

Wednesday 26th February 2025

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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"I have enjoyed learning about different habitats".

Lena - 2B



Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely break.

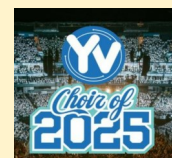
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 6th Mar	World Book Day
Fri 7th Mar	Year 4 Hindu Temple
Mon 10th Mar	Science Week
Tues 18th Mar	Rec - Year 4 & Class 5B Parents Evening
Thurs 20th Mar	Rec - Year 4 & Class 5B Parents Evening
Thurs 27th Mar	Year 1 Cannon Hall Farm
Fri 4th Apr	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Tues 22 Apr	School Reopens
Mon 28 Apr	Class Photos
Wed 30 Apr - Fri 2 May	Year 4 Residential
Mon 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs 8th May	Election Day - Nursery Closed
Mon 12th May - Fri 16th	Y6 SAT's Week
Thurs 15th May	Foundation Garden Party
Half Term	
Fri 23rd May	School Closes 3.15 pm
Mon 2nd Jun	School Closed - Inset Day
Tues 3rd Jun	School Re-opens

Wonderful Wakefield - On Monday children took part in an assembly to learn about the 'Importance of Rhubarb for Wakefield' and to celebrate Wakefield's Heritage. Ask your child what they have learnt.



Young Voices Choir 2025 - Our Young Voices Choir had an amazing experience at Sheffield Arena on Thursday 13th February, when we took part in the Young Voices Choir 2025. We were part of a choir of over 4,000 children. Our Children had an unforgettable experience where they discovered their voices, gained confidence and created lasting memories. A big thank you to Mrs Bentham for her organisation and for coordinating the event. We are thrilled to offer this experience to our children.



Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is in School From Tuesday 18th March until Friday 21st March from 3.15 pm. You can collect your child from their classroom door and then come back to the Fair via the brown hall door on the KS1 playground.

Come and have a browse and see what wonderful books there are on offer. Don't forget you can use your World Book Day vouchers too!



World Book Day Thursday 6th March 2025

This year for World Book Day we are launching our 'Book In A Box' competition. Please see the letter your child has brought home today. There will be an assembly led by our Reading Leaders and children can also come to School dressed as their favourite character. Homemade costumes can be fun to make together and as long as it gives a flavour of the character you don't need to spend a lot of money on them e.g. a black top, black trousers, ears on a headband and a black tail for Mog the Cat.



International Women's Day with Football - Non Uniform Football/Sportswear

On Friday 7th March 2025 we are taking part in the England FA's 'Biggest Ever Girl's Football Session'. A fun empowering day that champions equality for girls in School. The intention is to inspire the next generation and get as many girls as possible, all playing football on the same day. Our girls will take part in skills workshops and small games. Durkar Under 12's Girls Football Coaches will be here to support and are looking to sign up new players. ALL children can come to School in football kits (including the team they play for) or sportswear. Boys will have the opportunity to play football at playtime and throughout lunchtime.

Virtual Reality Workshops for Year 4 and 6

Yesterday children from Year 4 & 6 have had an awe inspiring workshop with the virtual reality headsets. Year 4 visited Ancient Greece to see the Acropolis and got to compare this to modern day Greek Islands. This experience transported the children back in time and enabled them to learn more about their unit of work "How have the Ancient Greeks changed our World". A Year 4 pupil said he felt like he really was in Greece.

Year 6 visited the Arctic and saw many arctic animals including an arctic fox and polar bears. This will help them to produce some amazing descriptive writing as part of their unit of work "Is the Arctic Uninhabitable". A year 6 pupil said it was an amazing experience and made us feel we were with the animals.

Friends of Hendal - We are looking for Parents/Carers to volunteer to be part of our fundraising team for Hendal Primary School. If you are interested please contact the School Office.

Book in a Box Competition 2025

To celebrate World Book Day 2025, our inspiring Reading Leaders are holding a competition to create a 'Book in a Box'.

If you would like to enter this exciting competition and get creative, all you need is a shoe box to create a scene from your favourite book (fiction or non-fiction). Take a look at some of the ideas below.

All entries must be handed in to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 5th March. The winners from each class will be announced in our special World Book Day assembly on Thursday 6th March.

Good luck and we cannot wait to see your wonderful creations!



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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

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Class		Weekly Attendance	100% Class Attendance Non Uniform Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 10th February 2025.		
Llama (6A)		95.8%	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	
Penguin (6B)		86.7%		1B	Half Term reward for extra playtime on last day of half term.
Zebra (5A)		92.3%		1B	Termly reward of a golden hour on last day of term.
Otters (5B)		98.0%		3B	Whole School yearly reward of a visit by the Ice Cream van.
Rhinoceros (4A)		92.1%			
Koala (4B)		94.3%	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.	EVERY DAY COUNTS!	
Orca (3A)		93.8%		ATTENDANCE INDICATORS	
Giraffe (3B)		92.2%		Below 90%	Unacceptable persistent absence - serious cause for concern.
Toucan (2A)		96.3%		90-94.99%	Cause for concern - less chance of progression
Flamingo (2B)		90.7%		95-97.99%	Satisfactory - room for improvement
Tiger (1A)		91.5%	98-99.99%	Good	
Panda (1B)		96.0%	100%	Excellent	
Lions 1 (UF1)		94.1%			
Lions 2 (UF2)		89.0%			
Attendance as at 14th February 2025 93% (Target 96%) Year So Far 94%			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)	Whole Class	Toucan (2A)	Whole Class
Penguin (6B)	Daniel	Flamingo (2B)	Whole Class
Zebra (5A)	Alfie-Jack	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Whole Class	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Fearne	Lions (UF1)	Emilia
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Colton
Orca (3A)	Hani	Lion Cubs	Leonardas
Giraffe (3B)	Kendrick	Lion Cubs	Isaac