



Sandal Castle VA
Community Primary School

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7th November Autumn term

Dates For Your Calendar

11 th November 2025	Parents evening
12 th November 2025	Parents evening
13 th November 2025	2CW Skelton Grange environment centre
18 th November 2025	Individual School Photos
25 th November 2025	2TD Skelton Grange environment centre
27 th November 2025	2DJ Skelton Grange environment centre
28 th November 2025	Tree Switch On
1 st December 2025	4RQ Ukulele concert
9 th January 2026	Inset Day
16 th March 2026	4RH Ukulele concert
6 th July 2026	4AD Ukulele concert
20 th July 2026	Inset Day

Parents Evening/ Afterschool Clubs

Due to Parents' Evening, there will be no after-school clubs on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November.



Sandal Stars will continue as normal.
Thank you for your understanding!

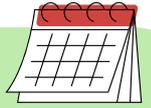


Children Starting Reception in September 2026

Parents of Children starting reception September 2026, can apply through the Wakefield council website
1st of November.

Parents Evening

11th & 12th November



A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November. There are still appointment slots available — if you haven't booked yet, please check Arbor, speak to your child's teacher or contact the school office. We look forward to seeing you and discussing your child's progress!



Drama Production

Exciting news! On Friday 21st November, we have a Drama Production visiting our School to perform the Pantomime Aladdin, for all of our boys and girls! For us to be able to finance this wonderful opportunity, we would like to request a donation of £3 per child, to pay for the production fees. Payment is available via Arbor on the school shop. Please note, if you would like to donate any additional money, this option is also available to select extra tickets.

Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough donations, we will be unable to go ahead with the production and will have to cancel the performances. Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting such a wonderful opportunity for our children!

Remembering Swim Kit

Just a friendly reminder for children to bring their swim kit on swimming days — we don't want anyone to miss out on their lesson!



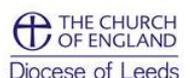
Scholastic Bookfair

We will be holding a scholastic bookfair at our school on the 11th and 12th of November. Our children will be able to purchase books from a great selection. No cash payments will be taken, instead you can pay on card via scanning a QR code on the evening. Alternatively, parents can purchase vouchers on the scholastic website which are sent via email and you can then bring them to the bookfair to purchase a book!

Poster Below



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



Attendance

Class	%
3SJ	100.0%
4AD	98.2%
FJP	98.1%
6HY	97.9%
2TD	97.7%
6LG	97.5%
2CW	97.2%
FJW	97.1%
FKW	96.8%
4RQ	96.7%
6SW	96.6%
5SH	95.8%
1JT	95.4%
3BJ	95.2%
2DJ	95.1%
4RH	94.4%
1JS	94.2%
5GS	94.2%
3RW	93.5%
5JG	87.1%
1CLW	84.6%

Well done everyone!
Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 3SJ with 100%!

The whole school attendance is 94.98%

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

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

Christmas Tree Switch on

Our annual Sandal Christmas Tree Switch on and Christmas Fayre will be occurring on Friday 28th November. This will be run as usual, by the brilliant Sandal Association. If you are interested in supporting them run this wonderful event, please contact: goddardles@btinternet.com In particular, they would love to hear from anyone who could help with face painting or hair braiding! Posters about this event will be coming soon....

School Photos



Photo Day – 18th November
Individual photos will be taken on Tuesday 18th November.
Please come dressed smartly and ready to smile!

Book Wishlist

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://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/s/2332TR8HGQ4M?ref=wl_share



Nut-Free Zone Reminder



Just a quick note to help keep everyone safe and included:

Please do not bring any food, cakes, or gifts that contain nuts (including peanuts, tree nuts, or nut-based products). Spreads like Nutella or peanut butter are not suitable.

Celebrating a birthday or special event?

Please double-check labels and choose nut-free options so everyone can join in the fun safely!
Thanks so much for your understanding and support!

