



Sandal Castle Newsletter

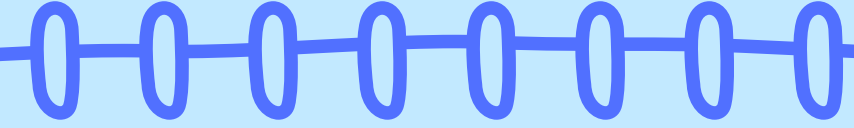


Dates For Diary

Dates	Events
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
17/10/26	Individual School Photos

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.



Class	%
2LW	100.0%
6HH	100.0%
3RW	99.5%
3SJ	99.0%
5SH	98.8%
3LG	97.7%
2TD	97.6%
5GY	97.5%
6FG	97.3%
2CW	97.2%
RJW	96.6%
4AS	96.4%
4SW	95.8%
6JG	95.7%
4AD	94.7%
1JS	93.5%
5GH	93.5%
1JT	93.4%
RJP	93.3%
1CLW	90.2%
RLT	84.7%

Attendance

Well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 2LW and 6HH with 100%

The whole school attendance is 95.36%

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

Message For Year 5 and 6

Is your child in Year 5/6 and do they walk to school by themselves? If so, please remind them that they shouldn't be on school site until 8:30am as they are unsupervised and therefore not insured. Any unsupervised children who arrive before 8:30am will be asked to join our Breakfast Club and this will incur a charge.

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.



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. As the sand and digging pit are proving to be our most popular areas of OPAL, we would love any donations of buckets, spades, trowels, sand toys etc.

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

Gabriel - RJW

Lily - 1JT

Ali - 4AS

Freddie - 6JG

Parent Governor Opportunity

Our Governing Body is seeking to appoint a new parent governor. If you have an interest in supporting our rapidly improving school, we would be delighted to hear from you. Ideally, we would desire someone with skills in either business, legal or health and safety, although this isn't an essential skillset. If you would be interested in this position, or can recommend someone for this role, please complete our Governor nomination form (available in our school office) by Friday 9th October.

Water Bottles

A polite reminder that our children should only be bringing water in their water bottles. Fruit juice, flavoured water or squash contain additives, and/or sugars that can be harmful. This is following the Government School Food Standards guidance.



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.

Dinner Debate

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about the Christian festival of Harvest and how giving thanks for our food and donating food to other who are less fortunate is a kindness. Love and care can grow into something good! We also learnt that Harvest occurs in lots of different countries- not just the UK.

Our Big Questions were:

What do all harvest festivals have in common?

How are we connected to people around the world through food?

Please can you also include the harvest festival donation reminder from last week?

Please Read!



To help keep all members of our school community safe, please do not send any foods containing nuts into school. We have children with severe nut allergies, and even small amounts can cause serious reactions.

In addition, due to allergies and to ensure the safety of all children, **we kindly ask that birthday treats and sweets are no longer brought into school for celebrations.** We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.