

Wednesday 16th July 2025

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Hendal Primary School
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Newsletter

CHILDREN'S VOICE

"When I grow up I want to be a Neuro Surgeon".

Ogheneochukome – 4A



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

GOVERNOR REVIEW DAY

Last Thursday our Governors spent the day in School. They had the opportunity to walk around the School and visit lessons. May I take this opportunity to thank our Governors for all of their hard work and the time that they dedicated to our School throughout the year.

BEST CLASS & 100% ATTENDANCE

The children with 100% attendance that are in school on Monday, will enjoy a visit from the ice cream van. Class 3B (Mrs B Ashton & Mrs Betham's) have won the Best Class Attendance for this year and they along with all the children with 100% attendance and Year 6, will enjoy a visit from the ice cream van on Monday as their treat.

Miss Stone's Class 5A

From September our swimming lessons will change format. Miss Stone's Class 5A will go swimming from September until February half term. Miss Clayton's Class 5B will go swimming after February half term until the end of the summer term. This is to ensure that the lessons are more focussed and the ratio of swimming teachers to children is higher. They will be going swimming on a Thursday afternoon. Your child will need a one piece swimming costume or plain swim shorts above the knee and a towel.



Summer Reading Challenge

The theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2025 is **Story Garden!** This challenge will be available online and in your local library this Summer. Let us know in September if you took part.



Year 4 - Craft Sessions

Thank you to Year 4 parents/carers who had a lovely morning working with their children to create sun flower colleges inspired by Vincent Van Gough. They have also painted with water colours and created a three dimensional sunflower.

**SCHOOL CLOSING ON MONDAY 21ST JULY 2025
AT 3.15 PM**
SCHOOL OPENS ON MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025

SAFEGUARDING

Drowning is among the leading causes of accidental deaths and claims the lives of more than 50 children every year in the UK. Under-estimating the dangers of water can have tragic consequences. You can't always see the danger hidden below the surface. Water is unpredictable and even the strongest swimmers can get into trouble quickly. Children are often drawn to open water particularly during the summer months, this includes places such as the sea, lakes, reservoirs, ponds, canals, rivers and even paddling pools. The key to staying safe is making the right choices to avoid getting into difficulty in the first place.



Monday 21st July 2025

Children can wear non uniform on Monday 21st July to celebrate the last day of term. Year 6 children can wear non uniform and their shirt for signing.

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.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK ON YOUR RETIREMENT

This year we are saying goodbye to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bradford who are retiring. We would like to wish them all the best for the future and to say a huge thank you for all their hard work and the support, they have given the children, colleagues and myself over the years.

Year 5 Visit to the National Coal Mining Museum

Our Year 5 children visited the National Coal Mining Museum last Friday, as part of their learning about "Where does our energy come from?" The children enjoyed the experience of being underground and managed remarkably well in the heat.

Park Run

Park run is a free event that takes place every Sunday morning at 9am at various locations. The nearest is Thornes Park but Dewsbury, Barnsley and Batley also have them. It's a FREE 2k event for children aged 4-14 put on by volunteers. The run director on the day is always DBS checked and there are plenty of volunteers on hand to help and encourage the children all around the course. Although it is fully marshalled, parents are more than welcome to participate alongside their child.

Summer Term Attendance Challenge - There are only 3 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 - 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)	91.4%
Penguin (6B)	93.3%
Zebra (5A)	96.3%
Otters (5B)	98.7%
Rhinoceros (4A)	90.0%
Koala (4B)	96.5%
Orca (3A)	97.3%
Giraffe (3B)	94.0%
Toucan (2A)	97.3%
Flamingo (2B)	97.9%
Tiger (1A)	100%
Panda (1B)	93.7%
Lions 1 (UF1)	92.1%
Lions 2 (UF2)	93.1%

Late Arrivals

17 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 who achieved 100% for week commencing Monday 7th July 2025. Children can come in non uniform on Friday 18th July 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)	Rozya
Penguin (6B)	Bavisha	Flamingo (2B)	Octavia
Zebra (5A)	Whole Class	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Whole Class	Panda (1B)	Mustafa
Rhinoceros (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Whole Class
Koala (4B)	Aoun	Lions (UF2)	Whole Class
Orca (3A)	Ruby	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Colby	Lion Cubs	Whole Class