



## Sports Day Timetable

Days	AM 9:30am	PM 1:30pm
MON		EYFS
TUES	Year 1	Year 5
WED	Year 2	Year 3
THUR	Year 6	Year 4

## Dates For Diary

8th June 2026	Class Photos
8th June 2026	FJP 1:30-2:15pm (KS2 Hall)
9th & 10th June 2026	Book fair- details below
10th June 2026	FKW 2-3pm (KS2 Hall)
11th June 2026	FJW 2-3pm (KS2 Hall)
23rd & 24th June 2026	EYFS Swithens Farm
24th June 2026	PTA event- Summer Fayre- Poster Below
6th July 2026	4AD Ukulele concert
8th July 2026	Year 3 Magna Visit
8th July 2026	2DJ Class assembly 9am
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 99.2%  
The whole school attendance is 93.38%

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

Class	%
6SW	99.2%
1JS	98.7%
4RQ	98.3%
6LG	97.8%
3SJ	96.7%
2DJ	96.1%
3BJ	95.4%
FJW	94.8%
FKW	94.7%
5GS	94.2%
2CW	93.3%
5JG	93.3%
6HY	92.9%
2TD	92.8%
3RW	92.1%
1JT	91.5%
5SH	90.4%
FJP	90.3%
1CLW	90.2%
4AD	89.7%
4RH	85.7%

## OPAL

This week has seen the launch of our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL). We have already had lots of positive feedback from the children regarding some of the new changes and they have loved exploring some of the new additions we have added to our outdoor space. We are continuing to ask for your support! We would really appreciate any small world toys for one of our areas. This includes toy vehicles, dinosaurs, people, fairies etc.

### Golden Welly Award-

Each week we will be presenting the Golden Welly award to children that have demonstrated positive attitudes towards play, teamwork, creativity and respect.

This weeks winners are:

Foundation- Kian FJP

KS1- Ava 2DJ

LKS2- Jamillah 4AD

UKS2- Max 5JG

### 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

Date	Year 6 Events
2/7/26	Kettlethorpe Transition day
30/6/26-2/7/26	St Thomas a' Becket transition day
8/7/26	School of Rock performance afternoon 2pm - 3pm Evening 6pm - 7pm
9/7/26	Year 6 Leaver disco 3:15-4:30pm
10/7/26	Parents' Picnic 2-3pm
14/7/26	Leavers Church Service (St Helens Church) 1:30pm
15/7/26	Bridlington Trip 9-4pm
17/7/26	Leaver Assembly 9- 10am

## Class Photos

Class photos will be taken next week and will be available to buy at the Summer Fayre. If you do not wish for your child to be part of the class photo, please contact your child's class teacher.



## Earrings

As we move closer to the summer holidays, please can we remind parents to book in ear piercing for the very first week of the holidays, to allow their child to have the six weeks for their ears to heal. Unfortunately, due to health and safety, Wakefield Council policy is that children cannot take part in PE lessons with earrings in- this includes the wearing of plasters to cover ears. It is a legal requirement that our children access two hours of PE every week whilst at school. Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding with this.

## Dinner Debate



This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about how we show resilience and endurance to go the extra mile. Our big questions have been:

What would your best effort look like this term?

When have you done more than expected?

## Sunny Days!



We kindly remind everyone to apply sun cream, bring a hat, and ensure children have a water bottle each day. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and comfortable in the warm weather.

## Early Arrivals

We have noticed that some children are arriving on the school grounds very early (around 8:10am), which is causing disruption and presents a safeguarding concern as staff are not available to supervise at this time. Any children arriving before the start of the school day will be directed to Sandal Sunrise, and a charge of £4.50 will be added to their Arbor account. We appreciate your support in ensuring children arrive at the correct time.

## WELL DONE!

Violet in her dance show at the start of half term.



Well done Violet! We are so proud of you!

## Nut Free School

We would like to remind everyone that we are a nut-free school. This is to ensure the safety of children with severe allergies.

Please do not send any products containing nuts in packed lunches or snacks. This includes items such as Nutella, peanut butter, and cereal bars that contain nuts.



# SANDAL SWIM SQUAD



ESSA PRIMARY SCHOOL

NATIONAL FINALISTS 2026



Congratulations to our swim squad who won their regional competition for the large school's category.

They will be swimming in the National finals on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June against all the best schools in the country.

The event will be live streamed on YouTube via the ESSA primary school team championship page.

