



Sandal Castle Newsletter



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.

Lost Property!

Please check our lost property, located by the blue doors at the top of the car park, as we currently have a large number of unclaimed items.

Any items not collected by the end of the school day on 15th October will be disposed of.

We would also like to remind parents and carers to ensure that all clothing and belongings are clearly named. This helps us return lost items directly to children's classrooms quickly and easily.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance

Class	%
2TD	100.0%
4AD	99.1%
4AS	99.1%
1JT	98.4%
6JG	97.9%
2CW	97.2%
5GY	96.3%
3SJ	96.2%
1CLW	96.1%
5GH	96.0%
6FG	96.0%
4SW	95.6%
1JS	95.2%
RLT	95.1%
5SH	95.0%
2LW	94.0%
3RW	93.6%
6HH	93.3%
RJW	93.2%
RJP	92.3%
3LG	90.7%

Well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 2TD with 100%

The whole school attendance is 95.34%

Thank you for your effort!

Lets keep aiming for our whole school target of 96%

Dates For Diary

Dates	Events
19/10/26	6JG Parent Workshop
20/10/26	6FG Parent Workshop
20/10/26 & 21/10/26	Parents Evenings
21/10/26	6HH Parent Workshop
21/10/26	3SJ Class Assembly 9am
22/10/26	Funky Hair Day/ Non-Uniform Day- Invisible disability awareness
23/10/26	Inset Day
4/11/26	2TD Parent Workshop 1:30-3:00
11/11/26	2CW Parent Workshop 1:30-3:00
17/11/26	Individual School Photos
18/11/26	2LW Parent Workshop 1:30-3:00
25/11/26	1JT Parent Workshop 1:30-3:00
30/11/26	4AD Ukelele Concert at 9:15
2/12/26	1JS Parent Workshop 1:30-3:00
9/12/26	1CLW Parent Workshop 1:30-3:00

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.

This week we have launched our new Boxing area, including a punching bag, boxing gloves and mitts. The children have absolutely loved it so far! We would love it if anyone has any spare skipping ropes, boxing gloves or other resources which can help develop this area!

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

Shyla - RLT

Poppy - 2TD

Ellie - 4AS

Isla - 5SH

Birthday Treats in School

To help keep all children safe, included, and valued, we kindly ask that birthday treats, sweets, cakes, chocolates, party bags, and other food items are not brought into school for distribution.

This decision has been made in line with current guidance on food safety and allergen awareness, and to ensure we can celebrate birthdays in a way that is inclusive of all children and their dietary requirements.

Birthdays will continue to be recognised and celebrated in class.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Dinner Debate

This week we have been talking about being an 'agent of change' by being brave and standing up for change to help people. We have been learning about Marcus Rashford, the football who stood up for children to have free school meals.

Our big questions for this week have been:

What does it mean to stand up for what is right?

How can we be agents of change in our school?

School Timings

School starts at **8:45am** and **finishes at 3:15pm**. 3:20pm collection is late, we will call you and they will be sent to after school (Sandal Stars) where you will be charged £4.50

Arbor

Please ensure that **all of your details on Arbor are kept up to date**, including addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contacts. It is also essential that anyone who may collect your child from school is listed as an authorised collector on Arbor.

Having accurate information helps us to contact you quickly when needed and, most importantly, ensures the safety and wellbeing of your child.

Early Collections

We have recently had a number of requests for children to be collected during the school day for appointments. Where possible, we kindly ask that routine appointments are arranged outside of school hours to minimise disruption to your child's learning.

We understand that some appointments and emergencies cannot be avoided. In these cases, please inform the school office as far in advance as possible so that arrangements can be made and your child can be ready for collection.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Payments

A gentle reminder that school dinners should be paid for in advance to help prevent accounts from falling into debt. Payments can be made easily through Arbor, and we would encourage parents to keep an eye on their balance regularly.

If you're having any trouble logging into Arbor or using the system, please don't hesitate to pop into the school office.

We'll be more than happy to help you access your account and show you how everything works.