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Autumn Term

Fri 27th Nov

Sandal Castle Newsletter

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Outdoors

Many thanks for your support in sending outdoor shoes (wellies/trainers etc.) into school this week to allow our children to continue using the OPAL zones on the field throughout the winter. Please note that children who do not bring in outdoor footwear will have to remain on the playground. Our cleaning staff are very grateful for your support!

Attendance

Class	%
3LG	100.0%
1JS	99.0%
2TD	99.0%
5SH	97.5%
2LW	97.2%
RJW	96.6%
4AD	96.6%
3SJ	96.2%
6HH	94.6%
RJP	94.4%
4AS	94.4%
4SW	93.9%
2CW	93.3%
5GY	92.7%
6JG	92.0%
6FG	89.7%
5GH	89.3%
1JT	89.1%
1CLW	88.5%
RLT	85.2%
3RW	84.7%

Well done everyone!

Keep up the amazing achievement.

The winning class of this week's attendance challenge is 3LG with 100%

The whole school attendance is 93.7%

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

Lock Down Practice

Next week we will be holding our Autumn term lock down. This is a practice drill that we do three times a year to make sure that we are safe if there was a danger outside school. Our children are very good at practicing this- please do not worry!

Dates for Diary

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	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day
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
16/12/26	4AS Class Assembly 9am

Did you know that you can pre-book your child's school meals through the Arbor app? This is a great way to see what your child will be having for lunch each day and helps them choose meals they will enjoy.
If your child pays for school meals, please remember to keep their Arbor account in credit to ensure meals can be booked without any issues.
Thank you for your support.

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

Dinner Debate

This week in Collective Worship we have continued to talk about Protected Characteristics. We have learned about the story of the Jesus and the lepers. Even those people were unkind to the lepers, Jesus showed them his love and that they mattered. Our Big Questions are been:

Why can judging people by appearances be unkind?

What might God notice about a person that others don't see?

Reception Nativity 8/12/26

There will be two performances:

9:15am - will be all the children from RJP and half of the children from RLT.

10:30am - will be all the children from RJW and half of the children from RLT.

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.

OPAL

We are hoping to create a school welly bank so that we have a supply of spare wellies available for children who may not have their own pair. If you have any unwanted wellies at home that are still in reasonable condition, we would be incredibly grateful if you would consider donating them to school. Any sizes would be very welcome!

Having a bank of spare wellies will help us ensure that all children can access the outdoor areas and enjoy everything OPAL has to offer, regardless of whether they have their own outdoor footwear.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

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

Lina - RJP

Milan - 2LW

Sofia & Oscar - 3RW

Elham - 5SH

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day 9/12/26



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!

We are delighted to share our 2026-27 charity calendar. This has been agreed by our School Council and pupil voice. Here it is:

Sandal Castle Charity Fundraising Calendar 2026-27

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Harvest Festival- Food Goods – St. Helen's Church Book Fair - School Fund	Valentine Disco- PTA Red Nose Day (19th March 2027)	RSPCA Charity event- TBC
Remembrance Day- Poppies (Nov) PTA event- Scary Movie and Arts/Crafts Children in Need (14th Nov) Swap Shop- PTA Age UK cards- Wakefield Branch	Treasure Hunt- PTA Book Fair - School Fund TBC - Wakefield Hospice	PTA- Non-Uniform Day (bottles and sweets for summer fayre) PTA event- Summer Fayre (July)

PTA event

National Charities

Local charity

School fund