

Wednesday 13th March 2024

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# Newsletter

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## CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been learning about pendulum clocks and how things work"

Luke S – 4A



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 14th Mar	Parents Evening EYFS - Year 5
Fri 15th Mar	Comic Relief
Thurs 22nd Mar	Easter Assemblies
Fri 22nd Mar	<b>END OF TERM</b> Last Day of Term
Mon 8th April	School Reopens
Mon 29th April	Class Photos

**RE REVIEW** - Last week we had a review of our RE Curriculum. As a School we follow the Wakefield Agreed Syllabus. During their time at Hendal Primary School children will learn about major world religions and humanism and about non-religious beliefs. During RE lessons children celebrate the common values shared by all - including kindness, families, friendship and love.

## RECEPTION STAR AUTHORS

Congratulations to all Reception children who have been chosen to have their creative writing published as part of a early writing competition. We are so proud of you and can't wait for our copy to arrived in School.



**Parents Evening** - Thank you to all those parents who attended parents evening yesterday. We look forward to seeing more of you tomorrow afternoon/evening. Don't forget to try our new School dinners on your way out!

## British Science Week 2024

8-17 March



Celebrating the diverse people and careers in science & engineering

**#SMASHING STEREOTYPES**

@ScienceWeekUK

This week we are celebrating British Science Week. Your child enjoyed a launch assembly on Monday led by the Eco Council about the theme 'Time'. This week all classes have been taking part in a scientific experiment to find out which is the strongest biscuit. Ask your child about their 'time' themed investigation.



## FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024 - WEAR RED

We are having a wear something **RED** non uniform day on Friday 15th March for Comic Relief. **Your child can pay £1 to come to School wearing something red.**

## ATTENDANCE

Please **DO NOT** book any term time Holidays, fines will be given. The whole School attendance is 94.4% which is very concerning. Attendance is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Establishing a regular school attendance routine helps students develop critical life skills, such as time management, organisation and responsibility. If a child is late, they miss important information about the day's activities. School Attendance Matters. Please can we share the following link to support your decision making for when your child should and shouldn't be in School.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

## FIRE MARSHALL TRAINING

Thank you to all staff who attended the Fire Marshall Training on Monday morning. Keeping our children safe is our most important job.

## EASTER ASSEMBLIES

Our Easter Assemblies will take place on:

Years 1, 2 & 3 at 1.30pm on Thursday 21st March 2024

Years 4, 5 & 6 at 2.15pm on Thursday 21st March 2024

Please remember to return your slip for tickets.



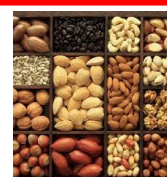
## DIFFERENT FAMILIES SAME LOVE

After Easter we will be celebrating the diversity of our families. If you would like to send a photograph that represents your child's family we would like to display them in the hall, some children may want to bring in two photographs. Please see attached our "Stone Wall Resources" that show how families can look different for each child.



## MEDICAL REMINDER - LUNCHBOXES

Can we remind parents that **NO EGGS** (e.g. Egg Mayonnaise, quiche etc), **NUTS** or nut products are allowed in school as we have children with severe allergies.



## FREE ONLINE COURSES - CHILDREN'S WELLBEING

Wakefield Families Together has partnered with the Solihull Approach to offer free access to expertly designed online courses for parents, carers, grandparents and teens living in Wakefield.

Parents, carers, grandparents and teens can sign up to understand their child's feelings, as well as their own, as they go through family life as a family they can learn to understand the changes in their child's development and how to support them, whilst also strengthening relationships. You can sign up for **FREE** at@:

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and entering our exclusive Wakefield access code **HEPWORTH**.

You can also sign up through the Wakefield Families Together website

[www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk](http://www.wakefieldfamilies-together.co.uk)

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



Hendal Primary School  
Belong, Aspire, Achieve.



Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	91.3%
Penguin (6B)	92.5%
Zebra (5A)	92.1%
Falcon (5B)	94.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	90.3%
Koala (4B)	95.7%
Orca (3A)	94%
Giraffe (3B)	92.9%
Toucan (2A)	96.8%
Flamingo (2B)	94.6%
Tiger (1A)	94.8%
Panda (1B)	95.9%
Lions 1 (UF1)	99.1%
Lions 2 (UF2)	94.6%

## 100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 4th March 2024.

### 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>3A</b>	Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term.
<b>3B</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

**8** 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  
8th March 2024

**94.1%** (Target 100%)

Year So Far

**94.4%**

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)	Maizie	Toucan (2A)	Riley
Penguin (6B)	Louise	Flamingo (2B)	Ebony B
Zebra (5A)	Ciara	Tiger (1A)	Rozya
Falcon (5B)	Willow	Panda (1B)	Mason
Rhinoceros (4A)	Noah A	Lions (UF1)	Paul
Koala (4B)	Aqua-Jade	Lions (UF2)	Harry
Orca (3A)	Skyla	Lion Cubs	Jude
Giraffe (3B)	Precious	Lion Cubs	Thomas M