



Attendance

Class	%
3TD	98.4%
2AD	96.7%
6SW	95.8%
3BJ	95.0%
1EJ	94.6%
1JS	94.6%
4JS	94.6%
2JT	93.8%
1JP	93.3%
6RS	92.9%
FKW	92.7%
5LG	91.8%
5HF	91.5%
2CW	90.8%
4JG	90.2%
4RW	90.0%
3RQ	89.6%
6HH	86.6%
FJW	86.6%
5SE	85.8%
FDJ	71.4%



The winning class of this week's attendance challenge are: 3TD with 98.4%! Well done folks!

Keep up this amazing achievement!

Many thanks for supporting our very important attendance drive. This week our whole school attendance is: 91.36%.

Our target is 96%! Let's go for it next week. Together, we can do it!

Barnsley Road

We are aware that our parents are very rightly concerned about the traffic and congestion on Barnsley Road at key times of the day. We are currently working with the Council to look into other options for additional car parking and alternative site access. **From January, you will be able to access site via the parent gate from 8:30am to allow our pupils a 15-minute window to arrive before being collected by their teacher at 8:45am.**



Sandal Stars Collection Reminder

Please note sandal stars finishes at **5:45pm**. Can you please ensure your child is collected promptly. Emergency contact number: **07942276463**.



Christmas Dinner 13/12/2023

Please note there will **only** be the Christmas dinner as an option on this date. There **will not** be a sandwich or jacket potato option. There will be a halal and vegetarian option to choose from. Thank you!

Christmas Card Post box

From **Monday 11th December** we will be launching our Christmas post-box! This is an opportunity for your children to write Christmas cards and post them to children and staff within school. The cards will be delivered during the school by our Year 6 elves! Please ensure that full names (first and second name) are written on envelopes as well as class names, as we have lots of children in school with the same names. We are so sorry, but due to GDPR, we are unable to send home class lists.



Reindeer Run

Week commencing **11th December**, your child will be taking part in the Reindeer Run, which is an annual fundraising event run by the Wakefield Hospice. This is an opportunity for your child to collect sponsorship (forms coming out next week) to run around our playground as a reindeer (antlers are provided). 😊 Please note that this is a voluntary event- all children will take part and have fun, regardless of them being sponsored or not.



Christmas Headbands in school

Please can we ask that our children don't wear headbands that are Christmas related/cat ears/unicorn horns on a school day as this is not part of our uniform. Thank you!



Slight change to party date

This is for year 2&3 as they have swapped dates. Please see diary dates below. Thank you!



Reporting your child's absence

Can we please remind Parents, when your child is absent you must inform school by **9:30am**. You can do this by calling school (**01924 303525**) option 1 and leave a message. Or you can email office@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk stating a reason for your child's absence. You must do this daily. Failure to do so may result in an Unauthorised Absence for your child.

There has been an increased number of children arriving late and being collected late. If for any reason you are going to be late, can you please let us know.

Diary Dates



12 December	EYFS Nativity 
13 December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day 
14 December	Polar Express Day 
15 December	Parent information session 'Understanding emotional wellbeing and mental health in my child' - KS1 hall 9-10am 
19 December	Carols at St Helen's  Year 1&2 – 9:30am Year 3&4-11:00am Year 5&6-1:30pm
22 December	Break up For Christmas 

Christmas Party Dates



Christmas Party

Monday 18 th December	Year 6
Tuesday 19 th December	Year 3 & EYFS
Wednesday 20 December	Year 1 & 4
Thursday 21 st December	Year 2 & 5

Polar Express Day

We are very excited to announce on **Thursday 14th December** we will be holding a Polar



Express day in school. Students can come to school in their pyjamas (sensible shoes and coats still needed) and will take part in lots of activities based around 'The Polar Express' text. We are sure you will agree that this will be a magical day for everyone.

Headteacher Email

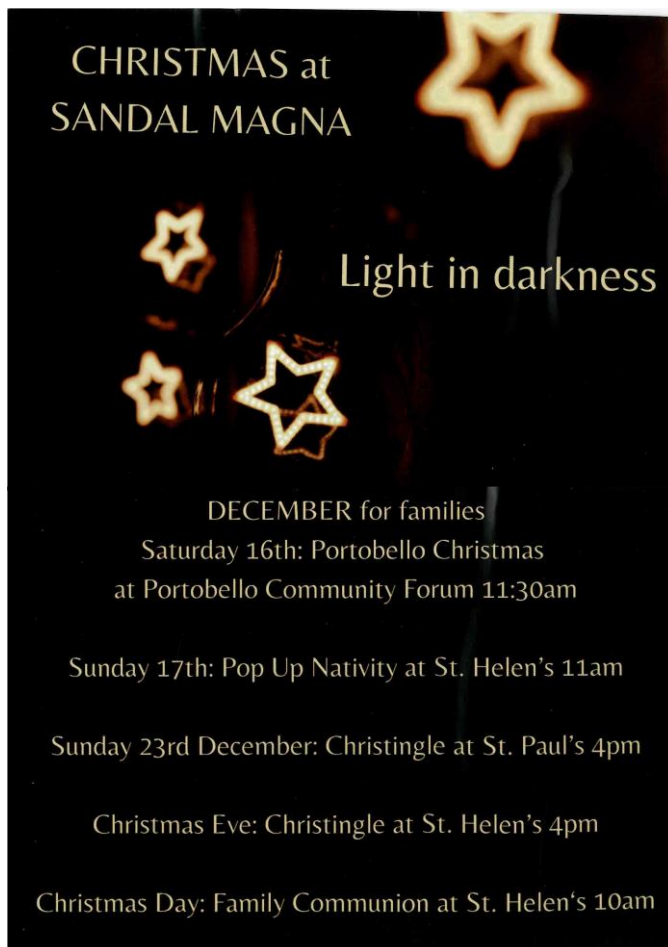
For email communication with the headteacher please contact:

cbutterworth@sandal.wakefield.sch.uk

Kind Regards

Mrs C Butterworth

Headteacher



CHRISTMAS at
SANDAL MAGNA

Light in darkness

DECEMBER for families

Saturday 16th: Portobello Christmas
at Portobello Community Forum 11:30am

Sunday 17th: Pop Up Nativity at St. Helen's 11am

Sunday 23rd December: Christingle at St. Paul's 4pm

Christmas Eve: Christingle at St. Helen's 4pm

Christmas Day: Family Communion at St. Helen's 10am

Twitter Account



Our school twitter account has been revived!

Please follow us:

@SandalCastlesch

<https://twitter.com/SandalCastleSch>



Countdown
to Christmas



Roast Turkey
with
Sausage, Stuffing & Yorkshire pudding

Tomato & Mozzarella Puff

served with
Peas, Carrots and Brussel Sprouts
Roast & Mashed Potatoes
Gravy

Christmas Pudding with Custard

Chocolate Muffin

Ice Cream



Feeding Hungry Minds

ISS Classification - Unrestricted