

Wednesday 30th April 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School
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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We are working hard recapping what we've learnt in Maths and English in preparation for our SATs".

Matthew - 6B



May Day



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

Safeguarding

Please can we share the following links for support for all families.

wakefieldfamilies@wakefield.gov.uk

<https://www.wakefieldfamilies.co.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers/>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Day
Tues 3rd Jun	School Re-opens

PARKING - Please DO NOT park dangerously when dropping off and collecting your child from School. Last week a car parked on a blind corner of Humley across the pavement, leaving no space for children to walk safely on the path. This meant children were seen walking on the road.

Summer Term Attendance Challenge

There are only 57 days in the summer term. 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.

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.

Loss & Bereavement

Workshop Tuesday 12th June

We are pleased to be able to offer a workshop on how to support your child through Bereavement, Loss & Separation. The workshop will be delivered by CAMHS and will take place in School at 9am on the 12th June 2025. This will be an informal and well supported opportunity.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Miss Bradford on her recent wedding. We all wish her lots of love and happiness for the future.



WARM WEATHER - Due to the current warm weather, could you please ensure your child has suncream applied before School and make sure they bring a sun hat and water bottle. Thank you



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.

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



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



Summer Fair - Wednesday 2nd July 2025

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT ONCE AGAIN!

We are very excited to announce that we are going to be holding our Summer Fair on Wednesday 2nd July at 3.00 pm.

We desperately need donations of unwanted gifts, teddies, bottles of wine, chocolate and new or nearly new items for our tombola stall. Please have a sort out and send into School anything you can.

Summer Fair Mega Raffle

If you know of anyone who works for a local business who would like to kindly donate a prize, no matter how small, to our Mega Raffle, please contact the School Office. All donations of prizes will be greatly appreciated and help raise funds for School.

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)	100%
Penguin (6B)	97.2%
Zebra (5A)	95.0%
Otters (5B)	100%
Rhinoceros (4A)	97.0%
Koala (4B)	100%
Orca (3A)	97.7%
Giraffe (3B)	95.8%
Toucan (2A)	99.2%
Flamingo (2B)	95.1%
Tiger (1A)	95.2%
Panda (1B)	100%
Lions 1 (UF1)	96.9%
Lions 2 (UF2)	90.5%

Late Arrivals

8 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 Miss Pickup's Class 1B, Mrs Ramsden-Ward Class 4B, Miss Clayton Class 5B and Miss Riley's Class 6A. 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)	Tommy-Jay	Toucan (2A)	William Skyler
Penguin (6B)	Keagan	Flamingo (2B)	William
Zebra (5A)	Kenny	Tiger (1A)	Ebony
Otters (5B)	Lainey-Rae	Panda (1B)	Freddie
Rhinoceros (4A)	Ruby	Lions (UF1)	Oakley
Koala (4B)	Inara	Lions (UF2)	Denis
Orca (3A)	Minnie	Lion Cubs	New Starters
Giraffe (3B)	Erika	Lion Cubs	New Starters