

Wednesday 1st October 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been finding out where we live".
Sophia - UF2



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 7th Oct	Year 4 Magna Visit
Wed 8th Oct	Individual Photographs
Thurs 9th Oct	Sleep Workshop
Fri 10th Oct	World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow
Tues 14th and Thurs 16th Oct	Parents Evenings
Thurs 23rd Oct	Harvest Festival
Thurs 23rd Oct	EYFS Open 4pm - 6pm
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	Years 1, 2 & 3 Cinema Night
Thurs 20th Nov	Years 4, 5 & 6 Cinema Night
Thurs 4th Dec	Christmas Fair
Friday 19th Dec	END OF TERM School Closes Friday 19th and Reopens on Mon 5th Jan 2026

SAFEGUARDING - ONLINE GAMING

Please see attached information about setting boundaries around gaming. Please see website [nationalonlinetraining](#) about how to keep your children safe online and set boundaries to support their mental health and wellbeing.

Polite Reminder

- Please can we make you aware that After School Clubs start at 3.20pm each day, therefore can we ask that you leave the playground promptly so the School Gates can be locked as soon as possible so that Mr Swift can begin his sports club safely.

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 to 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 95.7% 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.

European Day of Language

- 7 children attended the European Day of Language. The children took part in workshops throughout the afternoon, learning about culture and food from Czech Republic, Romania, Sweden, Belgium and Ireland. There was even an opportunity for children to try some traditional foods. The children were exemplary role models for our School and they said they had a fantastic afternoon.



Cross Country Competition

- 20 children from Key Stage 2 took part in a Cross Country Competition at Kettlethorpe High School last Thursday. 15 children have qualified for the next round. Congratulations to all the children who took part and thank you for representing our School.

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 log on 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.



Stage Coach Performing Arts Recruitment

Stage Coach Performing Arts Group is taking place at Hendal Primary School on Wednesday Evenings and Saturdays, for children aged between 4-18. If your child is interested in singing, dancing and acting they can access these sessions at a reduced rate as a child of Hendal Primary School. If you are interested please enrol on line to book your child a place or contact Katie on 07515 485227.



Nasal Flu Immunisations



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.



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)	96.7%
Penguin (6B)	90.3%
Zebra (5A)	92.7%
Otters (5B)	97.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	97.4%
Koala (4B)	97.7%
Orca (3A)	93.5%
Giraffe (3B)	95.2%
Toucan (2A)	97.9%
Flamingo (2B)	100%
Tiger (1A)	94.7%
Panda (1B)	95.2%
Lions 1 (UF1)	100%
Lions 2 (UF2)	100%

Late Arrivals

15 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 Marshall's Class UF1, Mrs O'Neill's Class UF2 and Miss Senior's Class 2B who achieved 100% for week commencing Monday 22nd September 2025. Children can come in non uniform on Friday 3rd October 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)	Jack	Toucan (2A)	Zama
Leopard (6B)	Matilda	Flamingo (2B)	Voke
Zebra (5A)	Ochukome	Tiger (1A)	Lillie-Mai
Otters (5B)	Archie	Panda (1B)	Matvei
Rhinoceros (4A)	Olivia	Lions (UF1)	Neve
Koala (4B)	Colby	Lions (UF2)	Iyla-Rose
Orca (3A)	Anji	Lion Cubs	Bjorn
Giraffe (3B)	Jenson	Lion Cubs	Bridie