thursday 21st March at 1:40-2pm**



British Science week

Next week is British Science week. All our children will be taking part in some exciting experiments to celebrate this.



Fasting

Ramadan Mubarak to our Muslim community! Please note, that we follow Wakefield Authority guidance for fasting during school hours. Fasting is not mandatory for Muslim children until they reach puberty which is usually aged 10-14 for girls and 12-16 for boys. As such, we respectfully ask that children younger than Year 6 do not fast during the school day, and save their fasting for weekends and holidays.



Parent Invite

From after half term, we will be inviting our parents into school each week to share in our Collective Worship on a Friday afternoon. Parents of the nominated child will be invited to attend each week.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you in to our family.



Smart Watches

We are noticing that some of our children are bringing expensive smart watches into school. Please don't send these with your child if they can take phone calls or photos as this maybe a safeguarding issue.



New behaviour Policy

Next week we will be launching our new behaviour policy to our children. We are very excited to share it with all of our community. Please see leaflet attached below.

School finishing time

We are dealing with an increased number of children being collected late without the office being informed and without any apology to staff. School finishes at **3:15pm**

After 3:20pm you will be charged an afterschool rate of £7.50.



Attendance Information for Parents

Can we please ask that routine appointments such as dentist, opticians etc are booked outside of school times. We understand that on occasions there may be emergency doctors apps or hospital apps so can you please bring proof of these.



Trainers in school

Can we please remind parents/carers that children must only wear trainers to school on P.E days.
Thank you!

Twitter Account

Don't forget to follow us on our X account: <https://twitter.com/SandalCastleSch> to see all the lovely things that we do!



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Wakefield Family Hubs

HEALTHY MEAL PROVIDED

For Children aged 4-11 years

WF Happy Healthy Holidays

COME AND JOIN US!

HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS IS BACK FOR THE EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Activities are FREE to children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals.

STANLEY FAMILY HUB
Tues 26th March - Forest school, Den making and activities 10am-2pm
Ages 8 years-11 years (Child Only)
Friday 5th April - Sports Day outdoor sports activities 11-3pm
Age 4-7 years with parents 8-11 years (Child only)

SUNBEAM FAMILY HUB
Thursday 28th March - Family fun day- Parents, carers, and children of all ages-
Spring planting, magician, face painter, bath bomb, crafts. Fun and games for all
Wednesday 3rd April- Lego and games session- 10am – 2.30pm 8-11 years (Child only)

CASTLE FAMILY HUB
Monday 25th March - Outdoor activities - Den making and activities 10am-2pm
Ages 8 years-11 years (Child Only)
Thursday 4th April - Wild time encounters- outdoor activities chance to see wild animals
10.00 am– 3.00pm

Find and book **FREE** activities by visiting
www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk/community-support/happy-healthy-holidays

or scan the QR Code



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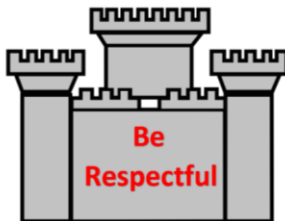
Our new Behaviour Policy



We are delighted to share our new behaviour plans with you, which will be launched after the Easter holidays!

Why change the current policy?

We have spoken to our School Council representatives and lots of our parents who feel that our current model is old fashioned and has lost its impact. We also feel strongly that our well-behaved children don't gain enough kudos for their good behaviour choices!



Introducing our four new School Rules:

What do these mean in practice?

- ✓ Being Safe is : keeping yourself and others away from harm
- ✓ Being Responsible is : taking care of yourself and your environment
- ✓ Being respectful is : being kind to others and your environment
- ✓ Being Ready is : ready to learn and be a good Sandal Castle Ambassador!



How will our children be rewarded?

Every child (and adult) in School will be placed in a House team. Our House names have been chosen by our School Council. Our Houses are:

- ✓ Warren (blue team)
- ✓ York (green team)
- ✓ Rutland (red team)
- ✓ Clifford (yellow team)



When our children follow our School rules, they will be rewarded by House points. Every week, the house points will be collected by our House Captains and celebrated in our Friday afternoon Collective Worship.

Every half term, our children will receive certificates and prizes to take home and enjoy!



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How will behaviour be rewarded?

In every learning space, there will be a golden star and a traffic light. At the beginning of every half term (approximately six weeks) every child's name will be on the golden star. The aim is to remain on the golden star to receive the star treat at the end of the half term. The Star treats will be exciting events, chosen by the School Council such as glow in the dark discos, picnics, circus skills, water fights etc. Parents will also be invited every year to one of our Friday Celebration Collective Worship to share their child's success! 😊

If unfortunately, a child displays 'low level' poor choices, they will be given three opportunities (using a green, amber and red- traffic light system) to address their behaviour. If the child continues to present poor choices, they will gain a 'red' and be expected to attend a same day inclusion with a member of our Senior Leadership Team. During the inclusion, they will undergo some restorative practice conversations. Some inclusions may be after School and require parents to attend.

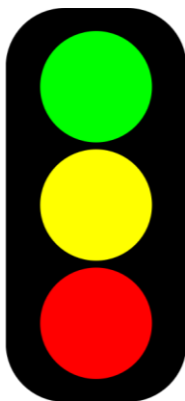
Once off the golden star for that half term, they will remain on the green traffic light and will not receive the star treat. They will go back onto the golden star at the beginning of the new half term.



How will I be kept informed?

After every red given, the child's parent will be sent a message through our ParentPay communication system. This will explain the reason for the red and the consequence given.

At certain points, parents will be invited into School to discuss behaviour concerns and ways in which we will work together to support their child going forwards.



Year 6 Hoodies of Responsibility

Our Year 6 pupils will receive 'hoodies of responsibility' which will be purchased by us. These are to be worn with pride! However, if a child receives two reds in a half term, sadly the hoodie will be removed and the child will be expected to return to their normal school jumper. The child will be given a time frame to earn their hoodie back, through improved attitude and responsibility.

What about Children with Additional Needs?

Our staff will support children who have additional needs to be able to access our new behaviour policy. Reasonable adjustments will be made for this and this will be shared with the child and parents through their Individual Education Plan (IEP).

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