



Sandal Castle VA
Community Primary School

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27th February
Spring Term



Year 5/6

A polite reminder that children in Year 5/6 should not be arriving at school before 8:30am as they will be unsupervised and we are not covered by our insurance. If your child arrives earlier than this, we will ask them to join our breakfast club, and this will unfortunately incur a charge.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 20th March, it is red nose day. We will be selling red noses every morning from Monday 2nd March, outside on the car park from 8:30am. This year the red noses cost: £2 (Cash Only). Please note, we have only bought 240 so it will be first come, first served!

Attendance

Well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is FKW with 99%

The whole school attendance is 93.21%

Thank you for your effort! Let's keep aiming for our whole school target of 96%

Class	%
FKW	99.0%
4RQ	98.1%
1JS	97.4%
2DJ	97.1%
3SJ	96.7%
5JG	96.3%
FJP	95.8%
6SW	95.8%
5SH	95.0%
3BJ	94.8%
6LG	92.9%
1CLW	92.5%
6HY	92.4%
4RH	92.0%
3RW	91.8%
FJW	91.7%
2CW	91.6%
1JT	91.5%
2TD	91.4%
4AD	90.0%
5GS	89.7%

Staff Car Park



A polite reminder that the staff car park should not be used by parents- this includes dropping off for breakfast club, or collecting from after school clubs. The car park is purposely passcoded to support our Anti Terrorism measures.

2nd - 4th March 2026	Year 6 residential Newby Wiske
4th March 2026	1JT Class Assembly 9am
5th March 2026	World Book Day!
11th March 2026	1CLW Class Assembly
10th March 2026	Future in mind Workshop- Details below
16th March 2026	4RH Ukulele concert
17th & 18th March 2026	Parents evenings
25th March 2026	6SW class assembly 9am
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

Report your child Absent!

Could you please ensure if your child is absent from school that you make contact every day of your child's absence and a reason / details of illness must be provided. This can be done by either leaving a message on the absence line or by emailing attendance@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk.

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



Year 4 Parent Workshop

Half Term 4



Week commencing	Class, Day, Time
16.3.25	4RQ - Monday 16 th March
1:30- 2:45	4RH - Tuesday 17 th March
	4AD - Thursday 19 th March

World Book Day celebrations

Info below for World Book Day

One Life

This half term in our One Life lessons we will be learning about basic first aid and how to help ourselves and others in an emergency. Please can you support your child by making sure that they know their home address and a parent/carers phone number. This information is a really important life skill to have!

Opal News

OPAL news: we are getting closer to launching our new OPAL lunchtime experiences. We are currently planning and resourcing the different exciting areas for our children to play with. We are wanting to make a stage! If anyone has 3 sheets of 9mm plywood, we would be most grateful for the kind donation! Also, we are wanting to create a large sandpit and require 50 tonnes of washed sand! If anyone has any contacts with companies who could help us, we would love to hear from you!

Future in Mind Parent Information Session 9-10 am, Tuesday 10th March

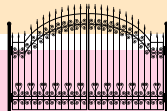
The focus of our next parent workshop is sleep. In this information session you can learn all about children's sleep and the amazing benefits of sleeping well for your child now and as they get older. Learn helpful practical strategies to ensure that your child (and you!) gets a better night's sleep. We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Arbor Account

Just a little reminder to check your Arbor account dinner money balance. Please make sure the account is in credit so your child can continue to enjoy choosing their school meals without any interruptions.

Meal price: £2.63

Thank you for your support! 😊



Gates

A polite reminder to not walk through our car park gates whilst they are opening. The sensor detects your movement which makes them judder and break. This costs school lots of money. Thanks for your understanding.

Dinner Debate

Dinner Debate: This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about Lent and Ramadan and how these religious occasions need resilience. Resilience can sometimes come in the form of stopping and reflecting. Our Big Questions for this week are:

How does being calm help me stay strong?

Who helps me when I find things hard?



Ramadan Mubarak!