## Schoolswimming galas- Reminder

- Year 6 Thursday 1-3pm
- Year 5 Monday 1-3pm
- Year 4 division 2 – Tuesday 9:30-11:30am
- Year 4 division 1 – Tuesday 1-3pm
- Year 3 division 2 – Thursday 9:30-11:30am
- Year 3 division 1 – Wednesday 1-3pm

Don't forget your kit!

## Another win for Sandal!

The swim squad came 1<sup>st</sup> in 19 out of 20 races against Ackworth on Thursday.

Sandal 175 – Ackworth 100

Fantastic swimming by all the children



# Sandal Castle School PTA



The Sandal Castle School PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) is a volunteer group made up of parents, carers, and school staff who work together to support our school community.

- ◆ The PTA's role is to raise funds, support pupils, and strengthen relationships between families and the school through a range of events and activities. Funds raised help provide additional resources and experiences that enrich pupils' time at school.
- ◆ If you would like to join the PTA, please email [legley@sandal.school.wakefield.uk](mailto:legley@sandal.school.wakefield.uk) to be added to our communications Whatsapp group.
- ◆ We also welcome fundraising ideas and suggestions for how PTA funds could be used, so please feel free to join the group and take part in the discussion.

**The next PTA event is the Summer Fayre  
on Wednesday 24th June 2026.**



# SANDAL BOOK FAIR

TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> & WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE  
3:15pm - 4:00pm

Join us for our Sandal Book Fair and discover a world of stories waiting to be explored! The fair will be held just outside the main entrance area. There will be a fantastic selection of books for all ages and interests, so don't miss the chance to find your next great read.

Best of all, the funds raised will go towards improving and updating our school Dyslexia Library provision with new, engaging books. We look forward to seeing you there!

ANY UNWANTED BOOK DONATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE MAIN RECEPTION - THANK YOU!

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 yellow sun with a smiling face. 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. In the center, the challenge details are written in smaller, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom left is a blue toy car with a pink cone on its roof. At the bottom right is a colorful plastic slide. The bottom of the poster is decorated with green leaves and several white daisies with orange centers.

# 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 😊



# 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/>



Building Strong Futures Together

# Our OPAL launch! (Outdoor Play and Learning)



We are delighted to share our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) program, which will be launched shortly after the holidays! Please click onto this link for more information: <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

## Why change our current lunchtime provision?

We have spoken to our School Council representatives and lots of our parents who feel that our current lunchtime model isn't the best that it can be. In the wet months we struggle with 630 children on our small tarmacked area which causes accidents and poor behaviour choices through boredom and lack of space.

## Introducing OPAL:

OPAL is a nationally recognized program of improving outdoor play- particularly over the most unstructured parts of the school playtimes and lunchtimes. Our children are encouraged to use all of the outdoor spaces (including the field in the winter), to be active, have fun and explore!

## What kinds of things will our children be doing?

- ✓ Sandpit
- ✓ Stage for dancing/acting/performing
- ✓ Digging area
- ✓ Tree swings and rope slides
- ✓ Football pitch
- ✓ Scooter area
- ✓ Gymnastic bars
- ✓ Plus more coming (TBC)

Every week, our children will be nominated to receive certificates and the very prestigious award; The Golden Welly! 😊



## Scooters

We will be creating a rota for scooters, to encourage our children to bring them in to play on, on certain days. Watch this space...



## How will our children learn about OPAL?

We will be holding regular OPAL assemblies to share information such as safe play, and to share child friendly risk assessments as necessary.

## Is there any element of risk?

Our staff have all received training in the OPAL philosophy. During this training we have been trained in the risk/benefit model. Our children will receive regular assemblies to train them in how to enjoy safe risk.

As our children become more practiced at play, they will be carefully taught to undertake more riskier play (such as tree climbing). Risk assessments will be completed, and you will be informed, as we get to this point! 😊



## How will I be kept informed?

After the holidays, we will be including an OPAL box as a standing item on our weekly newsletter. This will inform you of our weekly certificate winners, plus any OPAL updates or requests. We will often be needing some donations or support from local companies, so please keep an eye out for this! 😊

## What about clothing?

Our children will be encouraged to use our field- all year round. This does mean that during the winter months we will be encouraging or children to bring wellies to school and waterproof clothing. Our children will be encouraged to change their footwear and put on their waterproof clothing during the cold and wet months.



## What about Children with Additional Needs?

Our staff will support children who have additional needs to be able to access our OPAL program. Reasonable adjustments will be made to support these children, including 1:1 adult support where appropriate.