

Wednesday 24th September 2025

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Hendal Primary School

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Newsletter

CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been painting our own faces".
Fern – UF1



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
Thurs 23rd Oct	EYFS Open To View
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

Kettlethorpe
HIGH SCHOOL



We would like to invite you to our
Open Evening on:

Thursday 2 October 4-7pm

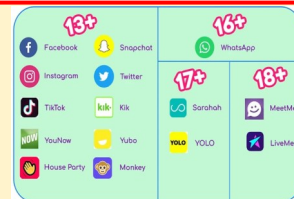
Pupils told inspectors they felt lucky to attend the school. They wear their uniform and achievement badges with pride. Older pupils, who will soon be leaving school, are well prepared for their next steps. They are leaving with fond memories. They are aware of the considerable impact the school has had in preparing them for life as young adults. - Ofsted 2022

Together, to be the best we can be

www.kettlethorpehigh.co.uk

SAFEGUARDING - MOBILE PHONES

May we please remind you of the following age ratings on these mobile apps. If your child has a mobile phone, please make sure you check the phone everyday, in order to safeguard them from online bullying, harassment and other safeguarding issues.



PARENTS EVENING - Face to face Teacher/Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th October 2025. Please book your consultation on ParentMail when it goes live on 30th September 2025. You will find out how your child has settled into their new class and what academic targets they have been set by the teacher.



ATTENDANCE - Our attendance last week was 94.5% which is below our School Target. Please can we remind you that every half day counts. Thank you for your support, please help us to beat our target of 96% each week.

School Photographer The school photographer will be in School on Wednesday 8th October. Sibling photographs will be taken from 8am until 9am, if you wish for your children to have a sibling photograph, please bring them to the School Reception where you can take them into the School Hall from 8am. Due to the number of children in School we are no longer able to take sibling photographs during the School day.



OUT OF THIS WORLD DINNER Thursday 2nd October 2025



We are holding an 'Out Of This World Dinner', on Thursday 2nd October 2025. ALL children from Reception to Year 2 who are currently having a packed lunch will be invited to have a FREE special menu meal, they can still bring a packed lunch but can try some of our Out Of This World Menu. Please logon and choose:

Chicken Burger In A Bun with Herby Diced Potatoes, Veggie Fingers In A Bun with Herby Diced Potatoes, Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches or Tomato Pasta and Shooting Star Shortbread with Space dust. Also available Homemade Bread, Fresh Salad and Fresh Fruit.



Sleep Workshop Thursday 9th October 2025

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.



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.

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.



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.



NURSERY & RECEPTION PLACES AVAILABLE

Do you have a 2/3 year old, or know someone who does? If so, register NOW for our Nursery. We have free 15 hour places for 3 and 4 year olds available now and in our Nursery. Please call in at the school office to register your child.

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)	90.7%
Penguin (6B)	94.3%
Zebra (5A)	91.0%
Otters (5B)	94.7%
Rhinoceros (4A)	98.3%
Koala (4B)	92.7%
Orca (3A)	94.6%
Giraffe (3B)	99.3%
Toucan (2A)	97.4%
Flamingo (2B)	93.5%
Tiger (1A)	95.2%
Panda (1B)	95.7%
Lions 1 (UF1)	97.0%
Lions 2 (UF2)	89.6%

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 Hendl Primary School

Attendance Ladder



100% Class Attendance Challenge - Non Uniform Reward
Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 15th 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)	Farnia	Toucan (2A)	Alfie
Leopard (6B)	Noah A	Flamingo (2B)	Eva
Zebra (5A)	Koby	Tiger (1A)	Oliwia
Otters (5B)	Agnes	Panda (1B)	Jeanelle
Rhinoceros (4A)	Harry	Lions (UF1)	Fika
Koala (4B)	Nyla	Lions (UF2)	Sophia
Orca (3A)	Maddison	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Adaline	Lion Cubs	Whole Class