Ramadan Mubarak! A polite reminder that children who are wishing to fast for Ramadan must be in Years 5/6 only. A written letter signed by the parent/carer must be given to Mrs Butterworth for this to be authorised. Thank you for your understanding!

Bingo Cards

Before the holidays, your child brought home an OPAL Bingo card. The idea of the class challenge is to try to bring into school as many items from the bingo card as possible. The first class to collect all their items will win a prize!!!! Good luck! see below

Parent Consultations

Our Parent Consultation meetings will take place on:

Tuesday 17th March, 15:30–18:00

Wednesday 18th March, 15:30–18:00

Each appointment will last 10 minutes.

Appointment slots are live on the Arbor Parent Portal tomorrow at 19:00 and will remain open until 16th March at 13:00. We politely ask that only one appointment is booked on only one of the days. When booking your time slot please tick each guardian even if only one is attending as your booking will not process.

Please log in to Arbor during this time to book your appointment.

If you have any difficulty accessing the system, feel free to contact us and we'll be happy to help.

Scholastic Bookfair coming soon...

We love reading at Sandal Castle Primary School

**Celebrate our love of reading by coming to our Scholastic bookfair,
as every book purchased earns our school rewards to spend on
books for our children to enjoy!**



The bookfair will be held in the KS1 hall on the following dates: -

Tuesday 17th March 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Wednesday 18th March 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Please note that we are unable to take cash at the bookfair, card payments are accepted (bank card needed) by scanning a QR code at the fair or book vouchers can be purchased on the Scholastic website which then can be spent at the fair.

We hope to see you all there.

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Building Strong Futures Together

Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

To celebrate World Book Day, we are excited to be holding a Book Swap Day for all pupils.

As part of this event, children are invited to bring in a pre-loved book from home that they are happy to swap. In exchange, they will receive a Book Swap Token from their teacher. During the day, children will have the opportunity to use their token to 'purchase' a different book from the collection created within their classroom.

This is a wonderful way to encourage a love of reading, give books a new home, and help children discover new stories. Please ensure any books brought in are in good condition and suitable for primary school-aged readers.

Thank you for supporting our World Book Day celebrations. We hope your child enjoys discovering a new book to take home and treasure.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Butterworth".

Mrs Butterworth

Head Teacher

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

Stanley Family Hub
Thursday 26th February
&
Wednesday 13th May
9AM to 11AM



SEND Parents and Carers Drop-in Stanley Family Hub

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.

Free tea, coffee, and biscuits provided. Free parking.

Please contact Stanley Family Hub 01924 303181 for more information.





★🌈 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 🥰





Office for Product
Safety & Standards



Button batteries can hurt or kill your child

Button batteries react with saliva to make caustic soda, which is used to unblock drains. If a child swallows a button battery and it gets stuck in their food pipe, it can burn a hole. This causes internal bleeding and can kill.

Store all button batteries out of your child's reach

What are button batteries?

They are small, flat, round batteries which can be easily swallowed. Larger lithium batteries are the most dangerous. They are about the same size as a 5p piece. Smaller batteries can also be put into places like ears and noses.



Look around your home for button batteries

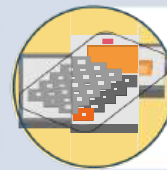
You can find them in:



