

Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We are reading Brown Bear".
Louis - Nursery



SAFEGUARDING & MEDICAL

We would like to inform you that ALL staff are completing our Safeguarding Awareness training during the next two weeks. Staff also trained on Asthma Awareness and how to administer a EpiPen. Some staff received Diabetes training. We are proud to be an Asthma Friendly School. Our Epilepsy training will be completed shortly.

ATTENDANCE - We have had an amazing start with our Whole School Attendance Week 1 - 97.1%. Thank you for your support, please help us to beat our target of 96% each week.

Breakfast Club - Safeguarding Can you please make sure that you walk your children into School, so that they can be handed over safely to the Breakfast School Staff. Thank you.

RECEPTION CHILDREN - Our Reception children are now attending full time after a week of transition. They are enjoying making new friends and getting to know their teachers. They have settled into the new routines quickly and we are extremely impressed with their enthusiasm for learning new things. Our classrooms are calm and productive. Well done Lions classes and staff. We look forward to an exciting half term, learning through our unit of work "Marvellous Me", with lots of opportunities to play in our wonderful indoor and outdoor learning environments.

IMPORTANT SAFETY - We have some important information from West Yorkshire Police to raise awareness among pupils, parents and staff regarding the legal status and safety concerns surrounding the use of electric scooters (e-scooters) on public highways.

Individuals found riding e-scooters, illegally, may face:

- Fines up to £300
- Six penalty points on their driving licence
- Seizure of the e-scooter under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act 1988

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff who joined us at the start of term. Mrs Rowbottom is our new SEND Assistant in EYFS, Mrs Louram is our new Teaching Assistant in Class 2A and Miss Hall is our new Teaching Assistant in Class 3B.

TOPICS FOR THIS HALF TERM

Across school, children will be learning through the following units of work. Please ask them about their learning.

Nursery	-	Lion Cubs	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Can You See?
Reception	-	Lions	What Makes Me Marvellous?
Class 1A	-	Tiger	Year 1 - What's It Like To Live In Wakefield?
Class 1B	-	Panda	
Class 2A	-	Toucan	Year 2 - Who Are Our Historical Heroes?
Class 2B	-	Flamingo	
Class 3A	-	Orca	Year 3 - How Did The First People In Britain live?
Class 3B	-	Giraffe	
Class 4A	-	Rhino	Year 4 - Why Do People Live Near Volcanoes?
Class 4B	-	Koala	
Class 5A	-	Zebra	Year 5 - Who Were The Tudors and Why Were They Really All Terrible?
Class 5B	-	Otter	
Class 6A	-	Llama	Year 6 - Was World War II Inevitable?
Class 6B	-	Leopard	

Sleep Workshop - On Thursday 9th October our Future In Mind Representative will be delivering our annual Sleep Workshop for parents. If your child has any problems falling or staying asleep please come along at 9.30 am in our Nurture Room.

Children's Wellbeing - Please may we take the opportunity to share the following information for support and advice for your child's wellbeing.
<https://myhappymind.org/>

School Dinners Please can you help your child to pick their School Dinner at home using the School dinner system. This ensures that children order a meal that they like and also helps to reduce the amount of lost learning time at the start of the day.



MEDICAL REMINDER—LUNCHBOXES

Can we remind parents that NO EGGS (e.g. Egg Mayonnaise, quiche etc), NUTS or nut products (including Nutella and chocolate spread) are allowed in school as we have children with severe allergies.



Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs K Ashton (Headteacher), Mr D Benson (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs R Knowles (Assistant Head Teacher, SENCO & Early Years Foundation Leader), 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)	96.7%
Penguin (6B)	96.7%
Zebra (5A)	92.4%
Otters (5B)	100%
Rhinoceros (4A)	94.3%
Koala (4B)	94.8%
Orca (3A)	96.6%
Giraffe (3B)	100%
Toucan (2A)	100%
Flamingo (2B)	100%
Tiger (1A)	100%
Panda (1B)	95%
Lions 1 (UF1)	99.4%
Lions 2 (UF2)	93.1%

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, Miss Chapman's Class 2A, Miss Senior's Class 2B, Mrs B Ashton/Mrs Bentham's Class 3B and Miss Clayton's Class 5B who achieved 100% for week commencing Monday 1st September 2025. Children can come in non uniform on Friday 12th September 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)	Maryam	Toucan (2A)	Willow
Leopard (6B)	Ben	Flamingo (2B)	Koby
Zebra (5A)	Issac	Tiger (1A)	Joel
Otters (5B)	Dionn	Panda (1B)	Holly
Rhinoceros (4A)	Caleb	Lions (UF1)	Whole Class
Koala (4B)	Harper-Jayne	Lions (UF2)	Whole Class
Orca (3A)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Louis
Giraffe (3B)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Aya