



Sandal Castle VA
Community Primary School

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30th January
Spring Term

Dates For Your Calendar

2nd - 4th March 2026	Year 6 residential Newby Wiske
16th March 2026	4RH Ukulele concert
5th -6th May 2026	Year 4 Residential Newby Wiske
2nd or 3rd June 2026	Year 5 visit Nell Bank
6th July 2026	4AD Ukulele concert
20th July 2026	Inset Day
1st September 2026	Inset Day



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!

Dangerous Parking!



We need to **urgently** remind all parents and carers about the importance of responsible and safe parking during drop-off and collection times. Unsafe and inconsiderate parking on double yellow lines, across junctions, and near the school gates is creating **dangerous** situations for our children, staff, and local residents.

Visibility around the school is already limited, and cars stopping where they shouldn't are causing children to step into the road without being seen. Please make full use of the WYCO car park, which is only a 6-minute walk from school. Parking here drastically reduces congestion and keeps the area around school much safer for everyone.

We also ask parents to remind their children about staying safe when walking home: using pavements, avoiding distractions, crossing carefully, and being extra aware of traffic.

Thank you for taking this seriously and helping us protect the safety of all children in our community.

Donations Needed

We are needing approximately 40 hand towels for our children, to create a digging area on our field. If you have a spare garden towel, we would be very grateful for the kind donation. We will keep you posted, if we discover any hidden treasure!

Donation Request

Do you have a spare punch bag in your loft/garage that you don't need any more? if so, we would love to receive the kind donation. Please call into our office and let us know.

Wakefield Council Penalty Notice

Wakefield Council Penalty Notice Update – Please ensure you read the attached update document with regards to changes to Penalty Notices.

Class	%
4RQ	98.2%
1JT	97.5%
2CW	96.8%
5JG	96.7%
6LG	95.8%
1JS	95.7%
FJP	95.4%
3RW	95.3%
6SW	95.3%
4AD	95.0%
5SH	95.0%
6HY	94.1%
3SJ	94.1%
5GS	93.3%
2TD	93.3%
3BJ	93.3%
FJW	92.6%
FKW	92.3%
1CLW	90.8%
2DJ	89.2%
4RH	87.9%

Attendance Well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 4RQ with 98.2%

The whole school attendance is 93.4%

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

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



EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS



With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, new changes came into effect for Penalty Notice Fines issued after the **19 August 2024**. Penalty Notices are issued to change behaviour and reduce the number of school days lost during term time for the purpose of a holiday.

Please note the below changes that have been updated in the Wakefield Council Penalty Notice Code of Conduct **(When may a penalty notice for absence be appropriate?)**

- When a school becomes aware that the national threshold has been met, they must consider whether a penalty notice should be issued. The national threshold has been met when a pupil has been recorded as absent **for 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) within 10 school weeks.**
- The National Framework states the following: If in an individual case the Local Authority believes a penalty notice would be appropriate, they retain the discretion to issue the penalty notice before the threshold is met. Wakefield Council retain the right to exercise this discretion Examples of when such discretion could be used are:
 - a) Where a pupil has 4 days of unauthorised absence that are G coded (unauthorised holiday) and where the absence immediately precedes a 5th day which is a school Inset day or an enforced closure and where this has previously occurred and a penalty notice was not issued for that absence.
 - b) Where a pupil has had fewer than 5 days of G coded absence and where this has previously occurred and a penalty notice was not issued for that absence.
 - c) Where a pupil has had fewer than 5 days of G coded absence, and where there has been a penalty notice issued for an absence, the Local Authority would issue a further penalty notice or seek a Parental Prosecution in line with the National Framework for Penalty Notices. *

*A school week means any week in which there is a least one school session. The 10 school-week period when the national threshold applies may span different terms or school years.

- Where a pupil has previously had an extended period of absence (unauthorised term time leave) of 20 or more school days, and where a penalty notice was issued for this absence, if the pupil then has a further extended period of absence, the Local Authority, may, in agreement with the pupil's school, seek a parental prosecution rather than issue a further penalty notice.

As per our school Attendance Policy (available on our school website), all applications for term time absence must be given in advance and provided in writing or via email. If no advance information is provided the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

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
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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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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



★ 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 🥰

