



Sandal Castle VA
Community Primary School

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19TH DECEMBER
AUTUMN TERM

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

5th January 2026	School opens
9th January 2026	Inset Day
14th January 2026	6LG class assembly (9am in KS2 hall)
15th January 2026	Themed Menu- Menu below
16th March 2026	4RH Ukulele concert
6th July 2026	4AD Ukulele concert
20th July 2026	Inset Day



End Of Term!



I would like to wish all of our Sandal Castle community a wonderful Christmas holiday. May you take time to rest, have fun and spend time with your loved ones. I would like to thank you for all the amazing support that you have given our school during 2025. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th January.

Church Service

This week, our children enjoyed a wonderful visit to the ST Helens church where they learned about the meaning of Christingle and created their own. It was a truly special experience, filled with joy and learning. We were delighted to welcome the lovely volunteers from the church, who spent time with our EYFS children

Thank you to everyone who supported this event—it was a beautiful way to celebrate the season together.



Class	%
3SJ	100.0%
1JS	97.4%
4RQ	97.4%
6SW	96.6%
5GS	95.8%
2DJ	95.7%
5SH	95.0%
4AD	94.6%
3BJ	94.4%
1JT	94.1%
5JG	93.7%
2CW	93.6%
1CLW	93.3%
6HY	92.5%
2TD	92.1%
6LG	91.7%
FJP	90.7%
FKW	90.3%
3RW	90.1%
FJW	90.0%
4RH	82.5%

Attendance

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 92.73%

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



'In to the Wild' Themed Lunch



15th January - 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

Swap and Shop results!

We would like to thank all our amazing parents and carers who donated gifts for our Swap Shop.

Together, we raised an incredible £510!
The children absolutely loved it and had a fantastic time!

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising and helping on the day – we couldn't have done it without you!



15TH JANUARY

'INTO THE WILD' MENU

MARGHERITA PIZZA

OR

QUORN DIPPERS

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DESSERT

AFRICAN 'PAP' COOKIES

OAT COOKIE

SUULEMOENKOEKIES

LEMON COOKIE

**SANDWICHES AND
JACKET POTATO
AVAILABLE**



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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ALL-PRO

SPORTS & WELLBEING

AGES
4-12

WINTER CAMP

9AM - 2PM

SANDAL CASTLE PRIMARY - WF2 6AS

SPORTS

GYMNASTICS

DANCE

CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS

COMPETITIONS & TOURNAMENTS

SANTA VISIT & GIFT

DISCO

MON 22ND DEC

DAY ENDS WITH A CHRISTMAS PARTY/DISCO

TUE 23RD DEC

XMAS JUMPER DAY & SANTA VISIT (FREE GIFT)

FRI 2ND JAN

DAY ENDS WITH DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT
& TALENT SHOW FROM PARTICIPANTS

30 FREE PLACES PER DAY

FOR PUPIL PREMIUM CHILDREN ONLY
(BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS)



Find and book FREE activities by visiting:
www.wakefieldfamilies.together.co.uk/community-support/happy-healthy-holidays

30 PAID PLACES PER DAY

FOR NON PUPIL PREMIUM CHILDREN
or NO FREE SPACES LEFT



ONLY £15 PER DAY
(REGISTER NOW, PAY ON THE DAY)

ALL BOOKINGS INCLUDE FREE PACKED LUNCH & DRINK EACH DAY



All-Pro Sports & Wellbeing



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Winter water safety

In winter, children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water, and adults can find themselves at risk in attempting to save them.

Taking a nice walk in cold weather with your family, friends or dogs in tow can be really refreshing, just make sure you know some simple tips on how to stay safe in winter.

Here are some useful tips to keep safe this winter:



KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE

Keep back from slippery banks.

Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks in daylight or along well-lit paths.

Never go onto the ice.

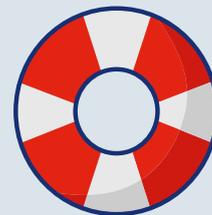


KEEP CHILDREN AND DOGS WITHIN REACH

Teach children not to go onto ice.

Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks.

If out enjoying a winter walk, walk with friends.



IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE FLOAT AND CALL FOR HELP.

Stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

Wait for help and keep as still as possible.

Preserve heat by pressing your arms by your side and keep your legs together. Keep your head clear of the water.

Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



CALL 999

Do not enter cold water or ice to rescue.

Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

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)



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY CENTRE

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

MONDAY

Sewcial Crafting Group

10am to 1pm | £4

No group 26 December

Hot Chocolate Youth Club

6.30pm to 7.30pm

11 to 16 year olds

FREE Pizza & hot chocolate

Run by members of St Helen's Church

Term time only

TUESDAY

Portobello Craft & Photography Group

12.30pm to 2.30pm | £2

No group 30 December

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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

AVAILABLE TO HIRE

Portobello Community Centre is available to hire. Perfect for children's parties, meetings and community events

No alcohol allowed

Reduced rates for Portobello Residents

THURSDAY

Portobello Drop In

11am to 1pm | £3

Run by volunteers from local churches

Zumba Chair Exercise with Sophie

1pm to 2pm | £4

No class on 11, 18 and 25 Dec

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

No group 29 December

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)



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**Christmas Holidays
at The Hepworth
Wakefield**

**Sat 20 Dec
–Sun 4 Jan**

Visit The Hepworth Wakefield this Christmas holidays for workshops, festive film screenings, activities in the galleries and family activity kits.

Family workshops, gallery activities and Explore & Draw Kits are FREE with an exhibition ticket.

Free for kids and Wakefield residents

Plan your visit at 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.

THE
HEPWORTH
WAKEFIELD



WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Activities are FREE for those up to the age of 16
who receive benefits-related free school meals



Meal Included



All welcome... Come and join us for our Christmas Event at Agbrigg
Community Centre 5, Montague Street, Wakefield, WF1 5BB

Christmas event includes Christmas craft activities, bath bomb
making, face painting games and activities and more...

For ages 5-16

Tuesday 23rd December 2025 11 – 3pm

Call now to book your place:

Tel 01924 302665 or email
youthhubcentral@wakefield.gov.uk

Find and book **FREE** activities by
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