

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"I liked looking around Lotherton Hall and meeting Florence Nightingale".

Samuel – 2A



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Mon 3rd Nov	Coffee Morning
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

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



Friends of Betty Eastwood invite you to Pumpkins in the Park



Saturday November 1st
5.00pm.
Betty Eastwood
(car park entrance)

Bring your pumpkins, voices, and a torch.

Refreshments provided supported by Crigglestone Parish Council



Happy Diwali - Wishing all our families celebrating this festival a Happy Diwali.



Diamond Dash

Congratulations to Adrian in Year 4 who has achieved the Platinum Level in Diamond Dash. This is a phenomenal achievement.



HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

School closes this Friday 24th October 2025 at 3.15 pm and we return back to school on Monday 3rd November 2025

COFFEE MORNING - Monday 3rd November 2025

On Monday 3rd November there will be a Coffee Morning for parents. This will be attended by our SEN Governor and a Family Hub Worker. This is an informal meeting where everyone is welcome even if this is just for a coffee and a chat with other parents. The meeting is to provide hands-on support to families, helping them navigate challenges like parenting, social issues and emotional well being.

Year 2 Lotherton Hall Visit - Year 2 have enjoyed a wonderful visit to Lotherton Hall last week. The children took part in a workshop with Florence Nightingale and learnt all about her life. They also enjoyed exploring 'Wildlife World' and seeing lots of animals including penguins, capybaras and wallabies. What a fantastic day it was!

ATTENDANCE - Our attendance last week was 96% which is amazing and means we have achieved our School Target. Thank you for your support. This term all children with 100% attendance will be entered into a free prize draw, to win a Christmas surprise.

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

Pyjama Day Congratulations to the YELLOW team who came first acquiring the most team points for this half term. As a reward they came to School in their pyjamas today.

Cross Country - Well done to all the children who represented Hendal Primary School in the Cross Country Competition. Congratulations to Darcey, Lillian and Spencer who have made it through to the next round.



Have a safe and happy half term holiday.

HARVEST FESTIVAL - 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.



EYFS OPEN EVENING - Thursday 23rd October 2025 (4pm-6pm)

Don't forget to come and visit our EYFS Open To View Event, on Thursday between 4pm - 6pm. If you know of anyone who has a child under 5, please let them know that they can come and have a look around our wonderful Early Years Foundation Stage.

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.



NHS

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 - 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)	97.3%
Penguin (6B)	97.9%
Zebra (5A)	94.2%
Otters (5B)	98.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	96.9%
Koala (4B)	91.8%
Orca (3A)	93.3%
Giraffe (3B)	94.4%
Toucan (2A)	97.9%
Flamingo (2B)	98.1%
Tiger (1A)	97.3%
Panda (1B)	96.4%
Lions 1 (UF1)	92.2%
Lions 2 (UF2)	95.7%

Late Arrivals

16 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 13th 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)	Lilly S	Toucan (2A)	Whole Class
Leopard (6B)	Eva	Flamingo (2B)	Martha
Zebra (5A)	Matas	Tiger (1A)	Titomi
Otters (5B)	Whole Class	Panda (1B)	Colton
Rhinoceros (4A)	Ife	Lions (UF1)	Kai
Koala (4B)	Harry	Lions (UF2)	Kiyan
Orca (3A)	Ella	Lion Cubs	Hudson
Giraffe (3B)	Hugo	Lion Cubs	Thomas