

Wednesday 1st May 2024

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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"I have enjoyed listening to more of our class text 'Secrets of a Sun King', by Emma Carol".
Theo – 6B



May Day



MAY DAY – On Monday 6th May school is closed.
School opens on Tuesday 7th May as usual.

Nursery Closure Election Day - Thursday 2nd May 2024

School will remain open on Thursday 2nd May, voting will take place in our Nursery classroom accessed by the separate Nursery Entrance. All children are to attend school on this day except Nursery children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 2nd May	Election Day - Nursery Closed
Mon 6th May	May Day School Closed
Tues 7th May	School Open
Mon 13-17th May	Y6 SAT's Week
Fri 24th May	EYFS Garden Party
Half Term	
Fri 24th May	School Closes 3.15 pm
Mon 3rd Jun	School Closed - Inset Day
Tues 4th Jun	School Re-opens
Mon 10-14th Jun	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
Mon 17-21st Jun	Sports Week
Thurs 27th Jun	Governor Review Day
Wed 3rd Jul	School Fair
Thurs 4th Jul	Class Change over day
Fri 19th Jul	Y6 Leavers Assembly
Mon 22nd Jul	Last Day of Term School Closes

Year 1 Visit to St James' Church

On Monday Year 1 walked up to St James' Church as part of their learning about special buildings. The children were asked to be detectives and look around the church, and ask questions about what they have seen. Reverend Kevin told us about the history of St James' Church and answered the children's questions. He said the children were very well behaved, showed great respect and gave us all a warm welcome.

PSHE PARENT/CARER DROP IN CONSULTATIONS YEARS 1-6 TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2024 3.30PM-4.30PM

On Tuesday 21st May Teachers will give a short presentation to share with you the information they will be teaching children during the Summer 2 Term, as part of the 'Changing Me' theme. Parents/Carers are welcome to drop in to classes to talk to Teachers about the contents of the lessons. Teachers will share vocabulary and lesson plans. In Years 5 & 6, we would like to consult with you regarding the Relationship and Sex Education lessons that are planned for these year groups. The purpose of this consultation is for you to look at the lesson plan and offer any feedback to inform our policy and decisions about which lessons parents and school feel are appropriate for children to be taught at Hendal. The consultation period will last for 2 weeks and close on 4th June 2024.

Year 5 Fire Safety Training – On Monday Year 5 had a fire safety talk delivered by the Fire Service. They shared ideas on how children can be safe in their home and spoke about ways of preventing fires in the house and how to use the Fire Service. They told the children the different roles that they undertake in Wakefield.

Music Lessons – We are looking to provide the opportunity for you to pay for your child to have a weekly music lesson. If you are interested in your child learning how to play the guitar, piano/keyboard, drums or have singing lessons, please ring the School office to register your child's name. The cost of the lessons will be £10 per lesson for a 30 minute lesson each week.



70 Day Attendance Challenge and Party - In order to boost our attendance, we are setting a 70 Day Attendance Challenge which will take us up to the Summer Holidays. All children will be given the chance to achieve this, by attending School every day until the Summer Holidays. Our current attendance is 94.19%, which is the lowest in many years and we are asking for your help to improve this. As a School we are judged on our attendance levels and held to account. All children who achieve this will have a party in the quad at the end of term in July.



LIBRARY BOOKS - We have over 100 School library books that are overdue by more than 30 days. Please return all overdue library books by the end of the week. If you have any queries please speak to your child's class teacher. Overdue letters will be sent out this half term.



Summer Fair - Wednesday 3rd July 2024

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT ONCE AGAIN!

We are very excited to announce that we are going to be holding our Summer Fair on Wednesday 3rd July at 3.00 pm.
We desperately need donations of unwanted gifts, teddies, bottles of wine, chocolate and new or nearly new items for our tombola stall. Please have a sort out and send into School anything you can.

Summer Fair Mega Raffle

If you know of anyone who works for a local business who would like to kindly donate a prize, no matter how small, to our Mega Raffle, please contact the School Office. All donations of prizes will be greatly appreciated and help raise funds for School.

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 - aspier@hendal.wakefield.sch.uk) If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of children you can contact Social Care Direct on 0345 850 3503

GIRLS GOLF ROCKS

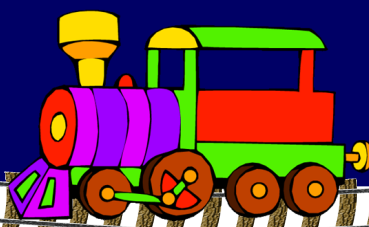
**FREE GIRLS
TASTER
SESSION**

BOOK NOW!

Attendance Tracking



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Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	95.3%
Penguin (6B)	92.1%
Zebra (5A)	95.3%
Falcon (5B)	97.1%
Rhinoceros (4A)	100%
Koala (4B)	98.6%
Orca (3A)	95.9%
Giraffe (3B)	92.5%
Toucan (2A)	93.2%
Flamingo (2B)	90.0%
Tiger (1A)	96.9%
Panda (1B)	90.3%
Lions 1 (UF1)	89.1%
Lions 2 (UF2)	89.5%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Dunn's Class 4A, who can come in non-uniform on Friday 3rd May 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

5B	Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term.
5B	Termly reward of a golden hour on last day of term.
6B	Whole School yearly reward of a visit by the Ice Cream van.

LATE ARRIVALS

12 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

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

Attendance as at
26th April 2024
94.18% (Target 100%)
Year So Far
94.03%

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)	Whole Class	Toucan (2A)	Erika
Penguin (6B)	Patrick	Flamingo (2B)	Aliyah
Zebra (5A)	Harry	Tiger (1A)	Theo
Falcon (5B)	Abdullah	Panda (1B)	Liyana
Rhinoceros (4A)	Krishna	Lions (UF1)	Luca
Koala (4B)	Ezmae	Lions (UF2)	Charles
Orca (3A)	Mia	Lion Cubs	Maddison
Giraffe (3B)	Joshua	Lion Cubs	Hallie