

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whilst this term has been short, it has been incredibly busy and I am delighted to share some of our highlights with you.

We often speak about the "Sandal Way" extending beyond our classroom walls and this term has provided some truly memorable examples. Our pupils have been out and about, representing us with the manners and enthusiasm we have come to expect:

- Year 5 immersed themselves in the world of modern sculpture and local history at The Hepworth Wakefield.
- Year 4 were welcomed with open arms during their visit to the Gurdwara, deepening their understanding of faith and tradition.
- Reception enjoyed the sights and sounds of the outdoors during their hands-on adventure at Thornton Hall Farm.

The excitement hasn't been limited to trips away from school. Year 1 brought history to life with their fantastic Medieval Day, and our younger children were fascinated throughout the visit from Zoolab. Even in these final few days, Year 6 have shown impressive maturity, balancing the practical challenges of Bikeability with the creative fun of making their own pizzas from scratch.

Our school remains successful thanks to the effective partnership between home and school. My thanks go to the PPG for coordinating the KS1 and KS2 discos; seeing the children having fun and enjoying themselves was a real highlight. It was also wonderful to see so many of our families coming together to celebrate Eid earlier this month—these moments of shared culture are what makes our school family so rich.

In contrast to these celebrations, we are also navigating a time of sadness within school following the loss of one of our parents. In times like these, the strength of our community is most evident. Our thoughts remain with the family, and we are committed to providing ongoing care and support to those most closely affected.

While the various events and trips often catch our eye, the true heart of Sandal lies in the daily dedication of our staff. I would like to thank our teachers and support teams for the care and rigour they bring to school every single day.

To our parents and carers: thank you. Whether you are helping with homework, supporting school events, or simply ensuring your child is ready for the day ahead, your contribution is vital to everything we achieve. It was wonderful to see lots of entries for the Easter egg competition, they looked amazing!

I wish you all a peaceful and restful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the start of the Summer Term on Monday 13th April 2026.

Kind regards,

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## Weekly Update 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

14 April	Reception Hand Washing Presentation
16 April	Bowling Event - selected children already notified
17 April	Sapling's Baby & Toddler Group

### Outdoor Learning Timetable

w/c 13th April 2026		
	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		Nursery
Tuesday		
Wednesday	RP	RS
Thursday		1P
Friday	1S	

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