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Community Primary School

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21st November Autumn term

Dates For Your Calendar

25th November 2025	2TD Skelton Grange environment centre
27th November 2025	2DJ Skelton Grange environment centre
28th November 2025	Tree Switch On
1st December 2025	4RQ Ukulele concert
3rd December 2025	3BJ Class Assembly
4th December 2025	Swap & Shop
9th December 2025	EYFS Nativity- see below
10th December 2025	6HY class assembly
11th December 2025	Future In minds- see below
15th December 2025	Gift Stall (Swap & Shop)
19th December 2025	Year 5 Christmas Party- Details to follow
19th December 2025	Year 6 Christmas Party- Details to follow
9th January 2026	Inset Day
16th March 2026	4RH Ukulele concert
6th July 2026	4AD Ukulele concert
20th July 2026	Inset Day



Swap & Shop



Thursday 4th December

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and bring along one unwanted, new, or unopened gift to donate. These gifts will be used for our upcoming gift stall and will help make the event special for everyone. Please ensure that gifts do not contain nuts or any nut-based products for allergy safety.

Examples of suitable gifts include:

Toiletry sets (shower gel, bubble bath, hand cream)

Stationery items (pens, notebooks, colouring sets)

Small toys or games

Books

Candles

Accessories (scarves, socks, hair accessories)

Thank you for supporting this initiative!

Monday 15th December

Children will have the opportunity to visit the gift stall, choose a gift, and wrap it to give to someone special. To take part, please send £1 with your child on the day. This is always a lovely activity that the children really enjoy, and it helps them experience the joy of giving.

Thank you for your continued support in making these events successful!

View Poster Below!

Lost Property Reminder

Please check the lost property area regularly for any missing items. It is located at the top of the car park through the blue doors.

Unclaimed items will be cleared at the end of the term, so make sure to look before then.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Christmas Dinner Day

We will be holding a special themed lunch on 10th December - please see the menu attached to the newsletter. If your child does not usually have a school meal and would like to join us that day, they can order in class on the day and payment can be made through the Arbor payment system. Meals are £2.63 per day for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Children in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 are free.

Poster Below



Children In Need

We are delighted to share that we raised £474.76 for Children in Need! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this fantastic charity.

EYFS Nativity

Message for EYFS parents- We are excited to announce that EYFS will be performing their Nativity on 9th December.

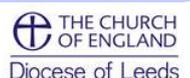
There will be two showings:

9:15 AM – FJP and half of FKW

10:30 AM – FJW and the other half of FKW

A letter/email will be sent out shortly to confirm which showing your child is in.

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



Class	%
5JG	100.0%
4AD	99.1%
2DJ	99.0%
3SJ	98.7%
5GS	98.3%
5SH	97.9%
3RW	97.8%
2CW	97.7%
4RQ	97.5%
1JS	97.4%
2TD	96.8%
4RH	96.6%
FKW	96.3%
6HY	95.8%
1JT	94.5%
1CLW	94.2%
FJW	93.3%
6LG	92.1%
6SW	90.9%
FJP	89.4%
3BJ	89.2%

Attendance

Well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 5JG with 100%

The whole school attendance is 92.21%

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



Future in Mind Parent Workshops – Year 5 & 6 Parents Only

We are pleased to announce two workshops for Year 5 and 6 parents on Thursday 11th December:
Face-to-Face Session (these can be booked through Arbor):

📍 KS1 Hall

🕒 9:00 – 10:00 am

Online Session:

🕒 4:00 – 5:00 pm

(For those unable to attend in person)

These sessions will provide valuable insights and support for parents.

This is the overview of the session:

Ditching Devices for Emotional Wellbeing: Learn about the impact that gaming, social media and over-usage of devices has on emotional wellbeing and self-esteem. In the session we will support you in thinking about the next steps you can take as a parent/ carer to reduce any negative impact.

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 5:30pm. 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 below.

Dinner Debate

What special "helping hands" do you have - what are you good at that could help others?
What difference does it make when we choose to help, even if nobody tells us to?

School Vision

This academic year, we have met with pupils and staff to create our school vision. We also invited our parents/carers to take part in an online survey to vote for this. We are excited to share our new agreed vision: At Sandal Castle Primary School we build strong futures together. We celebrate and prepare our inclusive community by providing the education and experiences needed, as the building blocks for foundations for life. We empower everyone to be successful, resilient, and self-aware global citizens. Together, in God's love, we nurture hearts, minds, and spirit, to equip everyone with wisdom, character and hope, in order to flourish.

Wall of Fame



Well Done Swim Squad!



PTA Christmas event during school hours



Swap & Shop

Thursday 4th of December- Children come in non uniform with a unwanted/new/unopened gift to donate.

Monday 15th of December- Children can bring in a £1 to pick a gift and wrap it, to gift to someone.





The Sandal Community Association and
Sandal Castle Primary School invite you to

Christmas Tree Light Switch On

FAYRE ~ CHOIR ~ SANTA



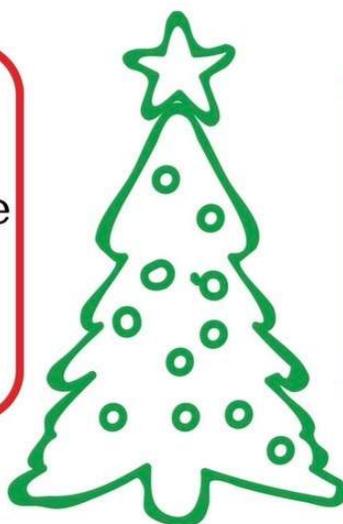
Friday 28th November

Christmas Tree Switch On at **5:30 pm**
(Opposite Castle Pub)

Wakefield Metropolitan Brass Band
playing at school after

KS1 HALL

Choir Performance
Face Painting
Hair Tinsel



KS2 HALL

Santa's Grotto
Tombola
Refreshments



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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10th December

Christmas Dinner Menu

Traditional Roast Turkey Christmas Lunch

Halal Roast Chicken Christmas Lunch

Tomato and Mozzarella Puff

Dessert

Christmas Pudding With Custard

Gingerbread Cookie

'Grinch' Cupcake





The winners are:



1st place: Year 6

2nd place: Year 3

3rd place: Year 1



Here are the top 10 children who contributed the most in the battle.



1. Archie Y6
2. Freddy Y6
3. Adrian Y6

1. Adriel Y3
2. Esther Y3
3. Maverick Y3

1. Jasmine Y1
2. Chioma Y1
3. Orla Y1



Next week's battles are:



Battle 1: 1CW, 1JT, 1JS, 2CW, 2TD, 2DJ

Battle 2: Year 3, Year 4

Battle 3: Year 5, Year 6