

Wednesday 17h September 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"In phonics we learnt the "S" sound".
Isaac – UF1



SAFEGUARDING

Last week some children and parents walked through the car park when the gates opened to let staff out, this is not safe!
Please use the pedestrian gates ONLY. Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 1st Oct	Year 3 Wakefield Museum Workshop
Tues 7th Oct	Year 4 Magna Visit
Wed 8th Oct	Individual Photographs
Thurs 9th Oct	Sleep Workshop
Tues 14th and Thurs 16th Oct	Parents Evenings
Thurs 23rd Oct	Harvest Festival
Fri 24th Oct	Flu Vaccine
Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov	HALF TERM School Closes Friday 24th and Reopens Mon 3rd Nov
Mon 3rd Nov	School Reopens
Tues 18th Nov	EYFS & KS1 Cinema Night
Thurs 20th Nov	KS2 Cinema Night
Thurs 4th Dec	Christmas Fair
Friday 19th Dec	END OF TERM School Closes Friday 19th and Reopens on Mon 5th Jan 2026

Friday 19th September 2025 Wear Your Favourite Colour

On Friday 19th September children can wear their favourite colour to School for Young People's Mental Health Day. This year's theme is Share Support.

ATTENDANCE - We have had an amazing start with our Whole School Attendance Week 2 - 96.1%. Thank you for your support, please help us to beat our target of 96% each week.

NHS Healthy Lunch Boxes Policy

The NHS have a few suggestions for Healthy Lunch Boxes. Children should eat at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables e.g. carrot sticks, cucumber, small apple or orange, banana, dried fruit, mini tomatoes. Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein e.g. chicken, turkey, ham, beef, pork, tuna, lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas. A starchy food e.g. bread, pasta or rice, crackers, rice cakes, oat cakes, pitta bread, tortilla wraps. Dairy food e.g. milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais. A drink of water, fruit juice, milk, yoghurt drink or smoothie.

Our alternative suggestions to snacks such as crisps include;

- Savoury crackers or breadsticks served with a dip.
- Vegetables and fruit.
- Low sugar cereal bars. sugar free jellies with fruit.
- Cakes and biscuits in moderation.

IT'S A GIRL - Congratulations to Martha and Theo on the birth of their new baby sister Nancy Jane who was born on 9th September 2025, weighing 6lb 15oz.



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.

NURSERY NEW STARTERS - Welcome to our new starters who have settled into Nursery and are enjoying taking part in lots of creative activities. The children have said they are enjoying playing outside.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications - Please can we make you aware that the Secondary School applications are now open, for parents/carers of Year 6 children. Parents/carers need to apply now for High School places for September 2026.



Nasal Flu Immunisations

STAY WELL THIS WINTER

The Nasal Flu Immunisations will take place in school on **Friday 24th October 2025** for Reception to Year 6 children. Please remember if you want your child to have their flu vaccination you need to go online to give permission. If you have any problems and need a paper copy, please come to the School office to collect a form.

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

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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)	92.7%
Zebra (5A)	93.8%
Otters (5B)	100%
Rhinoceros (4A)	100%
Koala (4B)	82.6%
Orca (3A)	98.2%
Giraffe (3B)	99.3%
Toucan (2A)	97.9%
Flamingo (2B)	100%
Tiger (1A)	97.9%
Panda (1B)	100%
Lions 1 (UF1)	99.3%
Lions 2 (UF2)	100%

Late Arrivals

9 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 Hendl Primary School

Attendance Ladder



100% Class Attendance Challenge - Non Uniform Reward
CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs O'Neill's Class Upper Foundation 2, Miss Pickup's Class 1B, Miss Senior's Class 2B, Miss Dunn's Class 4A, Miss Clayton's Class 5B who achieved 100% for week commencing Monday 8th September 2025. Children can come in non uniform on Thursday 18th September 2025.

Attainment is linked to Attendance - At Hendl 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)	Aisha	Toucan (2A)	Lamin
Leopard (6B)	Kitana	Flamingo (2B)	Ebony
Zebra (5A)	Fearne	Tiger (1A)	Darcey
Otters (5B)	Harper	Panda (1B)	Xander
Rhinoceros (4A)	Matilda	Lions (UF1)	Isaac
Koala (4B)	Adrian	Lions (UF2)	Grayson
Orca (3A)	Zainab	Lion Cubs	Daisey
Giraffe (3B)	Seth	Lion Cubs	Kayla