

Wednesday 15th January 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School
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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We are learning about Space, we know that the planets, even the Earth go around the Sun".
Olivia W - UF1



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 4 Parents Evening
Thurs 20th Mar	Rec - Year 4 Parents Evening
Fri 4th Apr	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 22 Apr	School Reopens

YEAR 6 - SATS WEEK MONDAY 12TH - 16TH MAY 2025

As you know term time holidays are not authorised. Please do not book any holidays or appointments during SAT's week Monday 12th - 16th May 2025.

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.



'OUR YEAR' VISIT TO SCHOOL

On Friday we will receive a visit from Nathan Heath, The Service Director For Education and Inclusion. Nathan is coming to visit School due to our involvement in the 'Our Year Project' celebrating Wakefield's Creativity and Culture in Education. We will share the many visits that are carefully planned across the curriculum throughout School, that give children at Hendal the opportunities to learn through experience. Some of the opportunities include visits to Sandal Castle, St James' Church, The Hepworth, Castleford Museum, The Local Mining Museum and The Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

In December I attended 'Our Year' Educators Conference, to share our excellent practice with other Wakefield Schools and Creative Cultural Partners. I was extremely proud to represent Hendal Primary School.



Year 5 Parents Evening - We are planning to arrange a Year 5 Parents Evening this half term. More details to follow.

PSHE

This half term in PSHE lessons our Jigsaw Puzzle is called 'Dreams and Goals'. All children will have a weekly lesson focused on this theme.



SCHOOL TOPIC OVERVIEWS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Our new topics for Spring term are:

EYFS	What Makes Me Unique?	Year 4	Are all settlements the Same?
Reception	What is it like in Space?	Year 5	What was it like to be a child in Victorian Britain?
Year 1	What is it like to live in Shanghai?	Year 6	Is the Arctic uninhabitable?
Year 2	Why is the Wakefield Art Gallery Called the Hepworth?		
Year 3	What made Rome so powerful?		

Congratulations - We would like to congratulate Ethan W in Year 6 who got invited to do trials for Power of 11, England Ice Hockey Association - Power of 11 stands for the age group. There were 150 players on trials that day and only 20 went through to be in the England Team and Ethan made it through. We are super proud of him, well done Ethan.



Wakefield Hospice Reindeer Run

Wakefield Hospice have sent a heartfelt thank you for taking part in their Reindeer Run which took place in December. With money still to be donated and collected, schools have currently raised £16,000 which is a phenomenal success.



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 20th January. 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

Kids Disabled children say we can

We can grow

Kids WASP Neurodiversity Workshop

A bespoke parent carer workshop looking at autism, ADHD, PDA & understanding behaviour that challenges

Crofton Youth Centre	Oakhill Family Hub	Castle Family Hub	Butterflies Family Hub
22nd Jan 9.30am-1pm	29th Jan 9.30am-1pm	5th Feb 9.30am-1pm	12th Feb 9.30am-1pm

Can you join us?

I can

Scan to book



Cedars Family Hub	Pomfret Family Hub
26th Feb 9.30am-1pm	5th Mar 9.30am-1pm

The Active Centre	Havercroft Family Hub
12th Mar 9.30am-1pm	19th Mar 9.30am-1pm

Questions?

Contact (01924) 683890

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)	93.8%
Penguin (6B)	86.6%
Zebra (5A)	92.1%
Otters (5B)	89.2%
Rhinoceros (4A)	91.6%
Koala (4B)	90.0%
Orca (3A)	95.2%
Giraffe (3B)	95.7%
Toucan (2A)	88.8%
Flamingo (2B)	93.1%
Tiger (1A)	95.6%
Panda (1B)	93.8%
Lions 1 (UF1)	92.6%
Lions 2 (UF2)	94.8%

100% Class Attendance Non Uniform

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 6th January 2025.

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

17 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

Attendance as at
10th January 2025
92.12% (Target 96%)
Year So Far
94.1%

Achiever of the Week

Class	Star of the Week	Class	Star of the Week
Llama (6A)	Ameli	Toucan (2A)	Seth H
Penguin (6B)	Neidas	Flamingo (2B)	Kennedi-Jo
Zebra (5A)	Isla	Tiger (1A)	Kyle
Otters (5B)	Amber	Panda (1B)	Paul
Rhinoceros (4A)	Ogheneochukome	Lions (UF1)	Matilda
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Ellie
Orca (3A)	Ebony	Lion Cubs	New Starters
Giraffe (3B)	Nyla	Lion Cubs	New Starters