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# Newsletter

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## CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been learning about the moon, it takes 27 days for the moon to go around the earth". Jack - UF2



## YEAR 6 - SATS WEEK MONDAY 13TH - 17TH MAY 2024

As you know term time holidays are not authorised. Please do not book any holidays or appointments during SAT's week Monday 13th - 17th May 2024.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 15th Jan	Year 3 Castleford Museum
Wed 17th—Fri 19th Jan	Year 6 Robinwood Residential
Mon 29th Jan	Inset Day School Closed
Mon 5th Feb	Safer Internet Week
Tues 6th Feb	Year 6 Parents Evening
Thurs 8th Feb	Year 6 Parents Evening
Fri 9th Feb	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 19th Feb	School Reopens
Mon 26th Feb	Chicks arriving in EYFS
Mon 26th Feb	Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 11th Mar	Science Week
Tues 12th Mar	Parents Evening EYFS - Year 5
Thurs 14th Mar	Parents Evening EYFS - Year 5
Fri 15th Mar	Comic Relief
Fri 22nd Mar	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 8th April	School Reopens

## WELCOME NEW STARTERS

Welcome to our Nursery new starters who begin their school life this half term. The children are really enjoying exploring the areas of provision. We hope you have a lovely time learning through play in our wonderful Early Years setting.



## READING AT HOME

Please can parents and carers support your child to read at home throughout the week. This can be 5 or 10 minutes each day, as School recognise the impact of children who read at home. Some children enjoy reading before School, whilst other families find this easier to fit in after School, travelling on the bus on in the car is another good opportunity to listen to your child reading.



**OUTDOOR PE LESSONS** - Your child will continue to have one lesson of PE outdoor each week - weather permitting. Please send children with a warm PE kit, this should be a navy tracksuit, and white t-shirt. Due to the cold weather a hat and gloves can be worn. Our policy states that only a pair of stud earrings can be worn at School. On your child's PE day these must be taken out and left at home or taped up at home. Thank you.

**LOST FOOTBALLS** - Please can any neighbours return School footballs if they are accidentally kicked over our parameter fences. We have lost 4 footballs during the last half term and these are expensive for School to replace.



## PUNCTUALITY

Did you know if your child arrives late:-

- they will miss instructions for the first lesson.
- they can cause disruption to the whole class.
- they can feel embarrassed and upset walking into class late.



**IF A CHILD ARRIVES 15 MINUTES LATE AT SCHOOL EACH DAY, THEY LOSE ALMOST 2 WEEKS OF LEARNING A YEAR.**

The School's Education Welfare Officer inspects our registers every month and if your child is late on more than 10 occasions you could receive a penalty notice issued by the Education Welfare Service.

## NEW GOVERNORS

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body. If you would like to apply please fill in a declaration of interest form from the School Office. We are looking for people from local businesses or with a background in Education or a parent who can support the School and bring your own skills and knowledge to the role.

## 100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Miss Fisher's Class - 1B our first Class getting 100% Attendance in 2024. Who's going to be next? .....

## YEAR 3 CASTLEFORD MUSEUM TRIP

On Monday Year 3 visited Castleford Museum as part of their Romans unit of work. The children enjoyed exploring artefacts that were over 2,00 years old. The children were learning about Roman life in Castleford.



**INSET DAY** - Monday 29th January is an Inset day for all children. School will not be open on Monday 29th January 2024 due to staff training.

Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs K Ashton (Headteacher), Mr D Benson (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs R Knowles (Assistant Head Teacher, SENCO & Early Years Foundation Leader), Mrs R Betham Teacher, Miss A Walsh Learning Mentor Safeguarding Governor, Mrs A Spiers (Chair of Governors - [aspiers@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:aspiers@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk)) If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children you can contact Social Care Direct on 0345 850 3503

# Attendance Tracking



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Belong, Aspire, Achieve.



Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	90.0%
Penguin (6B)	93.2%
Orca (5A)	92.5%
Falcon (5B)	93.0%
Zebra (4A)	93.6%
Koala (4B)	93.7%
Elephant (3A)	93.8%
Giraffe (3B)	93.3%
Toucan (2A)	94.2%
Flamingo (2B)	93.8%
Tiger (1A)	93.2%
Panda (1B)	100%
Lions 1 (UF1)	97.4%
Lions 2 (UF2)	93.2%

## 100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Miss Fisher's Class 1B, for achieving 100% attendance last week.

### ATTENDANCE

If a class gets 100% they are allowed to come in non school uniform the following Friday. Children love trying to achieve this and we would be grateful if you could support us with this.

### ATTENDANCE CLASS LEADERS

<b>1B</b>	Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term.
<b>1B</b>	Termly reward of a golden hour on last day of term.
<b>6B</b>	Whole School yearly reward of a visit by the Ice Cream van.

### LATE ARRIVALS

**15** children arrived late last week - this means that they lost valuable learning time and did not get the best possible start to the school day. Why not bring your child to our breakfast club to make sure they are at school ready to start lessons on time every day.

## EVERY DAY COUNTS!

### ATTENDANCE INDICATORS

<b>Below 90%</b>	Unacceptable persistent absence - serious cause for concern.
<b>90-94.99%</b>	Cause for concern - less chance of progression
<b>95-97.99%</b>	Satisfactory - room for improvement
<b>98-99.99%</b>	Good
<b>100%</b>	Excellent

Attendance as at  
12th January 2024  
**94.1%** (Target 100%)  
Year So Far  
**94.5%**

At Hendal Primary School we are dedicated to ensuring that each child has the opportunity to learn to the best of their ability and reach their full potential. To achieve this it is vital that children attend school every day, and arrive on time.

## Star of the week

Class	Star of the Week	Class	Star of the Week
Llama (6A)	Hazel	Toucan (2A)	Harper-Jayne
Penguin (6B)	William	Flamingo (2B)	Minnie
Orca (5A)	Lochlan	Tiger (1A)	Charles
Falcon (5B)	Denan	Panda (1B)	Mia
Zebra (4A)	Alfie-Jack	Lions (UF1)	Freddie
Koala (4B)	Carson	Lions (UF2)	David
Elephant (3A)	Sunny	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Minnie	Lion Cubs	Whole Class