



Sandal Castle VA
Community Primary School

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23rd January
Spring Term

Dates For Your Calendar

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

School Gates

Our Site Manager, has identified that the recent juddering of the vehicle gates is due to a technical fault caused when the sensors are interrupted as the gates are opening or closing. To help keep everyone safe and to allow the gates to operate correctly, please use the pedestrian gate at all times and avoid passing through the vehicle gates unless they are fully open.

Our School's Food Bank



We would like to remind our families that our school food bank is here to support anyone who may need a little extra help. If you are finding things difficult at the moment, please don't hesitate to pop in and take what you need—everything is given discreetly and without judgement. Donations of long-life items are also always welcome and greatly appreciated. Together, we can continue to support one another and make a positive difference in our community.

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.

EYFS Entrance

Thank you so much for supporting our trial to reduce a blockage near the EYFS entrance. So far it seems to be working well. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please talk to Mrs Butterworth.

Attendance

Well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 1JS with 99.1%

The whole school attendance is 93.66%

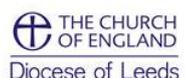
Thank you for your effort! Lets keep aiming for our whole school target of 96%

Class	%
1JS	99.1%
FJP	98.6%
2DJ	97.1%
6SW	96.5%
6LG	95.8%
1CLW	95.8%
5SH	95.8%
2TD	95.5%
3BJ	95.5%
5GS	95.4%
2CW	95.4%
3SJ	94.4%
FKW	94.4%
4AD	94.2%
6HY	93.6%
4RQ	92.9%
FJW	92.5%
4RH	92.1%
3RW	91.8%
5JG	91.3%
1JT	90.8%

OPAL

On the INSET on the 9th January our staff received training for OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). It is going to be an amazing experience for all of our children. In the next few weeks, we will officially launch this with you!

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



Our School Sports Team

We are currently seeking sponsorship for our school sporting teams to help purchase new kits. If you or your business would be interested in supporting us, we'd love to hear from you! Please get in touch with the school office for more details. Thank you for your support!



Social Media

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have the highest level of care for our children's personal development and wellbeing here at Sandal Castle, and, as part of the ONE LIFE mission, we are working hard to educate your child/ren with the 'best that has been thought and said' in this complex area. One of the biggest challenges we all have as educators and parents is how to support our children growing up in a digital world.

The research is very clear that we need to encourage age-appropriate boundaries and consider carefully what our children are consuming and how this may affect their brain development, particularly before their brain is fully developed (around 25 years old). With this in mind, we encourage our school community to join with parents and carers across the country in asking your MP to raise the social media age to 16. Your voice could genuinely influence what happens next as Keir Starmer is considering adopting the Australian stance

All you need to do, is follow the link and sign the pre-prepared letter to our MP.

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.eaction.org.uk/raise-the-age>

Together we can make big things happen.

Thank you in advance.



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 29th Jan: 9 - 11am

Stanley Family Hub

Thurs 26th Feb: 9 - 11am

Sunbeam Family Hub

Fri 20th March: 1:30 - 3pm

Castle Family Hub

Thurs 16th Apr: 9 - 11am

Stanley Family Hub

Weds 13th May: 9 - 11am

Sunbeam Family Hub

Fri 19th June: 1:30 - 3pm

Castle Family Hub

Weds 15th 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

ALL-PR

SPORTS & WELLBEING



4 - 12 YRS



**SANDAL
CASTLE
PRIMARY
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9AM-3PM

FEBRUARY FUN CAMP

✓ **SPORTS**

✓ **DANCE**

✓ **GYMNASTICS**

✓ **ARTS & CRAFTS**

✓ **TOURNAMENTS**

✓ **LOTS OF FUN!**

£20 PER DAY **OR** **£50** ALL 3 DAYS

TUES 17TH
(DAY ENDS WITH DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT)

WED 18TH
(SPORTS DAY THEMED AFTERNOON)

THUR 19TH
(DAY ENDS WITH DISCO & TALENT SHOW)



CHILDREN MUST BRING REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLE & PACKED LUNCH

ANY MORE INFORMATION CONTACT : allpro_sports_wellbeing@outlook.com

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★ Sandal Castle Primary School ★

★ *Little Learners,* ★
BIG DREAMS ★

★ Dive into the World of Work ★



Monday 16th March – Friday 20 March



★🌈 Everyone Welcome!!! 🍷 Please join us for Family Aspirations and Warm Space!!!! 🥰🎉🌟

Every Monday at Castle Family Hub 3:30pm to 4:30pm (Term time only). This is free of charge and everyone is welcome, where you and your children can gather for free in a warm, safe, and welcoming place. Our address is: Castle Family Hub, 255 Barnsley Road, Wakefield WF1 5NU. For more information, please call us on 01924 303376.



You'll be invited to enjoy a snack and soft drinks, and take part in planned activities. If you are not registered with

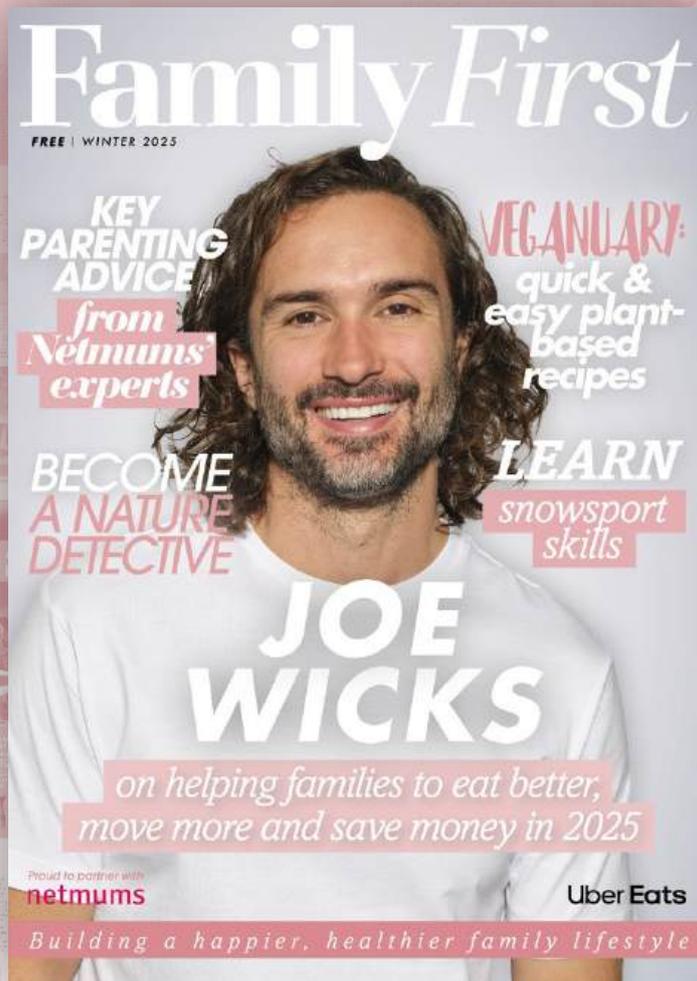
us already, please register with us when you arrive. It's free of charge!!! 🥰 We hope to see you then!!! 🥰🎉

#castlefamilyhub #WakefieldFamiliesTogether 🥰



Family First

**“HERE’S YOUR FREE COPY
OF THE UK’S LARGEST
PARENTING TITLE - ENJOY!”**



**Recipes with Veganuary | Interview with
Joe Wicks | Get A Good Night Sleep
Netmums Drop-in Clinic | Plus Lots More!**

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