slim remote controls



key finders



calculators



thermometers



car key fobs



watches



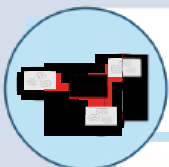
kitchen or bathroom scales



gaming headsets



flameless nightlights



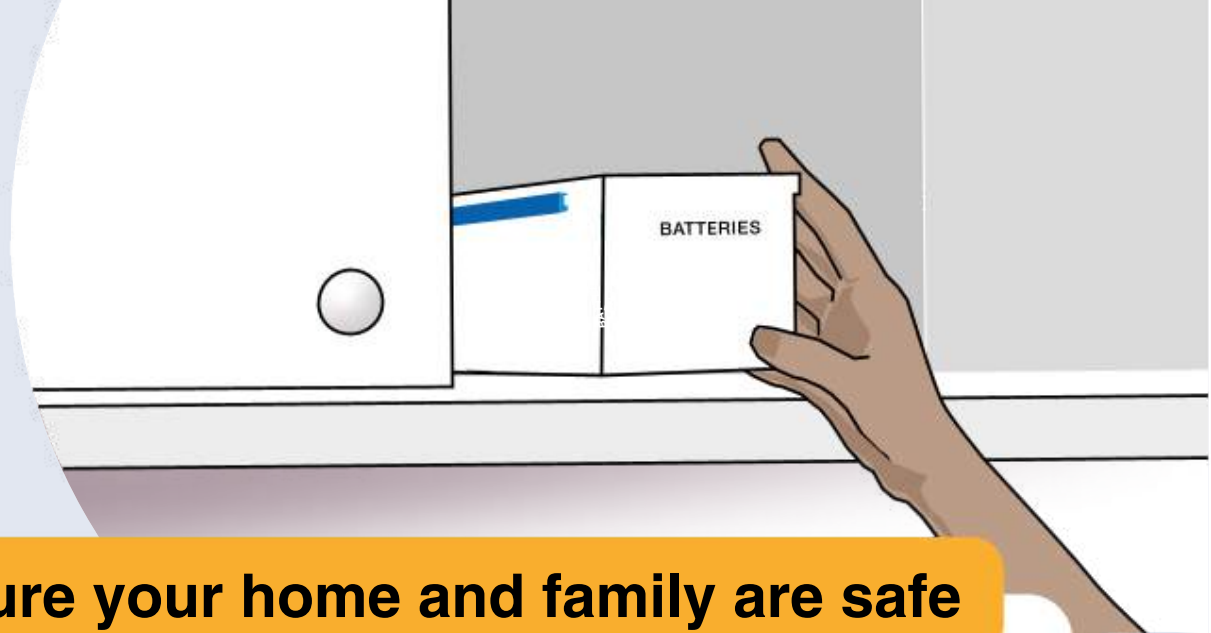
fidget spinners with LED lights



hearing aids



novelty items like flashing wands, light-up headbands, and robot bug or fish toys



Make sure your home and family are safe

- ✓ Store button batteries in a safe place, up high and out of your child's reach.
- ✓ When opening multipacks, make sure batteries don't fall on the floor.
- ✓ If you find items where the battery compartment isn't secured, move them out of reach of children. If the item is faulty, get it fixed or get rid of it safely. You can also report faulty toys via Citizens Advice in England and Wales, Advice Direct Scotland or your local district council in Northern Ireland. Button battery compartments in toys **must** be secured so that children cannot get to the battery.
- ✓ Tell older children why button batteries are dangerous. Explain why they shouldn't play with them or give them to young children.
- ✓ Dispose of used button batteries as soon as you can. They are still unsafe.



Act fast

If you think your child may have swallowed a button battery, **go straight to A&E** or call an ambulance.



Your child may be:

- coughing
- gagging or drooling
- pointing to their throat or stomach

Do:



- act fast, even if there are no symptoms
- take the battery packaging, toy or gadget with you if you can

Don't:



- let your child eat or drink
- make your child be sick

OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS HT4



KEY SUMMARY: The One Life framework emphasizes holistic “fitness”—physical, social, and mental. This guide focuses on two critical pillars: developing internal empathy through the SENSES framework and protecting children against modern digital risks like AI-generated content and online conduct.

