



Sandal Castle VA
Community Primary School

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8th January
Spring Term

Dates For Your Calendar

9 th January 2026	Inset day
14 th January 2026	6LG class assembly (9am in KS2 hall)
14 th January 2026	Year 6 SATS parent information meeting 3:30pm
15 th January 2026	Themed Menu- Menu below
28 th January 2026	Year 6 residential parent meeting 3:30pm
30 th January 2026	Young voices
2 nd -4 th March 2026	Year 6 residential Newby Wiske
16 th March 2026	4RH Ukulele concert
5 th -6 th May 2026	Year 4 Residential Newby Wiske
2 nd or 3 rd June 2026	Year 5 visit Nell Bank
6 th July 2026	4AD Ukulele concert
20 th July 2026	Inset Day

After-School Clubs

Our after-school clubs will begin the week commencing **12th January**. If your child has successfully been booked onto a club, this will be visible on Arbor's calendar. Please ensure your child attends their booked sessions or let us know if they need to be cancelled, as we have other students who would love to take that place.

Nail Polish

A polite reminder that children should not be wearing nail polish or acrylic nails to school as these are not part of our uniform policy and have health and safety implications. Thank you so much for supporting our school rules.



THIS SCHOOL IS NOT FREE

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.



'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.

Attendance

Well done everyone!
Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 5GS with 99.2%

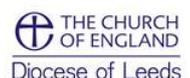
The whole school attendance is 93.84%

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

Class	%
5GS	99.2%
4RQ	98.2%
2DJ	97.6%
2CW	97.2%
4RH	96.7%
FJP	96.3%
3BJ	95.9%
3SJ	95.7%
6SW	95.7%
6HY	94.9%
6LG	94.6%
1CLW	94.2%
1JS	94.0%
FKW	93.9%
FJW	93.9%
4AD	93.3%
2TD	93.2%
3RW	93.1%
5SH	92.9%
1JT	92.9%
5JG	89.6%

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

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



15TH JANUARY

'INTO THE WILD' MENU

MARGHERITA PIZZA

OR

QUORN DIPPERS

DESSERT

AFRICAN 'PAP' COOKIES

OAT COOKIE

SUULEMOENKOEKIES

LEMON COOKIE

**SANDWICHES AND
JACKET POTATO
AVAILABLE**



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.

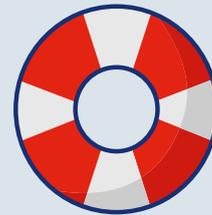


KEEP CHILDREN AND DOGS WITHIN REACH

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.



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY CENTRE WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

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 drinks

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

TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Mon, 12 January 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Representatives from Vico Homes will be
there if you have any housing issues

THURSDAY

Portobello Drop In

11am to 1pm | £3

Run by volunteers from local churches

Zumba Chair 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

1.30pm to 5.30pm

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



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