

Wednesday 9th July 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School
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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"In English we've been doing a Poem called The Magical Box".

Lillian – 3B



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 10th Jul	Governor Review Day
Tues 15th Jul Class 4A & Wed 16th Jul Class 4B	Year 4 Craft Sessions
Thurs 17th Jul	Upper Foundation Stage Graduation
Thurs 17th Jul	Y6 Leavers Show
Fri 18th Jul	Y6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
Mon 21st Jul	Last Day of Term School Closes

Local Food Banks

We would like to share the following Food Bank information with you. As we approach the Summer holidays this may be of use to you.

Food Banks



Airedale Food Bank
Stansfield Road, Airedale, Castleford, WF10 3BY
Tel: 07920878782



Calder Grove Food Bank
Calder Grove Cricket Club, Denby Dale Road, WF4 3DP
Tel: 07530304669
Email: cgccworkforce@gmail



St Catherine's Food Bank
St Catherine's Church, Doncaster Road, Belle Vue, Wakefield, WF1 5HL
Tel: 01924211130



Fusion Food Bank
Certa House, Lower Warrengate, Wakefield, WF1 1SA
Tel: 01924454770



EYFS TRANSITION

This week some of our children starting in Reception in September, enjoyed a lunch with their parents in the dinner hall. We hope this will help provide a smooth transition to full time School in September.

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



Summer Fair - Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Our Summer Fair this year was a fantastic success. We raised an amazing £2,320.62. Many thanks for your kind donations and support, and to the staff who made the Fair possible by setting up and running the stalls. Our Mega Raffle was a brilliant fundraiser with all the fantastic prizes donated by local businesses and once again our cake stall was a great success. All the winners from the Mega Raffle were delighted with their prizes.

Asda Heroes - Food Waste Reduction - Our Asda Heroes have been working hard all year trying to reduce food waste from our dining room. Last Thursday they went to Asda House to present their findings and talk about the impact they have made. Before this project started, we were throwing away five bags of rubbish everyday, now we only throw away half a bag of rubbish each day, due to a more bespoke School menu that meets the likes of our children, alongside improved recycling and termly taster sessions so children know which meals they like and do not waste food. We also gave away all our vegetable waste as free pet food. The children gave an articulate presentation and won second prize, we are so proud of them all.



UPPER FOUNDATION STAGE GRADUATION

Upper Foundation Stage are having their Graduation ceremony on

Thursday 17th July 2025

UPPER FOUNDATION 2 at 9.15am

UPPER FOUNDATION 1 at 2.00pm

There will be photographs of your child in their Cap and Gown for sale for £1.00.



Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Friday 18th July 2.00 pm

There will be a Leavers Assembly on Friday 18th July at 2.00 pm, where we will say 'Farewell' and 'Good Luck' to our Year 6 children.

Year 4 - Tuesday 15th July - Class 4A and Wednesday 16th July - Class 4B

You are invited to a craft session led by the Adult Education Service at 9.30am-11.30am. Please come and join us in School where you can spend time making crafts with your child.

Year 3 Music Assembly - Wednesday 16th July 2025

Parents/Carers are invited to join Year 3 on Wednesday 16th July at 2.30 pm for an assembly showcasing their musical talents.



Class of 25 Themed Dinner - Monday 14th July 2025

We are holding a whole school themed dinner day, on Monday 14th July 2025.

Please log on and choose:

Crispy Chicken Wrap or Veggie Finger Wrap with Chips, Vegetables or Salad, Jacket Potatoes, a choice of Sandwiches and Jelly



LET'S TALK COMPETITION - A huge thank you to Jack and Jason who represented Hendal Primary School at the 'Let's Talk History' Competition. The boys delivered a five minute presentation to an audience of children/parents and teachers from other schools and they were a credit to themselves and their parents. I would like to thank them for their hard work and bravery in taking up this challenge.

Music Lessons - If you are interested in your child learning how to play the guitar, piano/keyboard, drums or have singing lessons, please ring the School Office to register your child's name. The cost of the lessons will be £10 per lesson for a 30 minute lesson each week.

Summer Term Attendance Challenge - There are only 8 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 94.5%, 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.

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)	92.6%
Penguin (6B)	93.0%
Zebra (5A)	93.7%
Otters (5B)	93.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	88.6%
Koala (4B)	97.1%
Orca (3A)	99.1%
Giraffe (3B)	95.7%
Toucan (2A)	95.7%
Flamingo (2B)	95.7%
Tiger (1A)	87.5%
Panda (1B)	97.9%
Lions 1 (UF1)	91.4%
Lions 2 (UF2)	93.5%

Late Arrivals

13 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
Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing Monday 30th 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)	Riley	Toucan (2A)	Demi
Penguin (6B)	Neidas	Flamingo (2B)	Minsa
Zebra (5A)	Evelyn	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Spencer	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Deena	Lions (UF1)	Olivia
Koala (4B)	Ellie	Lions (UF2)	Ellie
Orca (3A)	Aliyah	Lion Cubs	Sally
Giraffe (3B)	Harlie	Lion Cubs	Iyla-Rose