



Sandal Castle VA Community Primary School

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28th March Spring term

Attendance

Class	%
4JG	100.0%
2JP	100.0%
5SH	100.0%
4RW	99.2%
3EJ	98.1%
2AD	97.9%
1JT	97.6%
6RS	97.1%
6SW	97.1%
2CW	96.9%
1CS	96.4%
FKW	96.1%
1JS	96.0%
6LG	95.7%
4BJ	95.0%
3HF	94.8%
5HS	94.6%
5JS	92.9%
FJW	92.2%
3RQ	90.4%
FDJ	87.9%

Well done everyone!
 Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 5SH, 2JP and 4JG all with **100%**
 The whole school attendance is 95.92%

Thank you for your effort! Lets keep aiming for our whole school target of 96%

Easter Egg Competition

On Thursday 3rd April, we will be holding our Easter Egg competition. We would like to invite you to attend our egg-shibition from 3:30pm-4:15pm in the KS1 hall to see all the entries and discover who has won! We are sure that there will be some 'cracking' entries!

School Meals Increase

School Dinners will be increasing to £2.63 a day and will be £13.15 a week from 01/04/2025.

Eid

Children that are celebrating Eid will be authorised Monday 31 March off school. Please email school/ leave a voicemail on the absence line, if your child will be following Religious Observance on this day. Children will be expected to be in school on Tuesday as our Easter Services are due to take place.
 Eid Mubarak!

Easter Service

Our Easter Services at St. Helen's Church will take place on Tuesday 1st April. 9:30am Years 1/2, 11am- Years 3/4, 1:30pm- Years 5/6 . We hope that you can join us to celebrate Easter!

Dinner Debate

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about the holy month of Ramadan and the festival of Eid. Over dinner this weekend, why not consider: What could, you share with others? What would you choose to celebrate? Be as creative as you would like in your answers!



Date

Event

1 st April	Church easter service
2 nd April	6RS class assembly
3 rd April	Easter egg competition

End of This Terms After School Clubs

Reminder that after school clubs have now ended for this term. Sandal stars will continue as normal.

Arbor Update



We are wanting to thank everyone who have currently signed up to our communication system Arbor. We are proud to say that 86% of our parents have signed up already, which is AMAZING! Our aim is to achieve 100%, lets see if we can make this happen. We are in the process of moving everything over to Arbor, we will update further as soon as possible. If you are struggling to log in, please pop in to reception or call us and we will happily guide you through. It is important for parents to log in to keep up to date.

Book Wish List

Since January, we have started a new PSHE program called the One Life program. It is a fantastic scheme of work endorsed by many schools across West and South Yorkshire! Our children will learn how to develop their mental, physical and social health through the power of stories. If you would like to help our children with their program of development, we would really appreciate you buying a book for our school. Please access this amazon list for our wish list of books: <https://amzn.eu/c9VHAtD>

Yellow

99%/ 100% this is outstanding

Green

97%/ 98% is good

Amber

95% to 96% this is expected

Purple

93%/ 94% requires improvement- attendance officer involvement

Red

91%/ 92% level 1 cause for concern- EWO involvement

Lost Property

we have quite a lot of lost property. please can you check when collecting or dropping off your children. Remaining items will be disposed of end of day Friday 4th April.

Safeguarding contact
 For any safeguarding concerns please contact
legley@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk





After School Clubs

We can confirm that we are moving to Arbor for the booking of clubs for the Summer term.

You will be able to book your child's place via your parent Arbor account on **Monday 31st March from 7pm**. To confirm places are limited and will be strictly on a first come first served basis.

Please contact the office if you require any assistance with your Arbor account.



Rock Steady



Today we have had a very exciting concert and workshop, for all of our children by a company called Rock Steady! From after the holidays, they will be offering private lessons on a weekly basis, to children, where they will make their own rock band and learn to play either the drums, electric or bass guitar or sing! Please note that there is a cost for this of £43 per month and an expected commitment to see the lessons through to the end of the year. A letter will be sent home about this with more details.

Litter Picking

Esther 2AD has organised a community litter pick as part of her Beavers Challenge badge on 5th April meeting at Sandal Library at 10am.

We are so proud of you Esther, helping clean up our community!



Children's activity pack

We're delighted to let you know that our latest Children's activity pack is now available to download free, from the Trans Pennine Trail website in time for the Easter break.

Once again, the pack contains lots of exciting holiday activities that will keep young minds entertained during the February half term break.

Bursting with fun and engaging activities, they will be encouraged to embark on a Spring Scavenger Hunt and take part in a Great British Spring Clean litter pick challenge.

They'll be able to get creative by making Spring Lamb cupcakes and creating their own Easter Egg decorations while solving the Easter Word search and bringing vibrant colours to life with picture colouring before diving into the next instalment of Mandy Mole's exciting adventure along the Trans Pennine Trail.

