

Wednesday 21st July 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School
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Dear Parents/Guardian

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support throughout the year. Your children have worked very hard and we are proud of all of their achievements.
Mrs Ashton



We hope you all have a wonderful Summer Break, from all the Staff and Governors at Hendal Primary.

SCHOOL FINISHES TODAY MONDAY 21ST JULY 2025 AT 3.15PM.

SCHOOL OPENS ON MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025
(This year **WE DO NOT HAVE AN INSET DAY** on the first day of term).

Nursery 8.30am - 11.30am and 12.30pm - 3.30 pm
UF1&2 & KS1 8.50am - 3.15pm
KS2 8.50am - 3.15pm

YEAR 6 - CLASS OF 2025 GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

We would like to wish all of our Year 6 children Goodbye and Good Luck. As a cohort they have been extremely kind and caring towards one another. We would like to thank the children for all of their hard work. All children should be very proud of the achievements they have made during their time at Hendal Primary School. We wish them well at High School and for the future.

HELP AND SUPPORT OVER THE HOLIDAYS

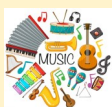
If you have any concerns about a child over the School Holidays please contact Social Care Direct on 0345 8503503. Other websites and numbers are: www.samaritans.org, www.turning-point.co.uk, <https://hdfchildrenshealthservice.co.uk/ourservice/growing-healthy-0-10-wakefield/>, www.andysmanclub.co.uk, www.wakefield.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/help-at-the-hub, <https://www.getcashwise.co.uk/>, St Catherines' Food Bank - 01924 211130, Calder Grove Food Bank - 07530 304669, Fusion Food Bank - 01924 454770.

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform can still be worn in the first half term in September.

Year 3 Music Assembly - Thank you to Parents/Carers who joined Year 3 last week, for an assembly showcasing their musical talents, all the children were amazing.

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 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.



Great Athlete Event - A huge thank you for your generosity in supporting the Great Athlete Event. We have raised an amazing £1,600.00 which we have spent on brand new sports equipment for all the children in School to use with Mr Swift.

Summer Term Attendance Challenge - Congratulations to 122 children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole of the summer term. Theo, Hani and Tio were the winners of the family cinema vouchers.

A BIG THANK YOU - Please may I take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful staff for their hard work throughout the year. I really appreciate all the care and kindness they show our children everyday, and the help they give them to support their academic progress and achievement. #Belong-Aspire-Achieve

TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

Please can we ask that **YOU DO NOT** book any term time holidays. As you may already be aware there are increases to the fines and changes to when penalty notices are issued. All term time holidays will be unauthorised.

EARLY YEARS GRADUATION - Our Early Years children graduated last Thursday from Reception. The children spoke about what they would like to be when they grow up and received their learning journey folder. Their parents/carers were all very proud of their children, and so were we!

Summer Holiday Home Learning - To help keep your child's learning going over the long summer holidays, don't forget they can access 'Numbots' and 'Timetable Rockstars' or spend time practising their handwriting. You can access Diamond Dash sheets via the School website. Children can practise their Year Group Spellings which are overleaf and children can take part in the exciting summer reading challenge.

Blue Team Termly Reward

This term the Blue Team were the winners of the team point competition. They took part in a Nerf Session last Friday, the children said this was really exciting and a great reward for all their hard work.

The Wizard of Oz - A huge well done to all children and staff (led by Miss Young), who were involved in the production of The Wizard of Oz. The feedback was extremely impressive and we look forward to next years show. A big thank you to Year 5 children who helped as crew.

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)	94.9%
Penguin (6B)	97.8%
Zebra (5A)	94.0%
Otters (5B)	94.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	93.5%
Koala (4B)	90.6%
Orca (3A)	95.0%
Giraffe (3B)	94.9%
Toucan (2A)	96.0%
Flamingo (2B)	97.4%
Tiger (1A)	91.0%
Panda (1B)	92.6%
Lions 1 (UF1)	98.9%
Lions 2 (UF2)	94.5%

Late Arrivals

11 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 14th 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)	Whole Class	Toucan (2A)	Whole Class
Penguin (6B)	Whole Class	Flamingo (2B)	Whole Class
Zebra (5A)	Whole Class	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Farrah	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Whole Class
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Whole Class
Orca (3A)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Whole Class

Common Exception Words								
Year 1				Year 2				
a	his	push	was	after	class	floor	most	pretty
are	house	put	we	again	climb	gold	move	prove
ask	I	said	were	any	clothes	grass	Mr	should
be	is	says	where	bath	cold	great	Mrs	stead
by	love	school	you	beautiful	could	half	old	sugar
come	me	she	your	because	door	hold	only	sure
do	my	so		behind	even	hour	parents	told
friend	no	some		both	every	improve	pass	water
full	of	the		break	everybody	kind	past	who
go	once	there		busy	eye	last	path	whole
has	one	they		child	fast	many	people	wild
he	our	to		children	father	mind	plant	would
here	pull	today		Christmas	find	money	poor	

Word List – Years 3 and 4			
accident(ally)	early	knowledge	purpose
actual(ly)	earth	learn	quarter
address	eight/eighth	length	question
answer	enough	library	recent
appear	exercise	material	regular
arrive	experience	medicine	reign
believe	experiment	mention	remember
bicycle	extreme	minute	sentence
breath	famous	natural	separate
breathe	favourite	naughty	special
build	February	notice	straight
busy/business	forward(s)	occasion(ally)	strange
calendar	fruit	often	strength
caught	grammar	opposite	suppose
centre	group	ordinary	surprise
century	guard	particular	therefore
certain	guide	peculiar	though/although
circle	heard	perhaps	thought
complete	heart	popular	through
consider	height	position	various
continue	history	possess(ion)	weight
decide	imagine	possible	woman/women
describe	increase	potatoes	
different	important	pressure	
difficult	interest	probably	
disappear	island	promise	

Word List – Years 5 and 6				
accommodate	controversy	government	physical	system
accompany	convenience	guarantee	prejudice	temperature
according	correspond	harass	privilege	thorough
achieve	criticise (critic + ise)	hindrance	profession	twelfth
aggressive	curiosity	identity	programme	variety
amateur	definite	immediate(ly)	pronunciation	vegetable
ancient	desperate	individual	queue	vehicle
apparent	determined	interfere	recognise	yacht
appreciate	develop	interrupt	recommend	
attached	dictionary	language	relevant	
available	disastrous	leisure	restaurant	
average	embarrass	lightning	rhyme	
awkward	environment	marvellous	rhythm	
bargain	equip (-ped, -ment)	mischievous	sacrifice	
bruise	especially	muscle	secretary	
category	exaggerate	necessary	shoulder	
cemetery	excellent	neighbour	signature	
committee	existence	nuisance	sincere(ly)	
communicate	explanation	occupy	soldier	
community	familiar	occur	stomach	
competition	foreign	opportunity	sufficient	
conscience	forty	parliament	suggest	
conscious	frequently	persuade	symbol	