



# Sandal Castle VA Community Primary School

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4<sup>th</sup> April Spring term

## Attendance

| Class | %     |
|-------|-------|
| 2JP   | 98.3% |
| 4JG   | 96.5% |
| 6SW   | 96.5% |
| 1JS   | 96.3% |
| 5HS   | 95.6% |
| 3HF   | 94.6% |
| 1JT   | 93.9% |
| FJW   | 93.9% |
| 5SH   | 93.3% |
| 5JS   | 93.0% |
| 3EJ   | 92.6% |
| 1CS   | 91.7% |
| 4RW   | 91.7% |
| 2CW   | 89.7% |
| 3RQ   | 88.7% |
| 4BJ   | 88.6% |
| FKW   | 88.4% |
| 6LG   | 88.3% |
| 6RS   | 87.6% |
| 2AD   | 86.8% |
| FDJ   | 85.1% |

**Well done everyone!**  
 Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 2JP with 98.3%

The whole school attendance is 91.95%

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

## End Of Term

We broke up from school today for the Easter holidays, 2 whole weeks off school! In addition, we have the 21<sup>st</sup> off as it is Easter Monday. We hope you enjoy the break, we will look forward to seeing you bright and early Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April.

**THANK YOU**

## Dinner Debate

This week we have been thinking about the Christian celebration of Easter. Consider:

if you could save something, what would it be?  
 Why does God remain unhidden?



## Thank You!

We just wanted to say well done to all the children that brought in their decorated egg. They were all egg-celent! And a huge thank you to all the parents who came to show their support.



## After School Clubs

The clubs went live on Arbor and it was very Successful. There is still space to book your child onto Maypole dancing, we have also opened up football to Year 3, if there is space you will be able to book on now!



## Date

## Event

|                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025    | Easter Monday          |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025    | FJW Class assembly-9am |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025     | Inset Day              |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025     | Inset Day              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025 | Inset Day              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025 | Inset Day              |

## Communication Update

Please note, if your child is absent from school for any reason, you should contact us by 9am to provide reasons either by phone on 01924 303525 or email: [attendance@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk) You can also notify us within the Arbor communications app. If your child is late to school, they must be accompanied by a responsible adult who can bring the child to reception and sign them in.



## Well Done!

Alice has been in a show, singing at Wakefield Theatre Royal with her Dance House Theatre People group, that she attends every Saturday. This is amazing Alice, well done! We are so proud of you.



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| <b>Yellow</b> | 99%/ 100% this is outstanding                                |
| <b>Green</b>  | 97%/ 98% is good   |
| <b>Amber</b>  | 95% to 96% this is expected                                  |
| <b>Purple</b> | 93%/ 94% requires improvement-attendance officer involvement |
| <b>Red</b>    | 91%/ 92% level 1 cause for concern-EWO involvement           |

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



## 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/>

# THIS SCHOOL IS NUT FREE



**THANK YOU**  
for keeping our school safe!



# 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:**

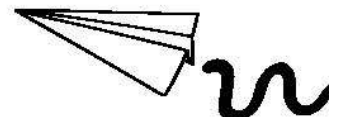
Castleford Library / RSPB Fairburn Ings & St Aidan's / Wakefield Museums & Castles /  
Phoenix Martial Arts / National Coal Mining Museum / Castleford Heritage Trust /  
Studio 64 / Girlguiding Whitwood Division and many more!

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](mailto:childrensuniversity@heartofyorkshire.ac.uk)

