



Sandal Castle VA
Community Primary School

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Summer Term





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.

Dates For Diary

12th May 2026	3RW Parent Workshop 1:30pm
13th May 2026	3BJ Parent Workshop 1:30pm
14th May 2026	3SJ Parent Workshop 1:30pm
20th May 2026	FJP Class assembly 9am
22nd May 2026	Last day of half term
1st June 2026	Back to School!
2nd June 2026	FIM Workshop
2nd or 3rd June 2026	Year 5 visit Nell Bank
23rd & 24th June 2026	EYFS Swithens Farm
26th June 2026	 PTA event- Summer Fayre
6th July 2026	4AD Ukulele concert
8th July 2026	Year 3 Magna Visit
15th July 2026	Bridlington Year 6 
20th July 2026	Inset Day
1st September 2026	Inset Day

Attendance Well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 6SW with 100%

The whole school attendance is 95.09%

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

Class	%
6SW	100.0%
4RQ	98.9%
3SJ	97.8%
1JS	97.7%
6LG	97.7%
FKW	97.4%
2DJ	96.7%
3BJ	96.7%
5JG	96.7%
5SH	96.7%
2CW	96.3%
1CLW	95.8%
1JT	94.6%
4RH	94.0%
6HY	93.8%
FJW	93.7%
2TD	93.2%
4AD	93.1%
5GS	92.2%
FJP	91.7%
3RW	90.8%

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

Good luck to our Year 6's for their SATs exams next week! Please ensure that our Year 6's have lots of sleep over the weekend and are ready for their busy week ahead.

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



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.

Toys

A polite reminder that toys MUST NOT be brought into school. Please do not provide your child with a fiddle toy- if they are required, these will be given by our SENCO only.

Uniform

A polite reminder that hair bands/accessories should be sensible and reflect our school policy of red/blue and discrete. Thank you for your support with this.

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.

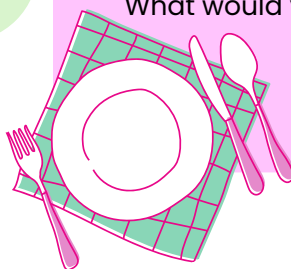
Thank you for your valued support, is very much appreciated.

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Dinner Debate

Dinner Debate- this week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about 'thinking outside the box'! Our Big Question for this week have been:

Do we sometimes think, "That's not enough"?
What would you like to do to change the world?



A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for a 'Summer Attendance Challenge'. The background is a bright yellow vertical banner on a light blue sky. At the top left is a large, 3D-style sun with a bright orange center and yellow rays. To its right are several fluffy white clouds. The title 'SUMMER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, arched across the top of the yellow banner. Below the title, on the left, is a yellow megaphone. On the right is a pink and white ice cream bar on a wooden stick. In the center of the banner, the challenge details are written in smaller, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters: 'ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY FROM MONDAY 27 APRIL TO FRIDAY 10 JULY TO EARN YOURSELF A PLACE IN OUR SUMMER ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION MORNING'. To the left of this text is a light blue toy car with a pink ice cream cone on its roof. To the right is a colorful plastic slide with green and yellow slides and a blue base. At the bottom of the poster, there is a row of green leaves and several white daisies with orange centers.

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SEND COFFEE & CHAT SESSIONS

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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.**

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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: nhopendayne@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 13th 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.

