

Wednesday 28th April 2025

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Hendal Primary School
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Newsletter

CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We are learning about the Space Race in History". Sirra - 5B



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 28 Apr	Class Photos
Wed 30 Apr - Fri 2 May	Year 4 Residential
Mon 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL 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
Tues 3rd Jun	School Re-opens

DINNER MONEY INCREASE

As of 22nd April 2025, our School Dinner Provider is increasing School Dinners to £2.60 per day, which will be £13.00 per week. This is still excellent value for money.

SUMMER UNIFORM

As the weather begins to warm up, summer uniform can now be worn. Blue and white gingham dresses or grey shorts can be worn with white, grey or black socks with black shoes. No trainers to be worn. We are very proud of our School uniform and our children always look very smart.

ALL STARS CRICKET

At Calder Grove Cricket Club, Denby Dale Road, WF4 3DP

For children aged 5-8 years old of all abilities



Sessions start Wednesday 28th May at 5.30-6.30 Cost - £50-00

This is an ECB initiative aimed at providing children with a great first experience in cricket. It is a fun and active way to develop your child's skills, and through our eight week programme, they will learn lots - as well as make new friends - in a safe and inclusive environment. All girls and boys are welcome and each registered child will receive a pack of cricket goodies to keep so that they continue their love of cricket when they go home.

Register your child at:
www.allstarscricket.co.uk

Summer Term

Welcome back to the Summer Term. This half term your child's unit of work will be:

Nursery	How does Jasper's garden grow?
EYFS	How can I help planet Earth?
Year 1	What is the weather like in the UK?
Year 2	How has life changed since the Great Fire of London?
Year 3	Why did the Anglo-Saxons invade and what made them stay?
Year 4	What are rivers and how are they used?
Year 5	What was The Space Race and who won?
Year 6	Where is Egypt and what are its geographical features?

WELCOME
BACK



May Day



MAY DAY - On Monday 5th May school is closed.
School opens on Tuesday 6th May as usual.

Summer Term Attendance Challenge

We only have 57 days until the Summer Holidays. This year our attendance challenge is to attend every day from Tuesday 22nd April until Monday 21st July. All children who achieve this will be entered into a key stage draw to win a family cinema ticket for you and your family to enjoy over the holidays. Our current attendance is 94.3%, our School target is 96%. As a School we are judged on our attendance levels and held to account. Please help us to continue to improve our attendance. Thank you for your support.

RETIREMENT - We would like to wish Mr Gething a happy retirement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work over the last 18 months.

CLASS PHOTOS The school photographer will be in school on Monday 28th April to take class photos. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform including their tie, so that the class photographs look smart. Thank you for your co-operation.



Super Fast Full Fiber Broadband - We are delighted to inform you that our School now has super fast full fiber broadband which was installed over the Easter Holidays. This is a great asset for our teaching and learning in School.

Easter Egg Hamper Raffle - Congratulations to Harry, Jayne, Matthew, Harper and Mrs Kirkpatrick on winning one of our hampers. We raised £178.50, thank you to all who entered. We will be purchasing some new playground equipment for our children to use at lunchtimes.

Free Breakfast Club for Year 6 SATs Week - Our Year 6 children are working extremely hard in preparation for their SATs. It is important that your child is in School on time during SATs week. We would like to invite all Year 6 children to Breakfast Club from 8.00 am that week, where breakfast will be available free of charge.

Thursday 8th May VE Day 80th Commemoration

This year marks 80 years since the end of the second World War, to commemorate this date children can come to School wearing, red, white or blue.

Year 4 Wimbledon Tickets

We have been lucky enough to receive seven Wimbledon Tennis Tickets to allocate to children in Year 4. On Monday 30th June the children will travel down to Wimbledon with Mr Swift and Mrs Galley, to watch some tennis matches as part of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships. This is an amazing opportunity for children to experience this. If you would like your child to be entered into the draw, we are asking them to design their own Wimbledon ticket. Tickets need to be in by Friday 23rd May 2025. Please make sure all entries have their full name on. Thank you



INSET DAY TUESDAY 22ND JULY 2025

Our final Inset Day will be on Tuesday 22nd July 2025. School will close for the Summer Holidays on Monday 21st July 2025.

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

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)	94.2%
Penguin (6B)	90.0%
Zebra (5A)	94.8%
Otters (5B)	92.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	94.8%
Koala (4B)	98.7%
Orca (3A)	93.2%
Giraffe (3B)	97.2%
Toucan (2A)	96.0%
Flamingo (2B)	91.3%
Tiger (1A)	97.6%
Panda (1B)	98.3%
Lions 1 (UF1)	90.6%
Lions 2 (UF2)	84.8%

Late Arrivals

9 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 Hendal Primary School

Attendance Ladder



100% Class Attendance Challenge - Non Uniform Reward
CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Ramsden-Ward Class 4B. Children can come in non uniform on Friday 25th April 2025.

Attainment is linked to Attendance - 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	Achiever	Class	Achiever
Llama (6A)	Whole Class	Toucan (2A)	Whole Class
Penguin (6B)	Zakary	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)	Eivanas
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Theodore
Orca (3A)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Kyra
Giraffe (3B)	Naomi	Lion Cubs	Frederick