EMPOWERING INTERNAL & SOCIAL COMPASSION

Activate Your Inner Cheerleader

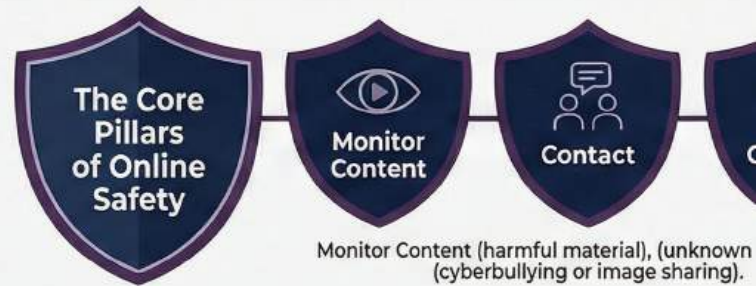
Use non-judgmental self-talk to build resilience and manage internal threat responses.



Breaking the Stereotype

Avoid assumptions to treat every child as a unique, bright light.

NAVIGATING THE DIGITAL LANDSCAPE



Emerging AI & Deepfake Risks

Stay vigilant against AI-generated abuse material and sophisticated, motivated digital scams.



Critical Evaluation

Teach children to evaluate sources and identify algorithmic “rabbit holes” that lead to harmful content.



The winners are:



1st place - 4RQ

2nd place - 2DJ

3rd place - 4RH



Here are the top 10 children who contributed the most in the battle.



- 1) Adarsh S 2DJ 4,058
- 2) Aleeza A 4RQ 3,081
- 3) Henri S 4RH 1,737
- 4) Max W 5JG 1,531
- 5) Ewan E 4RQ 1,477
- 6) Elliot S 5JG 1,393
- 7) Evan W 6SW 1,180
- 8) Archie M 6SW 1,158
- 9) Great O 6HY 928
- 10) Cayle A 6LG 904



Next week's battles are:


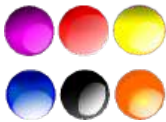
















Battle 1 - Year 4, Year 6

















Battle 2 - Year 3, Year 5

Battle 3 - Year 2, Year 1

















EYFS

<p>Action Figures</p> 	<p>Small Balls</p> 	<p>Plastic Tubes</p> 	<p>Chalk</p> 
<p>Cake Moulds</p> 	<p>Dress Up Items</p> 	<p>Aprons</p> 	<p>Trowels</p> 
<p>Watering Cans</p> 	<p>Plastic Containers</p> 	<p>Suitcases</p> 	<p>Pots</p> 
<p>Fabric</p> 	<p>Old Electronics</p> 	<p>Cable Spools</p> 	<p>Plastic Crates</p> 
















Year 1 & 2

<p>Action Figures</p> 	<p>Measuring Spoons</p> 	<p>Baskets</p> 	<p>Acorns</p> 
<p>Cones</p> 	<p>Dress Up Items</p> 	<p>Aprons</p> 	<p>Trowels</p> 
<p>Colanders</p> 	<p>Plastic Containers</p> 	<p>Rope</p> 	<p>Pots</p> 
<p>Fabric</p> 	<p>Old Electronics</p> 	<p>Corrugated Pipes</p> 	<p>Plastic Crates</p> 

Year 3 & 4

<p>Toy Cars</p> 	<p>Plastic Bins</p> 	<p>Egg Containers</p> 	<p>Umbrellas</p> 
<p>Jugs</p> 	<p>Dress Up Items</p> 	<p>Aprons</p> 	<p>Trowels</p> 
<p>Colanders</p> 	<p>Plastic Containers</p> 	<p>Hard Hats</p> 	<p>Pots</p> 
<p>Fabric</p> 	<p>Old Electronics</p> 	<p>Rakes</p> 	<p>Laundry Baskets</p> 

Year 5 & 6

<p>Lego</p> 	<p>Dress up items</p> 	<p>Cars</p> 	<p>Dinosaurs</p> 
<p>Wooden Spoons</p> 	<p>Carboard tubes</p> 	<p>Aprons</p> 	<p>Trowels</p> 
<p>Funnels</p> 	<p>Baking Pans</p> 	<p>Suitcases</p> 	<p>Beach Spades</p> 
<p>Nets</p> 	<p>Old Electronics</p> 	<p>Guttering</p> 	<p>Plastic Crates</p> 