It's a fantastic way to celebrate Easter and the beauty of spring!

The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. We'd obviously prefer parents to download the pack themselves so if you could share the link with them it would be appreciated. But we can send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the website if they get in touch with us.

Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>

Upcoming After School Clubs

Monday	KS1 Drawing Club KS2 Maypole Y2 Football	
Tuesday	KS2 Rounders KS2 Girls' Football EYFS Gardening Club	
Wednesday	KS1 French (Lingotots) KS1 DanceXplosion	
Thursday	EYFS Baking KS1 Board Games	
Friday	Y5/6 History Not visible on Arbor, separate letter	

Invacuation

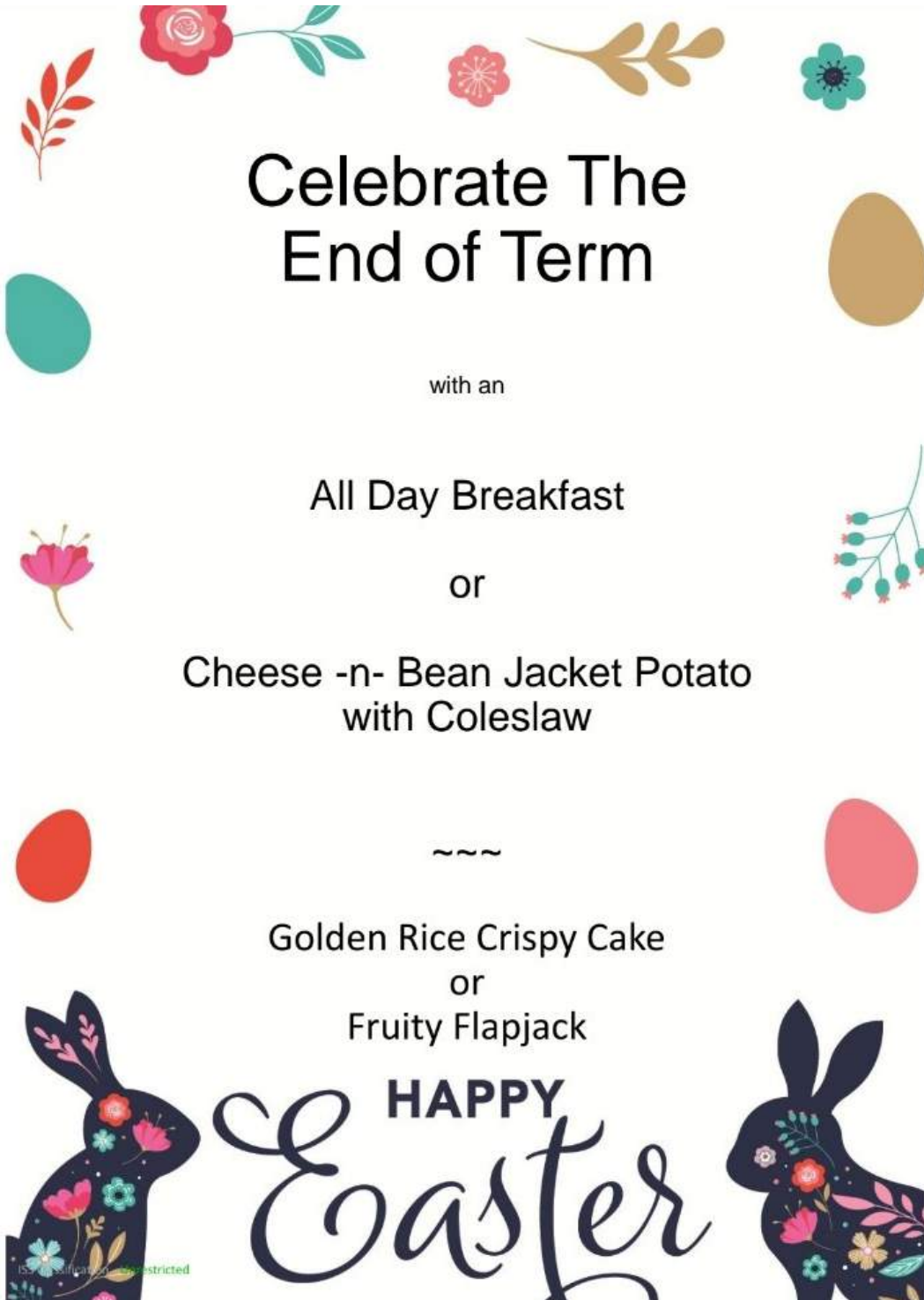
Before Christmas we held our first lock down (invacuation). This is where our children practice hiding safely in school to avoid any dangers outside within the local community. Next week (on Thursday), we will be holding our second lockdown practice. Our children have received some reminders about this in assembly today. If you would like to talk to them about this, it would be much appreciated.



One Life

This half term we have been learning about compassion. This week we have been thinking about using compassion during an emergency. Does your child know their home address? Do they know your mobile number? This is very important information to know in a real emergency!