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

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







## 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](http://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<br>GARDEN PLAY  | FAMILY WORKSHOP<br>SOAP CARVING<br>GARDEN PLAY                                    | ART POD<br>GARDEN PLAY  | FAMILY WORKSHOP<br>SOAP CARVING<br>GARDEN PLAY                                    | FAMILY WORKSHOP<br>SOAP CARVING<br>GARDEN PLAY                                     | FAMILY WORKSHOP<br>SOAP CARVING<br>GARDEN PLAY                                      | ART POD<br>GARDEN PLAY  |
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|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| SAT 12 APRIL  | SUN 13 APRIL  | MON 14 APRIL  | TUES 15 APRIL   | WED 16 APRIL   | THURS 17 APRIL  | FRI 18 APRIL  |
| ART POD<br>GARDEN PLAY  | FAMILY WORKSHOP<br>SOAP CARVING<br>GARDEN PLAY                                    | ART POD<br>GARDEN PLAY  | FAMILY WORKSHOP<br>SOAP CARVING<br>GARDEN PLAY                                    | FAMILY WORKSHOP<br>SOAP CARVING<br>GARDEN PLAY                                     | FAMILY WORKSHOP<br>SOAP CARVING<br>GARDEN PLAY                                      | ART POD<br>GARDEN PLAY  |
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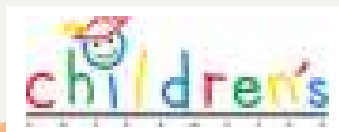
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| SAT 19 APRIL   | SUN 20 APRIL   | MON 21 APRIL   |
| ART POD<br>GARDEN PLAY   | FAMILY WORKSHOP<br>SOAP CARVING<br>GARDEN PLAY                                     | FAMILY WORKSHOP<br>SOAP CARVING<br>GARDEN PLAY                                     |
|  |  |  |

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

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# Easter Holidays

Join us this Easter for hands-on activities, underground adventures and so much more.



## What's On:

### **Makers' Shed - Daily (11.30am-3.30pm) 4-12 yrs**

Get creative and explore the power of light and dark with free crafts. FREE, Drop-in

### **Stories of Pit Lasses - Daily, (11.30am-3pm) all ages**

Listen to family-friendly stories of strong women from mining communities – from coal queens to pit brow lasses.

FREE, Drop-in

### **Horsekeeper Talks - Daily, all ages**

Visit Eric, Ernie, Finn and Bud. Join us for our Horsekeeper talks at 12pm and see what they have to eat at 2.30pm. FREE

### **Pithead Baths Explore - Daily (12pm) all ages**

Discover the daily routines of miners, from the start to the end of their day, in this fun family tour! FREE

### **Paddy Train (weather dependent)**

£2.50 per person (11am-4pm)

Travel to Hope Pit and to Caphouse Colliery on our Paddy Train.



## **STEAM Club Easter Special – Lego Robotics (7-14 years)**

**Wed 9, Thu 10 April, Wed 16 & Thu 17 April  
(11am-12.30pm & 2pm-3.30pm) £7 per child. Pre-bookable.**

Design, build, and program to safely rescue Lego miners or transport coal, using the power of modern technology!

**Caphouse Creators Easter Special – Decoupage & Electronics  
(7-12 years) Fri 11 & Fri 18 April, (11am-12.30pm),  
£7 per child. Pre-bookable.**

Create a nature-inspired decoupage design on a glass jar whilst learning the fundamentals of electrical components to wire your own circuit to illuminate the darkness!

## **Minecraft-inspired Escape Room in a Box (ages 7+)**

**Fri 11 Apr & Fri 18 Apr, (12pm–1.30pm), £15 per family.  
Pre-bookable.**

Join us for a Minecraft themed escape room challenge. Problem-solve your way to victory!

## **Inspiring Animation (6-12 years)**

**Fri 11 Apr & Fri 18 Apr, (1.30pm-3pm), £7 per family pair. Pre-bookable.**

Join artists Lenny and Whale to explore animation techniques, and bring works of art to life using animation apps.

## **Easter Scavenger Hunt (ideal for under 5s)**

**Fri 11 Apr (10.30am-11.30am), £2.50 per child.**

Join us for a woodland adventure hunting for nature's treasures - there may be a chocolate treat at the end!

## **Underground Tours - Wed-Sun (10am-3.30pm)**

**£7.50 per person**

Descend 140m underground and discover 180 years of history with a captivating former miner. Book in advance via our website.

## **Time Tunnel - Wed-Sun**

**£5.50 per child, £6.50 per adult**

Be transported through the centuries as you are taken through almost 200 years of mining history thanks to state-of-the-art technology. Book in advance via our website.

