

Wednesday 18th June 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School
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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've learnt about Hundertwasser, an architect who designed colourful buildings". Adaline- 2A



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 18th Jun	Upper Foundation Starter Meetings 5pm
Thurs 19th Jun	Upper Foundation Starter Meeting 5pm
Fri 20th Jun	Coffee Morning
Wed 25th Jun (Change of date)	KS1 & Upper Foundation Sports Day (Years 1 & 2) at 9.30 am
Thurs 26th Jun (Change of date)	KS2 (Sports Day Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) at 9.30am
Wed 2nd Jul	School Summer Fair
Thurs 3rd Jul	Y6 Transition Day to KHS
Tues 8th Jul	Open to View for Parents 3.15pm
Thurs 10th Jul	Governor Review Day
Tues 15th & Wed 16th Jul	Year 4 Craft Sessions
Thurs 17th Jul	Y6 Leavers Show
Fri 18th Jul	Y6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
Mon 21st Jul	Last Day of Term School Closes

DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK SAFEGUARDING - WATER SAFETY

Please talk to your children about the importance of safety near water. Key messages to share with your children. When around water always go with family, children should not be tempted to enter the water as cold water can shock the body into closing down. Please remind your children to float like a star fish if they were to get into difficulty whilst in the water.



YEAR 4 - NATIONAL MULTIPLICATION TABLES - Year 4 have completed their multiplication table checks. The children have worked really hard and have done lots of practising on their individual chrome books. The purpose of multiplication table checks (MTC) is to determine whether pupils can recall their timetables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. Well done to our Year 4 children.

BIG TODDLE SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 2025

Our annual Big Toddle will take place on Saturday 21st June 2025 at 10am at Pugneys, for children and families in Early Years. Please come along and join us, we are raising money for Barnardo's.



Our Sports Days are 25th and 26th June 2025. Your child will take part in lots of sports activities throughout the morning.

KS1/UFS (Reception - Year 2) SPORTS MORNING - Wednesday 25th June at 9.30 am
KS2 (Yrs 3-6) SPORTS MORNING - Thursday 26th June at 9.30 am

Parents can go onto the School field at 9.15 am opposite the main School Entrance. Staff will walk over with the children. After the event children will go back into School with their Teacher. Can all parents wait on the field until all the children have left the field.

CRICKET FESTIVAL - WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025

Last Wednesday some of our children took part in a cricket festival at the Pledwick cricket field, where they competed against five other schools in the pyramid. The children showed fantastic teamwork, resilience and skills. Thank you for representing our School.



Yorkshire Cricket Visit - Last Friday a Yorkshire Cricket Coach visited School and coached Year 3, 4 and 6. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience and learnt valuable skills.

YEAR 3 - YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE PARK VISIT - Last week Year 3 children visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park linked to their learning in Geography. The children had a wonderful day and saw some amazing animals.

Friday 20th June 2025 Coffee Morning - Please join us for a coffee morning in our Nurture Room on Friday 20th June 2025. You will be able to talk to a member of the Wakefield Early Help Hub, about any concerns or worries you may have for your child or family. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to see what support is available.



YEAR 1 - A big well done to Year 1 for their amazing efforts during the phonics screen checks.

RECEPTION NEW STARTERS

We are holding our new to Reception Parents Meetings this week for our new families. We are looking forward to working together in September.

Summer Term Attendance Challenge - There are only 22 days left 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 94.4%, 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.

Summer Fair Mega Raffle - Don't forget to send your raffle tickets back with your child. We have some amazing prizes this year which include a signed Leeds United Football Shirt, 2 Tickets to Whistlestop Valley, £50 Love To Shop Voucher, Blue Tooth Speaker, Amazon Vouchers, Carvery for 2 at The Dam Inn, plus many more.

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)	92.6%
Penguin (6B)	97.8%
Zebra (5A)	91.3%
Otters (5B)	95.5%
Rhinoceros (4A)	88.3%
Koala (4B)	97.4%
Orca (3A)	95.5%
Giraffe (3B)	91.1%
Toucan (2A)	91.0%
Flamingo (2B)	99.3%
Tiger (1A)	90.0%
Panda (1B)	96.3%
Lions 1 (UF1)	95.7%
Lions 2 (UF2)	87.5%

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 Hendal Primary School

Attendance Ladder



Target
96%

This week
93.5%

Year so far
94.5%

100% Class Attendance Challenge - Non Uniform Reward
Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing Monday 2nd June 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)	Favour	Toucan (2A)	Karo
Penguin (6B)	Ethan	Flamingo (2B)	William
Zebra (5A)	Della-Rose	Tiger (1A)	James
Otters (5B)	Hatib	Panda (1B)	Samuel
Rhinoceros (4A)	Fearne	Lions (UF1)	Grace
Koala (4B)	Riya	Lions (UF2)	Holly
Orca (3A)	Ebony	Lion Cubs	Sophia C
Giraffe (3B)	Riley	Lion Cubs	Brody