

Wednesday 5th March 2025

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Newsletter

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been learning about where our food comes from in English and Geography, best of all chocolate!"

Ruby - 3A



We hope you all had a lovely pancake day



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

World Book Day Thursday 6th March 2025

This year for World Book Day we are launching our 'Book In A Box' competition. 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.



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!



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 and will take part in a sporting activity during the day.

PARENTS EVENING



TUESDAY 18TH MARCH & THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2025

Face to face Teacher/Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 18th March and Thursday 20th March from 3.30pm, for Reception to Year 4 and Class 5B. You will be able to book appointments through ParentMail from 7am on Friday 7th March 2025.

World Sleep Day 14th March 2025 - Pyjama Day

Next week is Sleep Awareness Week, and on Friday 14th March it is International Sleep Day. We will be sharing information around the importance of having a good bedtime routine and the amazing benefits of getting a good nights sleep. Children can come to School on this day wearing their pyjamas. Take a look at the following websites.



<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>
<https://sleepcouncil.org.uk/.../sleep-advice-for-teenagers>

IT'S TWIN BOYS - Congratulations to Kian and Noah on the birth of their twin brothers, Brodie and Charlie who were born on 14th February 2025 weighing 4.3lbs.



Easter Raffle - We are having an Easter Hamper Raffle. Tickets will be going home with your child this week. Please remember to return your tickets back to school along with £1 per ticket to win amazing Hampers.



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!



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

Wakefield Attendance Strategy 2023-2026

In Wakefield, we strive for the best educational outcomes for our children and young people, regardless of background, and ensure by working together that they are Happy, Healthy and Safe.



Our Vision

Every child has a right to an education, and for the vast majority this education should take place within our schools. We and our partners are fully committed to this. Together, we will initiate and forge a cultural shift within our families, schools, communities and services to ensure that everyone takes responsibility for the attendance of Wakefield's children. We will jointly aim for 100%. No excuses

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance enables children and young people to access the best possible start in life, one which sets them up for a lifetime of learning.

Working Together to Improve Attendance

Together, we can change attendance culture, and improve the lives of our children and young people, creating a better world for the future.

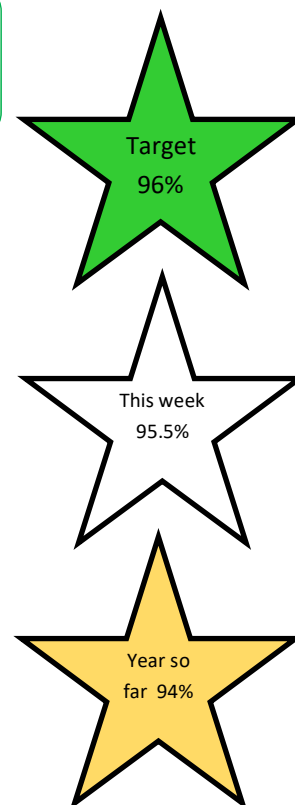
Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	93.1%
Penguin (6B)	91.1%
Zebra (5A)	94.7%
Otters (5B)	96.0%
Rhinoceros (4A)	97.9%
Koala (4B)	95.0%
Orca (3A)	97.6%
Giraffe (3B)	100%
Toucan (2A)	94.7%
Flamingo (2B)	98.2%
Tiger (1A)	97.0%
Panda (1B)	97.2%
Lions 1 (UF1)	95.5%
Lions 2 (UF2)	92.4%

Late Arrivals

20 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 breakfast club to make sure they are at school ready to start their lessons on time everyday.

EVERY DAY COUNTS At Hendl Primary School

Attendance Ladder



100% Class Attendance Challenge - Non Uniform Reward
CONGRATULATIONS to Class 3B who can come to School in non uniform on Monday 10th March 2025.

Attainment is linked to Attendance - At Hendl 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	Achiever	Class	Achiever
Llama (6A)	Millie	Toucan (2A)	Sandra
Penguin (6B)	Jake	Flamingo (2B)	Hallie
Zebra (5A)	Olivia	Tiger (1A)	Azzaan
Otters (5B)	Roman	Panda (1B)	Noah
Rhinoceros (4A)	Leon	Lions (UF1)	Jenson
Koala (4B)	Archie	Lions (UF2)	Thomas
Orca (3A)	Ezra	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Harry	Lion Cubs	Whole Class