Welly Donations Wanted!

We're still looking for donations of wellies in any size.
If you have any spare pairs at home, please think of us – they'll be put to great use!

Thank you for your support!



Wall of Fame



Mia danced in the Penistone Theatre Dance Festival and gained Silver Medal, second place out of 13 girls in the junior novice cabaret solo section. Well done Mia





Craft

Fun

Wed 12th November
3.30-5.30

Food

Worship

All ages welcome, children
must be accompanied by an adult



Sandal Methodist Church
253 Barnsley Road, WF1 5NU

FREE
Donations
welcome

Messy Church (at Sandal Methodist Church) meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for an open and relaxed time to explore bible stories in fun and creative ways. We start at 3.30pm with a time to enjoy crafts and activities related to our story / theme of the day - we enjoy paint, glue, glitter, textiles, playdoh, cutting out, colouring in, food crafts, sensory activities and we aim to have something that will suit all ages. At about 4.45pm we have a short time of collective worship where we listen to a story, sing songs and pray. Then at about 5pm we share a hot meal together.

We ask that all children are accompanied by an adult.

There is no charge for the sessions, although if you are able to give a donation to help us cover our costs that it very welcome.

Next sessions 12th Nov, 10th Dec, 14th Jan '26, 11th Feb, 11th Mar

Scholastic Bookfair coming soon...

We love reading at Sandal Castle Primary School

**Celebrate our love of reading by coming to our Scholastic bookfair,
as every book purchased earns our school rewards to spend on
books for our children to enjoy!**



The bookfair will be held in the KS1 hall on the following dates: -

Tuesday 11th November 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Wednesday 12th November 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Please note that we are unable to take cash at the bookfair, card payments are accepted (bank card needed) by scanning a QR code at the fair or book vouchers can be purchased on the Scholastic website which then can be spent at the fair.

We hope to see you all there.



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY CENTRE WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

MONDAY

Sewcial Crafting Group

10am to 1pm | £4

Hot Chocolate Youth Club

6.30pm to 7.30pm

11 to 16 year olds

FREE Pizza and hot chocolate

Run by members of St Helen's Church
Term time only

TUESDAY

Portobello Craft & Photography Group

12.30pm to 2.30pm | £2

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7.30pm to 8.30pm

Donations

WEDNESDAY

Portobello Baby & Toddler Group

9.15am to 11am

£1 adults / £1 baby or toddler

Run by volunteers from St Helen's Church
Term time only

WAKESPEARE DRAMA

4, 11, 18 + 25 November

4pm to 5pm | For all ages - 8 to 100

To book text 07388 356008

THURSDAY

Portobello Drop In

11am to 1pm | £3

Run by volunteers from local churches

Shimmy Exercise with Sophie

1pm to 2pm | £4

Kung Fu

7pm to 8pm - Beginners

8pm to 9pm - Advanced

Beginner subs: £3 adult/£2 child

First session free

FRIDAY

Sewcial Crafting Group

10am to 1pm | £4

SATURDAY

1st and 3rd Saturday

Yorkshire Black Sheep Modellers

10am to 1pm | £4

2nd Saturday

Trinity Model Making Group

10am to 1pm | £3

SUNDAY

Strong Tower Christian Centre

10.30am to 12noon

Apostolic Faith Church

2pm to 6pm

If you are on a low income & need support with subs
please contact the office or group leader
(in confidence)

TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEETING

Tue, 11 Nov 11.45am - 12.30pm



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Role for Parents:



Parent Play Champion

- Observe and assess playtime within the school at least once a year.
- Sit on the OPAL working party and attend development meetings.
- Support other parents to understand the school's approach to play.
- Advocate OPAL's approach and for children's play within the PTA and school community.
- Share contributions and ideas from parents and the wider community.
- Support the ongoing resourcing of loose parts from parents and the wider community.

For more details or to express interest, please contact cbutterworth@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk