



# Sandal Castle VA Community Primary School

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2nd May Summer term

Date	Event
5th May 2025	Bank Holiday (school closed)
7th May 2025	Coffee Morning 9am
21st July 2025	Inset Day
22nd July 2025	Inset Day
1st September 2025	Inset Day
2nd September 2025	Inset Day

## Attendance

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

Class	%
IJS	100.0%
3HF	99.1%
1CS	98.7%
6RS	97.8%
4JG	97.5%
1JT	97.1%
3EJ	97.1%
2AD	97.1%
SSH	96.7%
2JP	96.6%
4BJ	96.3%
5JS	95.4%
4RW	95.0%
6SW	95.0%
FJW	94.9%
FKW	94.6%
FDJ	94.5%
5HS	94.4%
6LG	94.4%
3RQ	93.8%
2CW	91.5%

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is IJS with 100%

The whole school attendance is 95.7%

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

## Signing Children in and out of school

Children arriving into school after 9.15am will need signing into school on our new electronic sign in screen by a parent or guardian with a reason for the late arrival, the same will also apply for children leaving school early. Please ensure you are entering reception with your child when dropping off late.



## Donation Request

We would really appreciate donations, for our amazing girls and boys football teams within school, of Football kit, shin pads, boots ETC. If you would like to donate any of these items (used and still in good condition), please bring them to the school office.



Thank you in advance!

## 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.



## Summer



As it is getting sunny and hot, please ensure your child has sun cream on, bring a water bottle and a sun hat.

## Dinner Debate

This week we have been thinking about what it means to be inclusive. What does inclusion look like in our school?

Have you ever been excluded from something? How did it make you feel?

These questions make us think about what it means to be inclusive and how it feels when we are not inclusive

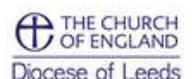
## Amazon Wishlist

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/drMjeWW>

<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)



## Packed Lunch

Reminder that sweets are not suitable for packed lunches. We aim for our children to have a well balanced lunch.



## Lost Property and Donations

Please check the lost property, located at the top entrance (Blue door). As there is a lot of unclaimed items. We appreciate the clothes donations but we have got plenty now! so we will be refusing clothing donations for a while.

## Wrap Around Care update

Our wrap around care pricing will be increasing at the start of next half term (2/6/25)

Bookings and payments will be made via Arbor from the (2/6/25)

Our new prices are as follows:

**Sandal Sunrise (Breakfast club):**

**7:30am to 8:45am: £4.50**

This includes Childcare and a nutritious breakfast served between 7.30am and 8.20am

**Sandal Stars (After school club) :**

**3:15pm to 4:15pm: £4.50**

This includes childcare, drinks and healthy snack of fruit.

**4.15pm to 6pm: £7.50**

This pricing is to accommodate parents of children who are attending after school activities that run until 4:15pm.

This includes childcare, drinks and a variety of snacks. The menus may include sandwiches, crackers, pasta, wraps, fruit or vegetables and a biscuit.

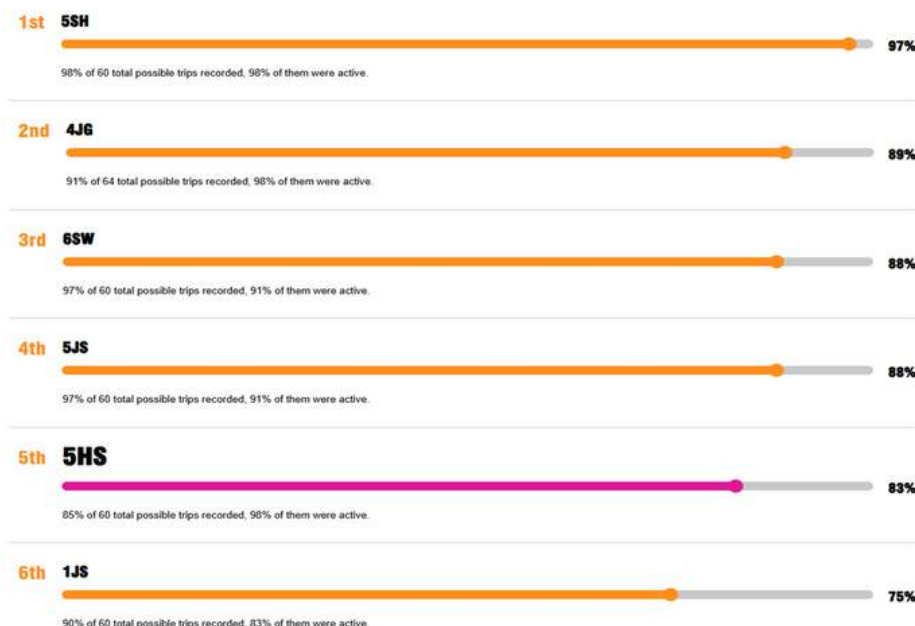
**3.15pm to 6pm: £10**

This is our full session pricing including all of the above.

**Late collection (after 6pm) Sandal Stars Wraparound care- There will be a charge of £30**

In addition to the childcare and snacks offered, our wrap around team also offer a range of indoor and outdoor activities to keep the children entertained, which we feel still represents a good offer for parents, and hope you can appreciate the need for the increase in fees to cover the inflationary pressures on school. Hopefully the new staggered pick up times will be beneficial to those parents who do not require the full session from our provision.

## Wow Tracker





# Girls Football Team



On Wednesday afternoon, some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils attended the KCP girls' football tournament at Kettlethorpe High school. The children were all fantastic representatives for the school and played brilliantly in very hot conditions. Well done girls.

## Wall of fame!



George has just celebrated scoring his 21st goal in 10 games for Wakefield city playing an age group above and is currently their top goal scorer. George's coaches have said that George is excellent team player and leader on the pitch which inspires others that play with him.

His good attitude and gentle nature has improved team moral. He is a very kind and supportive member of the team.

This is amazing! We are all so proud of you.



# GOAL!





# 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:

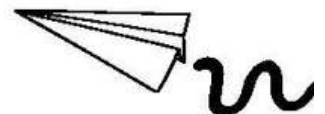
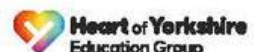
Castleford Library / RSPB Fairburn Ings & St Aidan's / Wakefield Museums & Castles /  
Phoenix Martial Arts / National Coal Mining Museum / Castleford Heritage Trust /  
Studio 64 / Girlguiding Whitwood Division and many more!

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)

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# Brigade Uniform

**ORDER YOUR SUMMER UNIFORM EARLY!**

**10% off this weekend (3-5th May)**

Simply use the promocode: **BANKHOL10** at checkout.





VE DAY



# VE DAY 2025

80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATIONS

**SATURDAY 3 - MONDAY 5 MAY**

## ***CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES:***

**VE Day Trail**

11am - 2.30pm

**Family crafts in the Learning Studio**

11am - 3pm

*Plus a mini vintage fairground!*



**1940's memorabilia, historic weapons, tasty treats, live music, dancing and much more.**

[thepiecehall.co.uk](http://thepiecehall.co.uk)



# SEND Fest!

Tuesday 13 May 2025

Join us at our FREE SEND event and find out about the amazing support local to you!

Find out about the support and activities available to you and your family. Pop in and chat to friendly staff from our Family Hubs, the NHS, and lots of interesting local organisations.

**St George's Community Centre, Broadway, Lupset, Wakefield WF2 8AA**

Free limited parking is available!

Free goody bag for each family!

Free drink and cake for everyone on the day!

**Pop in from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm**

For more information

01924 787379

07885 913396

[enquiries@healthwatchwakefield.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchwakefield.co.uk)

[www.healthwatchwakefield.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchwakefield.co.uk)

**healthwatch**  
Wakefield



**Thursday 8th May**



## **MENU**

**Toad in the Hole**  
**'Lord Woolton Pie'**  
**Jacket Potato of Day**

**'Dig for Victory'**  
**Potatoes, Carrots & Cabbage**  
**Gravy**

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**Jam Roly Poly & Custard**  
**Wartime Spiced Biscuits**







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# 10 CHILD DROWNING FACTS

In the last 5 years,  
**119 children**  
accidentally drowned in the UK.

**71%**

**of UK child drownings** occur between May and August.

2022 saw a  
**46% increase**  
in the **number of child drownings in the UK**, compared to the 5-year average.

**84%**  
**of UK child drownings** occur in inland waters e.g. rivers, lakes and canals.

**79%**  
**of children** that accidentally drown in the UK **are male.**

Drowning is currently reported as one of the **leading causes of child trauma-related deaths** in England.

**83%**  
**of child drownings** in England occurred in the absence of adult supervision.

In our analysis, **71% of children aged 13-17** that accidentally drowned in the UK **were swimmers.**

The risk of drowning is  
**2x higher**  
for children from the **more deprived areas of England**, compared to those from the least deprived.

The risk of drowning in England is  
**3.5 x higher**  
for **children of Black ethnicity** compared to White ethnicity.

**No child should drown.**



The winners are:



1<sup>st</sup> place: 4JG

2<sup>nd</sup> place: 6SW

3<sup>rd</sup> place: 2AD



Let the battles  
commence!



New battles begin today at 3:15pm

Who will you be battling?





**Battle 1: Year 1, Year 2**

**Battle 2: Year 4, Year 5**

**Battle 3: Year 5, Year 6**

**The winning classes will be announced in next week's assembly.**