

Wednesday 7th May 2025

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Hendal Primary School
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Newsletter

CHILDREN'S VOICE

"Last week we were learning about the lifecycle of a frog".

Maeve - Nursery



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 12th May - Fri 16th	Y6 SAT's Week
Mon 19th May - Thurs 22nd	Year 6 Bikeability
Thurs 15th May	Foundation Garden Party
Half Term	
Fri 24th May	School Closes 3.15 pm
Mon 2nd Jun	School Closed - Inset Day
Tues 3rd Jun	School Re-opens

YEAR 6 SATs WEEK - Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May 2025

Our Year 6 children are working extremely hard in preparation for their SATs next week. 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.

To support our children emotionally at what can be a more difficult time, our Nurture Room will be open from Friday 9th May - Thursday 15th May each lunchtime, where children can drop in and take part in mindful activities or simply talk to staff about any worries or concerns.

FOUNDATION STAGE GARDEN PARTY Thursday 15th May 2025

Foundation Stage parents are invited to our Garden Party.

10.00 am - Lower Foundation mornings with Upper Foundation 1 (Mrs Marshall)

1.45 pm - Lower Foundation afternoons with Upper Foundation 2 (Mrs O'Neill) and 30 hours children.

There will be a Raffle, Tombola, Crafts and Games. Donations for the Tombola would be welcome. Tickets are £2.50 per adult which includes a hot drink and a scone.

Don't forget to buy your ticket

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 95%, 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.

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.

Non-Uniform 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.



Census Themed Dinner - Thursday 15th May 2025

We are holding a whole school themed dinner day, on Thursday 15th May 2025. Please log on and choose:

Classic Beef Burger with Wedges, Quorn Burger with Wedges, filled Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Tomato Pasta & Ginger Biscuits

Year 4 Cober Hill Visit - Last week some of our Year 4 children had a wonderful time at Cober Hill near Scarborough. The children visited the Sealife Centre where they watched the seals catching fish for their dinner. They had a wonderful day at the beach, playing on the sand, paddling in the sea and visiting the Royal National Institute of Lifeboats Centre. The day ended with an ice cream and open top bus ride. The children were extremely well behaved and this experience will have helped support children's independence and built their confidence. Well done to the children who remained at School, who benefited from extra outdoor learning, where they made wooden fidget spinners and toasted marshmallows around a campfire. Thank you to all the staff who made these invaluable experiences possible.



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 - 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)	89.2%
Penguin (6B)	93.3%
Zebra (5A)	92.7%
Otters (5B)	98.0%
Rhinoceros (4A)	92.4%
Koala (4B)	95.5%
Orca (3A)	95.0%
Giraffe (3B)	98.3%
Toucan (2A)	96.0%
Flamingo (2B)	97.9%
Tiger (1A)	100%
Panda (1B)	93.2%
Lions 1 (UF1)	98.2%
Lions 2 (UF2)	88.3%

Late Arrivals

6 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 Wild's Class 1A. Children can come in non uniform on Friday 9th May 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)	Klay	Toucan (2A)	Jack
Penguin (6B)	Kammy	Flamingo (2B)	Zainab
Zebra (5A)	McKenzie	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Reggie	Panda (1B)	Noah
Rhinoceros (4A)	Jacob-Lee	Lions (UF1)	Sella
Koala (4B)	Aoun	Lions (UF2)	Delia
Orca (3A)	Olivia	Lion Cubs	Daisey-Rae
Giraffe (3B)	Adrian	Lion Cubs	Aya