



**Sandal Castle VA
Community Primary School**

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**6th March
Spring Term**



Easter Competition



We will be hosting our annual easter egg decorating competition on Thursday 26th March. If your child wishes to participate, they will need to hard boil an egg at home and decorate it as creatively as possible. All completed eggs will be showcased in the KS1 hall at 3:15pm- please do drop in and see these wonderful creations. It will be an egg-cellent gallery, with some smashing entries and we yolk to see you there!

Red Nose Day

On Friday 20th March, it is red nose day. We are selling red noses every morning, 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 5GS with 100%

The whole school attendance is 94.97%

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

Class	%
5GS	100.0%
3BJ	99.1%
4RQ	98.6%
FJW	98.0%
4AD	97.8%
2CW	97.7%
6SW	97.5%
1JS	96.6%
2TD	96.1%
3SJ	95.8%
1JT	95.8%
5JG	95.4%
2DJ	95.1%
6LG	95.0%
3RW	94.8%
FKW	94.6%
5SH	93.8%
6HY	93.3%
4RH	91.1%
1CLW	88.3%
FJP	88.0%

New EYFS Playground!



We are delighted to inform you that our new EYFS outdoor classroom was officially opened by Queen Maggie Hall! Our children are so excited to play and explore in it. Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst it has been installed.

11th March 2026	ICLW Class Assembly
10th March 2026	Future in mind Workshop- Details below
16th March 2026	4RH Ukulele concert
17th & 18th March 2026	Parents evenings
20th March 2026	Dress up Day and Down syndrome day
24th March 2026	Easter Church Service
25th March 2026	6SW class assembly 9am
26th March 2026	Easter Egg competition
27th March 2026	non-uniform day- info below
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

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

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! 😊



Short story competition

Calling all young writers! Could you write a story of no more than 500 words and win £5,000 for your school library? Find out more on our website.

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Dinner Debate

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about temptation and how we use our resilience to resist this. Our big questions were:

How does resilience help me say "no" to poor choices?

Do you think Jesus felt like giving up?



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/carers must be given to Mrs Butterworth for this to be authorised. Thank you for your understanding!

Non - Uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 27th March to raise funds to purchase some sand for our sandpit which will be located on our field. It is going to be a VERY big sand pit and we will be needing over £2000 to pay for this. This will be accessed by all of our children at lunchtimes. All donations will be greatly welcomed!

On Arbor- school shop to donate



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 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.



#LotsOfSocks

Celebrate with us

on **20th March**



Wear your favourite socks
as we celebrate everything
that makes us different,
and yet the same.



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.

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 🥰



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

The Core Pillars of Online Safety



Monitor Content



Contact

Monitor Content (harmful material), (unknown sources) (cyberbullying or image sharing).



Emerging AI & Deepfake Risks

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



Critical Evaluation

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



PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY CENTRE WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

MONDAY

Sewcial Crafting Group

10am to 1pm | £4

UA3 Recorder Group

1.30pm to 3.30pm

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

AA

7.30pm to 8.30pm | Donations

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 12.30pm

Apostolic Faith Church

1.30pm to 5.30pm

AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

The Portobello Community Centre
is available for rent.

It's ideal for children's parties,
meetings, and community events.

No alcohol is permitted.

Discounted rates are offered
to Portobello residents.

Help with Subs

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



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