



Sandal Castle VA
Community Primary School

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

1st December 2025	4RQ Ukulele concert 9:15am
3rd December 2025	3BJ Class Assembly 9am
4th December 2025	Swap & Shop
9th December 2025	EYFS Nativity- see below
10th December 2025	6HY class assembly- 9am
10th December 2025	Christmas dinner and jumper day!
11th December 2025	Future In minds- see below
15th December 2025	Gift Stall (Swap & Shop)
16th December 2025	Christmas service (times below)
19th December 2025	Year 5 Christmas Party- Details to follow
19th December 2025	Year 6 Christmas Party- Details to follow
19th December 2025	School Closes for 2 weeks
5th January 2026	School opens
9th January 2026	Inset Day
16th March 2026	4RH Ukulele concert
6th July 2026	4AD Ukulele concert
20th July 2026	Inset Day

Wrap around Care Update

If you have any queries regarding booking or cancelling your child's Wraparound place, we now have a new direct email to send to them:

contactwraparound@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk

Please ensure all bookings and cancellations are made as far in advance as possible to allow us to plan for staffing and purchasing of food, at the very latest no later than 3:30pm the day before the session.

If they are not booked in and this takes us over numbers, we may have to call you to collect your child at short notice. If you have not cancelled your session in time and your child does not attend, you will still be charged for the session.

If your child is absent from school due to illness please contact school as usual and contactwraparound@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk so that your account can be credited for the session.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Post Box

From Monday 1st December, our Christmas post box will be available in school for our children to post Christmas cards to our Sandal Castle Primary community. Please can you encourage your child to include first and second names, plus their class to help our elves deliver the cards. Please note, we are unable to give out class lists of names due to GDPR.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day



We will be holding a special themed lunch on 10th December where children can also wear their Christmas jumper - 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

Christmas Service

Christmas Carol Service at ST Helens Church - Tuesday 16th December

Join us for our festive Christmas Carol Service!

9:30 - 10:30 AM: Years 1 & 2

11:00 - 12:00 PM: Years 3 & 4

1:30 - 2:30 PM: Years 5 & 6



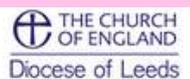
Dinner Debate



Are you carrying any "stones" in your backpack - is there someone you need to forgive?

How might forgiving them set you free?

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



Class	%
3SJ	98.7%
2DJ	98.6%
4AD	98.3%
1CLW	97.9%
2CW	97.2%
5GS	96.7%
6LG	96.7%
2TD	96.3%
5SH	95.8%
6SW	95.7%
4RQ	95.3%
1JT	94.5%
FJP	93.3%
6HY	92.5%
4RH	92.4%
5JG	91.7%
1JS	90.0%
FKW	89.9%
3RW	87.1%
FJW	83.7%
3BJ	78.4%

Attendance

Well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 3SJ with 98.7%

The whole school attendance is **92.74%**

Thank you for your effort! Lets 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.

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

Emails have been sent, stating which show your child is in.

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!

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



Reindeer Run

Our children will soon be taking part in the annual Reindeer Run to raise funds for our wonderful local charity, Wakefield Hospice.

Next week, your child will bring home a sponsor form to collect donations. Then, during the week commencing 15th December, the children will run their race wearing festive reindeer antlers (these will be provided by school on the day).

It would be amazing if you could support this important cause by helping your child raise some much-needed funds for Wakefield Hospice. Every contribution makes a difference!

Thank you for your continued support.

LOCKDOWN PRACTICE

Next week, we will be holding our termly lockdown practice. During this time, staff and children will be talked through the procedures to ensure everyone remembers what to do.

Please be assured that this is nothing to worry about—it is simply a routine safety measure. We have successfully carried out lockdown practices since 2024, and they help us ensure that our school remains a safe and prepared environment for all.



10th December

Christmas Dinner Menu

Traditional Roast Turkey Christmas Lunch

Halal Roast Chicken Christmas Lunch

Creamy Veg with a sage and onion crumble

topping

Dessert

Christmas Pudding With Custard

Gingerbread Cookie

‘Grinch’ Cupcake



CHRISTMAS

ST HELEN'S | ST PAUL'S | PORTOBELLO



WED 24TH DEC

ST HELEN'S
MIDNIGHT MASS

11.15PM

THUR 25TH DEC

ST HELEN'S CHRISTMAS
ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS

10AM
11AM



SANDAL | WALTON | PORTOBELLO

S | HELEN'S
T | PAUL'S

AND LOTS MORE



WED 10 TH DEC	CAROLS AT THE SPRING	3PM
SUN 14 TH DEC	ST HELEN'S TRADITIONAL CAROLS	4PM
SUN 14 TH DEC	ST PAULS COMMUNITY CAROLS	11AM
WED 17 TH DEC	PORTOBELLO TODDLERS CHRISTMAS	9.15AM
SAT 20 TH DEC	ST PAUL'S CHRISTINGLE	4PM
SUN 21 ST DEC	ST HELEN'S POP-UP NATIVITY	11AM
SUN 21 ST DEC	ST HELEN'S CONTEMPORARY CAROLS	7PM
WED 24 TH DEC	ST HELEN'S CHRISTINGLE	4PM



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CRICKET 4 FUN

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FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 7-11 YEARS

STARTING APRIL 2026

FRIDAYS 7PM

REGISTER@SANDALCRICKET@GMAIL.COM



Sandal Castle Charity Fundraising Calendar 2025-26



Autumn	Spring	Summer
Harvest Festival- FoodGoods – St. Helen’s Church	ValentineDisco- PTA Red Nose Day(20th March) Rare but Real- Courageous Advocates	Your One Wish- Courageous Advocates
Book Fair - School Fund Remembrance Day- Poppies (Nov) PTA event- Scary Movie and Arts/Crafts Children in Need (14th Nov) Swap Shop- PTA Reindeer Run- Wakefield Hospice	TreasureHunt- PTA Book Fair-School Fund Air Ambulance- Courageous Advocates	PTA- Non UniformDay (bottles and sweets for summer fayre) PTA event- Summer Fayre (July)



The winners are:

1st place: Year 6

2nd place: Year 4

3rd place: 2TD



Here are the top 3 children who contributed the most in their battle.

1. Archie Y6
2. Evan Y6
3. Harpa Y6

1. Lewis Y2
2. Kwan Y2
3. Isabelle G Y2

1. Ciara Y4
2. Anita Y4
3. Oscar M Y4



Next week's battles are:



Battle 1: 1CLW, 1JS, 1JT

Battle 2: Year 4, Year 6

Battle 3: Year 2, Year 3, Year 5