



Sandal Castle Newsletter



Dates For Diary

Dates	Events
1/10/26	Themed lunch- Italian menu
6/10/26	Harvest Festival- Year 1&2 9:30, Year 3&4 11:00 and Year 5&6 13:30
9/10/26	Wear Yellow For World Mental Health Awareness Day
20/10/26 & 21/10/26	Parents Evening- details below
21/10/26	3SJ Class Assembly 9am
22/10/26	Funky Hair Day/ Non-Uniform Day- Invisible disability awareness
23/10/26	Inset Day

Class	%
3SJ	99.5%
4AD	99.2%
6JG	98.7%
6HH	98.3%
2LW	98.3%
3LG	97.8%
4AS	97.4%
6FG	97.0%
RJP	96.7%
5GH	96.3%
1JS	96.2%
5SH	95.8%
2CW	95.4%
5GY	94.4%
3RW	93.6%
RJW	93.2%
4SW	92.9%
1CLW	92.2%
1JT	91.3%
2TD	89.5%
RLT	85.7%

Attendance

Well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 3SJ with 99.5%

The whole school attendance is 94.43%

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

Uniform Policy

A polite reminder that **nail polish is not part of our uniform policy**. Please can we ask that nail polish is removed on a Sunday evening before school. Thank you for your understanding.

Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival Services are quickly approaching. We would very much appreciate your kind donations of tinned/dried foods which will then be donated to a number of food banks within our Wakefield area.

Our New Facebook Page

We are excited to share that we have a **new school Facebook page**! Please follow us to keep up to date with school events, important information, and to see some of the fantastic learning and activities our children have been taking part in. We look forward to sharing and celebrating school life with you.



OPAL

As we head towards the colder and wetter months, please remember to send your child to school with a coat and a pair of wellies or spare trainers that they can change into for outdoor play. From the October half term, all children will be expected to wear wellies if they want to access the field when it is wet.

We are continuing to ask for any donations of unwanted toys that you may have at home which can be used as part of our OPAL play!

Congratulations to the winners of this week's Golden Welly Award:

- Aria - RLT
- Kian - 1JS
- Wilf - 4AS
- Freya - 6FG

Dinner Debate

This week in Collective Worship, we have been thinking about our School vision, and in particular the final sentence: Together, in God's love, we nurture hearts, minds, and spirit, to equip everyone with wisdom, character and hope, in order to flourish. We have been learning about wisdom, character and hope. Our Big

Questions have been:
What are you hopeful for in your life?

How do you know if something is the right choice?

Invisible Disability Awareness- 22/10/26



We will be holding a non-uniform or funky hair styles day on Thursday 22nd October (for pupils and staff) to help raise awareness of the range of invisible disabilities we have across school. These include a wide range of neurodiverse needs and medical conditions such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, visual impairments, hearing impairments, physical disabilities, diabetes, allergies and more.

World Mental Health Day – 9/10/26

To mark World Mental Health Day on Friday 9th October, we are inviting all children to come to school in non-uniform. As part of the day, we would love pupils to include something yellow in their outfit to help raise awareness of the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed in their bright and cheerful yellow items while supporting this important cause.

Free School Meals

Following an expansion of the eligibility criteria, you may now qualify for free school meals.

Please see the new criteria and make an application via the Free School Meals team:

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals>

Music Lessons

We still have a number of music lessons available for children in Years 3-6. There is a cost of approximately £88 per term. If your child would be interested in playing either: drums, guitar, flute or clarinet, please contact Mrs Butterworth ASAP.

Benchball Club

We are excited to offer a new Benchball Club for Year 3 and Year 4 pupils, taking place on Mondays. Sign-up will go live on Arbor this evening (25/09/26) at 7:00pm. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so please book promptly if your child would like to attend.

EYFS Outdoor Classroom

Please do not allow children to play in the EYFS outdoor classroom during drop-off and collection times. This area is set up for learning and needs to be kept safe and ready for the children throughout the school day. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Parents Evening

Parents' Evening appointment slots will go live on Arbor on Monday 28th September at 7:00pm. Please log in from this time to book your preferred slot with your child's teacher.
(Times available from 3:30 to 6:00)

1st Of October

Italian Menu

Traditional- Pizza

or

Vegetarian-
Cheese and
tomato pasta

