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Community Primary School

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16th January  
Spring Term

## Dates For Your Calendar

28 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Year 6 residential parent meeting 3:30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Young voices
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 6 residential Newby Wiske
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	4RH Ukulele concert
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 4 Residential Newby Wiske
2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	Year 5 visit Nell Bank
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	4AD Ukulele concert
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Inset Day

## Managing Big Emotions Parent Workshop Thursday 22nd January 9 - 10am

On Thursday 22nd January, our Future in Mind Senior Practitioner will be running a parent session on 'Managing Big Emotions' This is where you can learn ways to support children to cope with big emotions, take away practical tips to help your child to understand their emotions and know how to manage strong feelings. Please come and join us at 9am if you would like to attend

## Appointments In School Time

Please can Parents/ Carers avoid booking children's appointments in school time, as they are missing valuable learning time. We understand that sometimes this is unavoidable.

## Uniform donation request

We would really appreciate any donations of spare school uniform or clothing to support our pupils, especially in KS1. Items such as socks, underwear, black joggers, and red T-shirts are particularly helpful. If you have any good-quality items your child has outgrown, please feel free to drop them off at the school office. Your support makes a big difference—thank you!

## 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 94.68%

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

Class	%
3SJ	100.0%
1CLW	99.2%
4RQ	98.7%
3RW	98.3%
5SH	97.9%
3BJ	97.7%
2DJ	97.5%
6SW	97.4%
5GS	97.1%
FJP	96.8%
5JG	96.7%
1JT	96.2%
6LG	95.4%
1JS	94.8%
4RH	94.5%
FJW	94.3%
FKW	93.9%
2TD	93.3%
2CW	93.1%
6HY	91.2%
4AD	89.2%

<b>Yellow</b>	99%/ 100% this is outstanding
<b>Green</b>	97%/ 98% is good
<b>Amber</b>	95% to 96% this is expected
<b>Purple</b>	93%/ 94% requires improvement-attendance officer involvement
<b>Red</b>	91%/ 92% level 1 cause for concern-EWO involvement

## Updates!

We are very excited to inform you that in February, our outdoor area for our youngest children will undertake a big development to make it an AMAZING place for our youngest children to play and explore. Because of this, we will need to change the way that we use this space.

From Monday, we will be opening the EYFS gates promptly at 8:45am and 3:15pm. Please can we ask that if your child is in EYFS, that you aim to arrive as near to this time as possible, and wait by the EYFS gate without causing a blockage for all of our other parents.

Please can we also ask that the bottom gate is only used by our EYFS children and parents, and all other children and parents (Years 1-6) arrive through the top gate to improve the flow of foot traffic.

Please note- this is a trial period. If this option doesn't work successfully, we will look into different options.

Thank you so much for supporting our youngest children with this very exciting development of their outdoor play.



## 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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## Venue

### Castle Family Hub

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: 9 - 11am

### Stanley Family Hub

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Feb: 9 - 11am

### Sunbeam Family Hub

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March: 1:30 - 3pm

### Castle Family Hub

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Apr: 9 - 11am

### Stanley Family Hub

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> May: 9 - 11am

### Sunbeam Family Hub

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June: 1:30 - 3pm

### Castle Family Hub

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> July: 9 - 11am



## SEND Parents and Carers Drop-in

Are you a parent or carer of a child with SEND?

Drop in at your local family hub

We offer a supportive environment for parents or carers of SEND children to relax and talk with others.

There will be information regarding local services and advice on how to support your child.

Sessions can be tailored to people's needs in the group and are run monthly at hubs across our district.

**Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Free parking.**

**For more information please contact :**

Stanley Family Hub: 01924 303181, Castle Family Hub: 01924 303376, Sunbeam Family Hub 01924 302333



# SEND COFFEE & CHAT SESSIONS

## Sandal Castle Community Primary School

### Supporting SEND Parent Carers & School

- ♥ Support – A safe space for parent carers to share experiences and get advice.
- ♥ Connect – Build relationships with other parent carers, school staff and WPCF.
- ♥ Empower – Gain access to resources, guest speakers, and SEND guidance.
- ♥ Co-production – Strengthen home-school partnerships = better outcomes for children.



**Join our SEND Coffee & Chat Sessions 9am - 10am**

**Thursday 29 January 2026**

**Thursday 19 March 2026**

**Friday 8 May 2026**

**Thursday 2 July 2026**