1st Of April



Celebrate The
End of Term

with an

All Day Breakfast

or

Cheese -n- Bean Jacket Potato
with Coleslaw

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Golden Rice Crispy Cake

or

Fruity Flapjack

HAPPY
Easter

May-Hem! 2025

Wednesday 28th May

10am - 2pm



Free Entry
Open to all families



**Crafts, Games, Music,
Sport, Curriculum
&
Historical Learning**



Castleford College

Thunderhead Ridge, Glasshoughton, WF10 4UA



Take part in activities with:

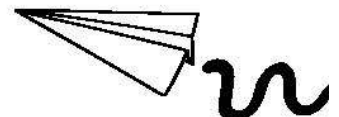
Castleford Library / RSPB Fairburn Ings & St Aidan's / Wakefield Museums & Castles /
Phoenix Martial Arts / National Coal Mining Museum / Castleford Heritage Trust /
Studio 64 / Girlguiding Whitwood Division and many more!

Visit our Facebook page for more details on what activities are available. Keep an eye out to see how you can book on to some fantastic workshops provided by departments at Castleford College.

Contact us: childrensuniversity@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk

 [cuatwakefieldcollege](https://www.facebook.com/cuatwakefieldcollege)

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Easter Holidays

Sat 5 – Mon 21

April

11am–4pm

**Join us for family activities every day
this Easter.**

Garden Play, family workshops, Art Pods
and Explore & Draw Kits are FREE for
kids and Wakefield residents.

Plan your visit at hepworthwakefield.org

HOW TO FIND US

The Hepworth Wakefield, Gallery Walk,
Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF1 5AW

Our car park is located on Thornes Lane, WF1 5QJ

The gallery is a 5-minute walk from Wakefield
Kirkgate or jump on the Free City Bus from the
bus and train stations.

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EASTER HOLIDAY PLANNER 5 – 21 APRIL 2025

SAT 5 APRIL	SUN 6 APRIL	MON 7 APRIL	TUES 8 APRIL	WED 9 APRIL	THURS 10 APRIL	FRI 11 APRIL
ART POD GARDEN PLAY	FAMILY WORKSHOP SOAP CARVING GARDEN PLAY	ART POD GARDEN PLAY	FAMILY WORKSHOP SOAP CARVING GARDEN PLAY	FAMILY WORKSHOP SOAP CARVING GARDEN PLAY	FAMILY WORKSHOP SOAP CARVING GARDEN PLAY	ART POD GARDEN PLAY
						

SAT 12 APRIL	SUN 13 APRIL	MON 14 APRIL	TUES 15 APRIL	WED 16 APRIL	THURS 17 APRIL	FRI 18 APRIL
ART POD GARDEN PLAY	FAMILY WORKSHOP SOAP CARVING GARDEN PLAY	ART POD GARDEN PLAY	FAMILY WORKSHOP SOAP CARVING GARDEN PLAY	FAMILY WORKSHOP SOAP CARVING GARDEN PLAY	FAMILY WORKSHOP SOAP CARVING GARDEN PLAY	ART POD GARDEN PLAY
						

SAT 19 APRIL	SUN 20 APRIL	MON 21 APRIL
ART POD GARDEN PLAY	FAMILY WORKSHOP SOAP CARVING GARDEN PLAY	FAMILY WORKSHOP SOAP CARVING GARDEN PLAY
		

Art Pod, Family Workshop & Garden Play
 11am–4pm on dates listed
 Explore & Draw Stations and Kits
 10am–5pm, daily

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We provide free school uniforms to families in need, ensuring every child has the essentials to succeed.

How We Help:

- Supplying all items of school uniform free of charge
- Supporting families through referrals from schools and social workers
- Working with local businesses to increase our reach and support more families

Need Assistance? Know Someone Who Does?



Visit our website to learn more and access our referral form.



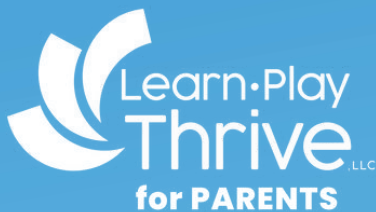
/SmallStepsUniformBank



http://

www.smallstepsuniformbank.co.uk

Together, we can make a difference!



Free Live Parent Workshop

APRIL 5 @ 2:30 PM ET*

SUPPORTING AUTISTIC KIDS DURING MELTDOWNS



Learn a mindset shifting strategies to help you manage aggressive meltdowns in a way that helps bring your kid back to safety, without overextending your own nervous system



AMANDA DIEKMAN

Amanda is a late-diagnosed autistic adult, mom of three, and a survivor of parenting-related PTSD who guides overwhelmed parents of neurodivergent kids through the transformative power of low demand parenting.

*recorded replay available

parents.learnplaythrive.com/meltdowns