



Sandal Castle VA
Community Primary School

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Sun Hats!



We would greatly appreciate any donations of sun hats for school spares, especially for our younger children. This helps ensure that any child who forgets their hat can stay safe and protected in sunny weather.



A reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school site, even if they are being carried, unless they are assistance dogs. We would also appreciate that dogs are not tied to the school gates. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance

Well done everyone!
Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this is 2DJ with 96.1%

The whole school attendance is 90.87%

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

Class	%
2DJ	96.1%
1JS	94.9%
1CLW	94.6%
1JT	94.6%
5SH	94.6%
3SJ	93.3%
6SW	93.3%
2CW	92.4%
5GS	91.7%
FJW	91.5%
FKW	91.5%
6LG	91.4%
4RQ	90.9%
3RW	90.8%
FJP	90.7%
3BJ	89.6%
2TD	88.5%
4AD	87.9%
4RH	87.1%
5JG	86.7%
6HY	83.3%

Dates For Diary

30 th June 2026	5GS Parent Workshop 1:30pm
1 st July 2026	4AD Class assembly 9am
1 st July 2026	5JG Parent Workshop 1:30pm
6 th July 2026	4AD Ukulele concert
8 th July 2026	Year 3 Magna Visit
8 th July 2026	2DJ Class assembly 9am
20 th July 2026	Inset Day
1 st September 2026	Inset Day

September Prep

You will have received a message today letting you know which class your child will be in for September. We hope they are looking forward to the year ahead!

Well Done Year 1

A massive congratulations to our Year 1 children and staff who have worked so hard with our children's Phonics lessons. This year we have gained an 86% pass mark which (we believe) will be higher than national expectations. What an achievement for our children to have passed through the reading gateway

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.

Yellow

99%/ 100% this is outstanding

Green

97%/ 98% is good

Amber

95% to 96% this is expected

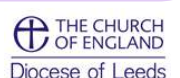
Purple

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



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

OPAL

It has been a very hot week but the children have still made the most of their OPAL lunchtimes. We have made the most of the shade and enjoyed lots of new activities whilst trying to relax and keep cool! We have now set up our stage and the children have loved getting dressed up and performing. We would love any donations of dress up clothes, props, wigs 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- Maddox FKW
 KSI- Hiba 1JT
 LKS2- Alima 3BJ
 UKS2- Esmee 5SH

Summer Fayre

Thank you to everyone who attending our Summer Fayre. Your support was much appreciated on such a hot day! A massive shout out to our PTA and Mrs Egley who organised an amazing afternoon for us! The money raised will go back to your children over the next academic year.

Absence Reporting Reminder

Please call the school before 9:30am and leave a voicemail on the absence line. Messages are monitored but not answered, so ensure you include your child's name, class, and the reason for absence. This should be updated daily unless otherwise advised by the school.

Wall of Fame!



Mariyam recently had the exciting opportunity to meet the Mayor of Rotherham. She enjoyed a tour of the Mayor's office, learned about the history of the role, and even had the chance to sit in the Mayor's chair and speak in the council chamber!

Congratulations to Mariyam and the Wakefield City Junior Girls U10s team, who were runners-up in the East Coast Beach Soccer Tournament at Bridlington, competing against over 30 teams. After nine tough games, they narrowly lost 1-0 in the final – a fantastic achievement!



Well done to Jessie in Class 2CW, who achieved Commended in both of her first freestyle dance exams – a fantastic accomplishment! She will also be performing next month at Production Park with Studio A Dance Group. We're very proud of you, Jessie!

Parent/Carer of Pupil who
Qualifies for Free Travel
In West Yorkshire

23/06/26

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to tell you about a change in the way free travel for school pupils will be provided from September 2026.

Currently, pupils who qualify for free travel are issued one of the following passes or combination of passes:

- Pupils using the public bus network - Zero fare School Pass
- Pupils using a dedicated school bus service operated commercially – Zero fare School Pass
- Pupils using a dedicated school bus service funded by the Local Council – Zero fare Boarding Pass
- Pupils using a dedicated school bus service funded by the Combined Authority - Zero fare School Pass (+ Priority PhotoCard where there is a need to control the number of students using the service).

From September 2026, there will be change to the system, which will standardise arrangements across all five West Yorkshire Local Council areas. The arrangements will be as follows:

- Pupils using the public bus network - Zero fare School Pass [Unchanged]
- Pupils using a dedicated school bus service operated commercially – Zero fare School Pass [Unchanged]
- Pupils using any dedicated school bus service that is funded by the Combined Authority or Local Council – Zero fare Boarding Pass [Change].

What this means for pupils:

- Pupils issued with a Zero fare School Pass will only be able use the public transport network or dedicated school bus services that are operated commercially (A list of dedicated school bus services operated on a commercial basis is provided on the Combined Authority's School web page (wymetro.com/schools)).
- Pupils issued with a Zero fare Boarding Pass will only be able to use the service shown on their Pass.
- Pupils issued with a Zero fare Boarding Pass will have to pay to travel on the public bus network (including when they participate in after school activities).

- Pupils without a Zero fare Boarding Pass will have to pay a fare to use any school bus service that is funded by the Combined Authority or Local Council (single fare or prepaid MCard ticket – details on wymetro.com/schools).

The reason for making these changes is to ensure that the cost to Local Councils for funding free travel is proportional to the number of students who qualify for it and that all students who receive free travel are treated the same across West Yorkshire.

If you have any questions about this, please telephone or email the Combined Authority's Education Transport team on (0113) 348 1122 or at educationcustomerservices@westyorks-ca.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,
Education Transport Team



COME TO SCHOOL



EVERY DAY!



SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT!

School helps you learn, have fun, and make friends.



WHEN SHOULD I COME TO SCHOOL?

- Every day when I am well
- Even if I feel a little tired or a little unwell



BE ON TIME!

- Doors open at 8:45 AM
- Learning starts at 9:00 AM
- Being on time helps you feel ready and calm.



WHEN CAN I STAY HOME?

- If I am poorly



HOLIDAYS

- Holidays are for school holidays
- We don't usually go on holiday during school time

WE LOVE GOOD ATTENDANCE!

You can earn:

- ★ Certificates
- ★ Class Prizes
- ★ Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards



NEED HELP?

If something is worrying you:
Talk to your teacher
Talk to a grown-up
We are here to help

EVERY DAY MATTERS!

WE ARE HAPPY WHEN YOU ARE HERE



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. In the center, the words 'SUMMER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE' are written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, following the curve of the banner. Below the title, 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 the text is a yellow megaphone. To the right is a pink and white ice cream bar. Below the text is a blue toy car with a pink ice cream cone on its roof. To the right of the text is a green and yellow slide. At the bottom of the poster is a row of green leaves and several white daisies with orange centers.

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☀️🌈 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/>