



Wednesday 18th December 2024

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Hendal Primary School
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Newsletter

CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been learning about World War II and how it affected people".

Max - 6A



School Closes on Friday 20th December 2024

School Opens on Monday 6th January 2025



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Children can wear Christmas Jumpers on the last day of School on Friday 20th December.

SAFEGUARDING - USEFUL WEBSITES

We would like to share the following websites, as we appreciate some families may need some extra support throughout the festive period.

Samaritans - [Contact Us](#) | Samaritans
Call anytime Free on Telephone: 116 123

SAMARITANS

Andys Man Club - info@andysmanclub.co.uk

[Family Hubs - Wakefield Families Together](#)



BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful Kitchen Staff who work hard all year round. We had a delicious Christmas dinner last Friday and Teachers enjoyed sitting with their classes in the hall.

Reindeer Dash for Wakefield Hospice

Today all children took part in the Reindeer Dash for Wakefield Hospice, we have raised an amazing £311.00. We look forward to sharing photographs of this event.



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Service was fantastic, the children enjoyed learning and performing a Traditional Christmas Carol and singing as a whole group. Our EYFS concert was wonderful and the children enjoyed singing and performing for their grown ups. Thank you to all staff for their hard work during the festive period.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Some of our Christmas parties have taken place this week and our children are enjoying getting into the Christmas Spirit with party games, music and dancing.

Thurs 19th December - EYFS

Fri 20th December - Years 5 & 6

Pre-packaged party food donations will be greatly appreciated. Children can come in their party clothes and appropriate footwear, Foundation Stage and KS1 children will also get to meet our very special visitor!



We have 93 children with 100% attendance this term. This is a magnificent achievement and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them and thank their parents for their continued support.



Early Years Parent Christmas Craft Day

Thank you for attending the EYFS Christmas Craft Day. We hope you enjoyed spending precious time with your child in the classroom.

HEADLICE

We have headlice in school. It is recommended that parents should inspect their child's head at least twice a week after washing. Please could children with long hair have their hair tied back. Thank you for your support.



SAFEGUARDING - KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE OVER CHRISTMAS

Buying your child a new device for Christmas? Tips for staying safe
How you can keep young people safer online over the Christmas period ... and beyond!

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/how-you-can-keep-young-people-safer-online-over-the-christmas-period/>



From all of the Staff at Hendal Primary, have a Wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



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 Bentham 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

Attainment is Linked to Attendance

Belong
Aspire
Achieve

Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	90.8%
Penguin (6B)	99.3%
Zebra (5A)	90.7%
Otters (5B)	93.8%
Rhinoceros (4A)	96.2%
Koala (4B)	94.0%
Orca (3A)	92.9%
Giraffe (3B)	98.3%
Toucan (2A)	86.8%
Flamingo (2B)	98.7%
Tiger (1A)	93.7%
Panda (1B)	96.0%
Lions 1 (UF1)	95.8%
Lions 2 (UF2)	95.5%

Attendance as at
13th December 2024
94.4% (Target 96%)
Year So Far
94.4%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 9th December 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.

LATE ARRIVALS

7 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.

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.

ATTENDANCE CLASS LEADERS

3B	Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term.
3B	Termly reward of a golden hour on last day of term.
3B	Whole School yearly reward of a visit by the Ice Cream van.

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

Achiever of the Week

Class	Star of the Week	Class	Star of the Week
Llama (6A)	Harrison	Toucan (2A)	Theo
Penguin (6B)	Alexis	Flamingo (2B)	Kaitlin
Zebra (5A)	Ava	Tiger (1A)	Imogen
Otters (5B)	Lillie	Panda (1B)	Malachi
Rhinoceros (4A)	Bella	Lions (UF1)	Whole Class
Koala (4B)	Ellie	Lions (UF2)	Whole Class
Orca (3A)	Ellie	Lion Cubs	Fern
Giraffe (3B)	Lillian	Lion Cubs	Maddison