

Wednesday 8th January 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School
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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"I liked playing in the ice, it turns to water and melts, when it's cold it freezes"

Eliza - Nursery



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 20th Jan	Year 3 Castleford Museum
Wed 5th Feb	Year 2 The Hepworth Gallery, Wakefield
Fri 7th Feb	Year 5 Armley Mills
Mon 10th Feb	Safer Internet Week
Tues 11th Feb	Year 6 Parents Evening
Thurs 13th Feb	Year 6 Parents Evening
Thurs 13th Feb	Young Voices Sheffield Arena
Fri 14th Feb	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 24th Feb	School Reopens
Mon 10th Mar	Science Week
Tues 18th Mar	Rec - Year 5 Parents Evening
Thurs 20th Mar	Rec - Year 5 Parents Evening
Fri 4th Apr	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 22 Apr	School Reopens

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.

LOST PROPERTY - Please can we ask that all children's clothing, including coats, has your child's name in as we have a large amount of lost property throughout school.

Xmas4schools - Thank you to all parents/carers who bought Christmas Cards/Calendars or mugs from Xmas4schools. We have raised £256 for School Funds.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! - Welcome back to the Spring Term 2025. We hope you had a relaxing holiday.

OFSTED REPORT

Our Ofsted Report has now been published and we are very proud of our outcomes.

School report



Inspection of Hendal Primary School

Hendal Lane, Kettlethorpe, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF2 7QW

Inspection dates: 19 and 20 November 2024

The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good
Previous inspection grade	Good

Please read the full report sent via email yesterday. We feel the report gives a fantastic insight into what it is like to be a child at Hendal Primary School and we are extremely proud of what we achieve in School everyday. I would like to thank all children, staff, parents/carers and governors for their contributions and support during the inspection.

What is it like to attend this School?

This is an engaging and nurturing place to learn. Pupils glow with pride when they talk about their school and the work that they have done. The school's values of 'belong', 'aspire' and 'achieve' underpin the approach of the staff and positive attitudes of the pupils. Pupils are unfailingly polite and respectful. Excellent relationships with teachers ensure that pupils feel safe. Pupils are greeted with a warm smile and arrive expecting to learn and enjoy their day.

The school is highly ambitious for every pupil. Pupils thrive in the supportive and caring environment. They learn effectively and study a broad curriculum with enthusiasm. Pupils love to read and appreciate the many opportunities to do so. In the early years, children enjoy exciting days of learning and discovery. They benefit from high expectations and well-established routines.

There is a calm and purposeful atmosphere in school. Pupils are thoughtful and kind towards each other. They are confident and independent. Behaviour is exemplary in lessons, where pupils focus and work with determination. Pupils talk with enthusiasm about their many leadership roles and their contribution to the school and wider community. Older pupils take their position as role models for younger children seriously.

Year 6 Parent Evenings - Year 6 Parent Evenings will take place on Tuesday 11th February and Thursday 13th February. Please book an appointment via ParentMail from Monday. It is crucial for parents to attend this meeting as teachers will talk to you about your child's progress, targets and the upcoming SAT's tests that your child will take w/c Monday 12th May. You will be given some free resources at this meeting to support your child with their revision and home learning. Please DO NOT book any appointments or term time holidays during this week. Thank you

PENALTY NOTICES AND FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE HAVE CHANGED!

The School does NOT authorise holidays taken in term time and works in partnership with the Education Welfare Service regarding the issue of Penalty Notices. Pupils have an entitlement to an education, not a term time holiday. Hendal Primary recognises that school attendance is closely linked to attainment. As such Penalty notices will be issued for parents taking their children out of school during term time without permission. We will contact the Education Welfare Service when the tenth half day (5 full days) of unauthorised absence is recorded for your child throughout the year and a penalty notice will be issued by the Education Welfare Service. The school will work closely with the Education Welfare Service to enforce this policy. Payment of a Penalty notice is now £80 per child per parent if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, increasing to £160 per child per parent if paid after 21 days, but within 28 days. If the Penalty notice is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period, the LA must either prosecute under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 or withdraw the notice. There are other substantial changes to how the National Framework for Penalty Notices will be issued.

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 - 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

Attainment is Linked to Attendance

**Belong
Aspire
Achieve**

Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	91.5%
Penguin (6B)	90.0%
Zebra (5A)	92.0%
Otters (5B)	87.9%
Rhinoceros (4A)	91.7%
Koala (4B)	96.3%
Orca (3A)	95.2%
Giraffe (3B)	95.7%
Toucan (2A)	94.3%
Flamingo (2B)	90.3%
Tiger (1A)	87.4%
Panda (1B)	90.0%
Lions 1 (UF1)	70.4%
Lions 2 (UF2)	89.0%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 16th 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.

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.

LATE ARRIVALS

11 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
20th December 2025
90.2% (Target 96%)
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.

Achiever of the Week

Class	Star of the Week	Class	Star of the Week
Llama (6A)	Kaiden	Toucan (2A)	Whole Class
Penguin (6B)	Whole Class	Flamingo (2B)	Whole Class
Zebra (5A)	Whole Class	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Whole Class	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Whole Class
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Whole Class
Orca (3A)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Lewis	Lion Cubs	Whole Class