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Autumn Term

Fri 13th Nov

Sandal Castle Newsletter

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OPAL

As the weather gets colder and wetter, please send your child with wellies or spare trainers. From this Monday, children will need suitable spare footwear to use the field when it is wet or muddy- they will not be allowed onto the grass if not wearing suitable shoes. Please also ensure they have a warm, waterproof coat for outdoor play.
Thank you so much for your continued support – it really does make a difference to the children's play opportunities!
Congratulations to the winners of this week's Golden Welly Award this week-
Kobe - RJP Zayan - 2LW Arlo - 4AD Dominika - 5GH

Children in Need

Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting the annual Children In Need charity event. This year we have raised £



Pantomime

We are excited to welcome a visiting theatre group for a performance of **Cinderella** in the school hall on **Friday 20th November** (morning). Pay £3 via the **School Shop** on Arbor.

Anti Bullying Week

Next week (Monday 16th November) we will be joining the UK in celebrating and raising awareness of our anti-bullying messages. We are delighted to inform you that we are ready to launch our new anti-bullying procedures in time for this. Our anti bullying policy will be available to peruse (in draft form until our Governor meeting on 30th November) on our website. We have created a flowchart to explain how we will respond to bullying concerns and we have also created a child friendly poster which will be displayed around school and on our website. During anti-bullying week, we will be educating our children about our Sandal Castle definition of bullying, understand the different forms of bullying and also understand why children bully. We will also learn about the importance of reporting incidents of bullying.

16/11/26	Odd Sock Day- Details Below
17/11/26	Individual School Photos
18/11/26	2LW Parent Workshop 2:00-3:00
19/11/26	Reception 2027 open eveing 15:45-17:15
20/11/26	Pantomime- "Details are behind you!"
25/11/25	3RW Class assembly 9am
25/11/26	1JT Parent Workshop 1:45-3:00
27/11/26	Light Switch on- Details to follow
30/11/26	4AD Ukelele Concert at 9:15
1/12/26	Phonics Event- details below
2/12/26	6HH Class Assembly 9am
2/12/26	1JS Parent Workshop 1:45-3:00
8/12/26	EYFS Nativity- Details to follow
9/12/26	1CLW Parent Workshop 1:45-3:00
11/12/26	Non-uniform for Swap Shop (Bring a pre-loved gift) More Details to Follow
15/12/26	Christmas Service at Church- Details to follow
16/12/26	Year 6 WW2 Day

Safeguarding contact
For any safeguarding concerns please contact legley@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk

Individual Photos



Please be reminded that the school photographer will be in school on Tuesday, 17th November to take individual and sibling photographs.
To ensure your children look their absolute best for their portraits, please make sure they arrive at school dressed smartly in their full, correct school uniform. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Odd Sock Day!

Monday 16th November- is the start of Anti-Bullying week. To celebrate this week, we are asking our children to wear their uniforms with odd socks! We can't wait to see your crazy creations!



Light Up Wakefield

Friday 13 – Saturday 14 November 2026
Wakefield City Centre

With magical moments around every corner, Light Up Wakefield promises an unforgettable weekend that will see the city shine brighter than ever before.

The festival begins with the Light Switch-On in the Cathedral Precinct on Friday 13 November at 5:30pm. Visitors can then explore the Light Trail, featuring interactive artworks, striking projections and joyful illuminated experiences. On Saturday 14 November from 5:30pm, visitors can also enjoy Nature's Return, a breathtaking illuminated parade led by a towering Mother Nature figure.

Find out more at Light Up Wakefield | Experience Wakefield



Christmas Parties!



15/12/26 Reception

16/12/26 Year 1 & 2

18/12/26 Year 3 & 6

17/12/26 Year 4 & 5



Due to the changes around allergies and Benedict's law we are unable to ask for food being sent into school for the Christmas parties this year.

Phonics Parent Information Events

Tuesday 1st December
9:00-9:30am
2:45-3:15pm
KS1 Hall

Come along and find out about the Statutory Phonics Assessment your child will sit in YR1 and how you can support your child's reading journey further - we hope to see as many of you as possible.

PTA Christmas Swap Shop

Friday 11th December - Non-Uniform & Donation Day
Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform! In return, please bring a clean, good-quality pre-loved gift item to donate to our Swap Shop.
Gift Suggestions: Small toys, stationery, books, or unused toiletries (must be in giftable condition).
Monday 14th December – Swap Shop & Gift Wrapping Day
Children can bring £1 to school to choose a gift from the Swap Shop! They will wrap their chosen item at school, ready to give to someone special for Christmas.
Thank you for supporting the PTA and helping us share the holiday spirit!

