

Wednesday 8th October 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been reading about Leaf Man and we are going to make some leaf sculptures".

Jenson - 1A



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sports Leaders - We have had over 50 applications for our Sports Leader positions. This is a testimony to the children's ambition for leadership. I am delighted to announce that all children will have the opportunity to fulfil this role throughout the School year.

Year 4 Visit to Magna

Year 4 had a wonderful experience on their visit to Magna Science Museum, linked to their Geography unit 'Why do people live near volcanoes?' The day was very interactive and the children learnt a lot from the experience.



SAFEGUARDING - PARKING

I would like to express my concerns once again around parents parking dangerously around the School perimeter. May I remind you of the following parking laws from the Highway Code. According to Rule 243 of the Highway Code you must not stop or park "in front of an entrance to a property". So under highway law it is illegal to park a vehicle so that it obstructs other people wanting to use a road or path, or to obstruct a private entrance. Please consider parking further away from School and walking a short distance to ensure our children can leave School and return home safely each day. Thank you for your co-operation.

The OFFICIAL
HIGHWAY
CODE

World Mental Health Day - Friday 10th October 2025

Wear Yellow

On Friday 10th October your child can wear something Yellow in support of World Mental Health Day. There is no need to buy anything new, yellow socks, headband or anything with yellow on will help us to raise awareness about the importance of Mental Health. In School we will be teaching children that everyone has mental health and good mental health is important for us to thrive. We also remind children that mental health is just as important as physical health, therefore reducing the social stigma.

♥ Samaritans 116 123
♥ Papyrus HOPELINE 247 0800 0684141
♥ SHOUT Text SHOUT to 85258
♥ NHS dial 111 and select the option for Mental Health
In an emergency don't be afraid to dial 999



Year 6 Careers Fair - Last Thursday Year 6 had an inspirational careers fair, where they found out about different careers/jobs they could do in the future. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and Amber told us, that she found out about the different careers she could have in the NHS, "It helped me think about my future".

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 94.8% 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.

ASDA HEROES

10 children from Year 5 went to Asda House in Leeds to take part in a sustainable workshop. This year our pledge is to reduce loneliness in our local community by working with senior citizens. We will be running events throughout the year and we hope that you can help us support this project.

Year 1 Visit to Betty Eastwood Park - Year 1 braved the rain and wind and went on their Autumn walk to Betty Eastwood Park, where they collected Autumn treasures to inspire their creative writing and artwork. Thank you for supporting us, by sending your child with a packed lunch.



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.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWOP SHOP

As part of our work around sustainability, we would like your donations of any pre-loved Christmas jumpers so that these can be resold and reused, therefore, reducing the cost to families and the environment. Any donations can be handed in to your child's teacher as soon as possible. The children will then organise them into sizes and then we will re-sell them during the last two weeks of November. The money raised will go towards reducing loneliness for our senior citizens in the community.



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.



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 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), Mrs R Bentham Teacher, Miss A Walsh Learning Mentor Safeguarding Governor, Mrs A Spiers (Chair of Governors - aspier@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)	95%
Penguin (6B)	98.3%
Zebra (5A)	94.1%
Otters (5B)	94.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	94.7%
Koala (4B)	86.8%
Orca (3A)	98.3%
Giraffe (3B)	97.9%
Toucan (2A)	96.8%
Flamingo (2B)	92%
Tiger (1A)	90.3%
Panda (1B)	98.9%
Lions 1 (UF1)	92.9%
Lions 2 (UF2)	96.2%

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
Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 29th 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)	Lainey-Rae	Toucan (2A)	Roebi
Leopard (6B)	Isla	Flamingo (2B)	Ayra
Zebra (5A)	Yasmin	Tiger (1A)	Amira
Otters (5B)	Matilda	Panda (1B)	Alfie
Rhinoceros (4A)	Aubree	Lions (UF1)	Darcie-Mae
Koala (4B)	Florence	Lions (UF2)	Cora-Lilly
Orca (3A)	Minsa	Lion Cubs	Lottie
Giraffe (3B)	Seth	Lion Cubs	Elena