

Wednesday 15th October 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been writing sentences about the story Into The Forrest".

Olivia - 1B

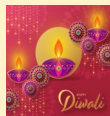


DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 16th Oct	Parents Evening
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

Happy Diwali

Wishing all our families celebrating this festival a Happy Diwali.



POPPY APPEAL - Poppies are now on sale in School. You can send money into School with your child to buy one.



School Photographs

School photograph orders will be collected on Wednesday 22nd October 2025. Please make sure you return your orders by this date. Thank you



SAFEGUARDING

Please can I ask that as the dark mornings and evenings draw in, you are vigilant when walking to and from School with your child. May I ask that ALL children be collected from After School Sports Clubs after the half term holidays, due to the clocks going backwards.

PARENTS EVENINGS - Thank you to all parents who came to Parents Evening. We hope you found this informative and useful to support your child's learning moving forward. We look forward to welcoming more parents on Thursday.



Year 5 Temple Newsam Visit - Year 5 had an amazing, interactive and educational visit to Temple Newsam, where they got to experience what life would have been like in Tudor Times. The children enjoyed dressing up, looking at artifacts and learning about the Tudor House, they even learnt a Tudor dance. The children were extremely well behaved during this visit and the museum curator asked that I share this message with you all. Please ask your child about their

Reception - Phonics Parent Meeting - Thank you to all of the Reception parents who attended the Reception Phonics Meeting. Feedback from the parents who did attend has been very positive and one parent told us they are using tips from the meeting to ensure they are teaching correctly at home.

ATTENDANCE - Our attendance last week was **95.5%** which is very close to our School Target. Thank you for your support, please help us to beat our target of 96% each week. This term all children with 100% attendance will be entered into a free prize draw, to win a Christmas surprise.

Pyjama Day On Wednesday 22nd October the team who has earned the most team points this half term, have requested a pyjama day. We will let you know the winning team at the end of the week.

BONFIRE THEMED DINNER

WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2025

On 5th November we are having a Bonfire Night Themed Dinner. If your child wishes to have a dinner please book and pay for it online on 'CH&Co'. If your child is currently on a packed lunch, this is a great opportunity to try one of our fabulous meals from our new winter menu. The menu will be:



Chicken, Meatball or Vegetable Sub with Chips, Sandwiches, Jacket Potato or Tomato Pasta and Strawberry Sparkly Sundae

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Don't forget to request your tickets for your child's Harvest Festival Assembly on Thursday 23rd October 2025. Years 1, 2 and 3 starts at 1.30 pm and Years 4, 5 and 6 starts at 2.15 pm

If you would like to make a donation to support the local community, it would be greatly appreciated. Ideas for donations: any tinned food e.g. meat, fish, vegetables, fruit and soup, tinned stews/chilli, pasta, coffee and tea bags. Please send any donations into School by Thursday 23rd October 2025.



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.

Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs K Ashton (Headteacher), Mr D Benson (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs R Knowles (Assistant Head Teacher, SENCO & Early Years Foundation Stage 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)	98.3%
Penguin (6B)	95.2%
Zebra (5A)	89.6%
Otters (5B)	96.67%
Rhinoceros (4A)	98.2%
Koala (4B)	96.3%
Orca (3A)	97.3%
Giraffe (3B)	93.4%
Toucan (2A)	96.3%
Flamingo (2B)	93.5%
Tiger (1A)	96%
Panda (1B)	94.2%
Lions 1 (UF1)	93.3%
Lions 2 (UF2)	98.3%

Late Arrivals

17 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 6th 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)	Ezmae	Toucan (2A)	Mustafa
Leopard (6B)	Krishna	Flamingo (2B)	Theo
Zebra (5A)	Jacob-Lee	Tiger (1A)	Summer
Otters (5B)	Caleb	Panda (1B)	Olivia
Rhinoceros (4A)	Jakub	Lions (UF1)	Maddison
Koala (4B)	Erika	Lions (UF2)	Oonagh
Orca (3A)	Kaitlin	Lion Cubs	Ruby
Giraffe (3B)	Skyla	Lion Cubs	Brody