



## Headbands

A polite reminder that headbands should be in keeping with our school policy. Please aim to keep them either red/blue/black and discreet. Thank you for your understanding.

## Dinner Debate

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about how our community encourages us to be creative. Our big questions have been:  
How can we use creativity to make our school a better place?  
What kind of "fruit" do we want to grow this term?

## Attendance

Well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 4RQ with 98.7%

The whole school attendance is 94.19%

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

Class	%
4RQ	98.7%
3SJ	97.5%
5SH	97.5%
2CW	97.3%
2TD	96.9%
5GS	96.7%
2DJ	96.1%
6SW	95.8%
6LG	95.7%
1CLW	95.5%
3BJ	95.4%
1JS	94.8%
FJP	94.6%
5JG	94.6%
6HY	94.5%
1JT	94.2%
4AD	93.5%
FJW	92.9%
4RH	92.4%
3RW	89.2%
FKW	87.5%

## Dates For Diary

4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Bank Holiday Monday
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 4 Residential Newby Wiske
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	FKW Class assembly 9am
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	VE Day Themed Menu
12 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	3RW Parent Workshop 1:30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	3BJ Parent Workshop 1:30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	3SJ Parent Workshop 1:30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	FJP Class assembly 9am
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Last day of half term
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Back to School!
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	FIM Workshop
2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	Year 5 visit Nell Bank
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	EYFS Swithens Farm
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	4AD Ukulele concert
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Year 3 Magna Visit
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Bridlington Year 6
20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Inset Day
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026	Inset Day

<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

## Guitar Lessons

We have 7 places available for guitar lessons from September. This would be for children (in the first instance) who are currently in Years 2 and 3 only.

If you would like to express an interest in guitar lessons please contact Mrs Butterworth either by email or in person. After the holidays, your child will then be invited to join an existing group to experience what guitar lessons are like and what is expected of them, and actually try playing a guitar. This will be a one-week session for 20 mins. Please note that if your child does go ahead with the guitar lessons from September, there will be a termly cost of currently £84 but possible increase by September.

## OPAL Box

OPAL box- we are aiming to launch our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) at the beginning of half term 6. For this to occur, we would really appreciate your support! Do you have any space buckets and spades? Or do you have any plastic toys- soldiers, cars, dinosaurs, fairies etc? If so, we would really appreciate any donations of these! If you would like to find out more about OPAL, please visit our website: Sandal Castle VA Community Primary School - Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) where we have an Amazon Wishlist 😊. You can also visit: Home - Outdoor Play and Learning for more information.

## Road safety

We are Wakefield Council's Road Safety Team, and we are currently conducting our School Gate Parking initiative outside your child's school, our aim is to create a safer and cleaner environment for the children and their families at school drop off and pick up times.

As part of the initiative, we are requesting your help to achieve this. Please can you click here <https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=t6pv17eWx0CbJT0vvUrB8QLZy8sy0cxJoc7eszbJmd9UODkyUFdYS0RXVUtBVDNIQTBSODdDVUFSVi4u> Promise and tick the pledge to show your support.

By working together, we can make a difference for everyone.

Thank you for your valued support, is very much appreciated.

The logo for Wakefield Council, featuring the word 'wakefield' in a blue sans-serif font and 'council' in a green sans-serif font, with a small green leaf-like icon above the 'i' in 'wakefield'.

8th May

# *VE Day Menu*



Fish-n-Chips

‘Lord Woolton Pie’

Jacket Potato of the Day

‘Dig for Victory’

Potatoes, Carrots & Cabbage

Gravy

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Jam Roly Poly & custard

Or

Wartime Spiced Biscuit

A vibrant, 3D-style poster for a 'Summer Attendance Challenge'. The background is a bright yellow banner on a light blue sky. At the top left is a large, smiling sun with a yellow face and rays. To its right are several fluffy white clouds. Below the sun is a megaphone. To the right of the banner is a pink and white ice cream bar. At the bottom of the banner is a blue toy car with a pink ice cream cone on its roof. To the right of the car is a green and yellow slide. The bottom of the poster is decorated with green leaves and several white daisies with orange centers. The text is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with the title 'SUMMER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE' in a large, curved font at the top, and the details in a smaller, straight font below it.

# SUMMER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY  
FROM MONDAY 27 APRIL TO  
FRIDAY 10 JULY TO EARN  
YOURSELF A PLACE IN OUR  
SUMMER ATTENDANCE  
CELBRATION MORNING

# 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 🍷



## Yorkshire and North East Operations

# Open Day

Come along to our Regional Operations Open Day to find out more about the work of National Highways, our suppliers and partners.



On **Saturday 9 May 2026 10am – 2pm** (last entry 1:30pm)

At **Calder View House, Peel Avenue, Calder Park, Wakefield WF2 7UA.**

(what3words:///invented.domestic.norms)

Chat to our traffic officers, control room operators and other team members.

Meet our partners.

Take part in fun activities and explore our highways vehicles.

Book a visit to the Regional Operations Centre upon arrival (please note, spaces are limited).

Get your tyres checked.

The last hour, 1–2pm, will be a quiet hour, with no loud sounds or bright lights.

No dogs allowed, except assistance dogs.

Free parking at OE, Calder Park, Wakefield, WF4 3GH (opposite the venue). Some disabled parking available near Calder View House itself.

### Any questions?

Contact: [nhopendayyne@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:nhopendayyne@nationalhighways.co.uk)

# Wakefield Parent Education Hub

## What is it?

A new, easy-to-use website has launched in Wakefield, giving families clear information, practical tools and helpful resources to support their child's health, development and learning.

## Who is it for?

The website is for all Wakefield families, including families who home educate and those with children who have SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). The website can help support children and young people from birth up to 19 years old (or up to 25 years old for those with an Education, Health and Care Plan).

## Why is it useful?

Created with local parents and partners, it brings trusted local and national guidance together in one place to help every child thrive.

## What you'll find on the website:

Clear, easy-to-follow information on **health, safety and wellbeing topics**



Activities and resources to help **build resilience and confidence**



Easy-to-understand information and tips for **talking about different topics at home**



Practical advice and ideas to support with **feelings and emotions**



Speech, language and communication advice and support for **under 5yrs.**



Links to trusted local and national **support**



Scan the **QR code** to go to the **website!**  
<https://www.riskandresilience.org.uk/>



## SEND Drop-in

### Stanley Family Hub

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

9.00am - 11am

**Are you a parent or carer of a child aged 0-5 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.**

This session will be focused around Early Years and National Smile Month

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

**Please contact Stanley Hub 01924 303181 for more information or to register your interest.**





The winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> place: 4AD

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Year 6

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Year 2



A huge well done to the following children for their amazing contributions to the battles.



		<b>Archie M</b> Year 6
		<b>Freddy H</b> Year 6
		<b>Jamil A</b> Year 5

		<b>Adarsh S</b> Year 2
		<b>Lewis M</b> Year 2
		<b>Shahzain R S</b> Year 1

		<b>Isa A</b> 4AD
		<b>Jamillah A</b> 4AD
		<b>Mubeen R S</b> 4AD



Next week's battle is:

**Battle 1: 4AD, 4RQ, 4RH**

**Battle 2: 1CLW, 1JS, 1JT**

**Battle 3: Year 2, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6**

