

Wednesday 12th November 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"I've really enjoyed doing the printing of fossils in Art".

Maddison – 3A



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 18th Nov	Years 1, 2 & 3 Cinema Night
Thurs 20th Nov	Years 4, 5 & 6 Cinema Night
Thurs 4th Dec	Christmas Fair
Tues 9th Dec	Years 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Concert
Thurs 11th Dec	EYFS Christmas Concert
Thurs 11th Dec	Christmas Dinner & Reindeer Dash
Thurs 11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 12th Dec	Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Carols
Friday 19th Dec Christmas Jumper Day	END OF TERM School Closes Friday 19th and Reopens on Mon 5th Jan 2026

POPPY APPEAL

On Tuesday the whole school observed a 2 minutes silence to pay our respects to people who lost their life fighting for a peaceful world. Some children read their remembrance poems. We were joined by our Governing Body.



Year 6 Cannon Hall Farm Museum Visit

As part of their learning about WWII, the children dressed up as war time evacuees and enjoyed workshops such as learning the morse code and peg doll making. The children were excellent role models for the School.



SAFEGUARDING - SMART PHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk

We are sharing some information to bring parents together to share new and positive conversations about the problems of smartphones and social media. Please sign up to this growing movement if you believe childhood is too short to be on a smart phone. [#smartphonefreechildhood](https://www.instagram.com/smartphonefreechildhood)

ATTENDANCE - Our attendance last week was **94.6%** which is below our School Target. Our attendance for the year so far is 96%. This means we are on track to meet our whole School attendance target for the year to date. Please continue to support us to maintain this level of attendance. This term all children with 100% attendance will be entered into a free prize draw, to win a Seasonal Celebration Box.

Anti-Bullying Week Is Back- 10th to 14th November 2024

Odd Socks Day - Wednesday 12th November 2024

This week is Antibullying week in England and Wales organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. In November 2022, 80% of Schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people. That's a big impact! The theme this year is 'Power for Good'. We'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree. We will remind adults to lead by example, online and offline. Children "united" today by wearing odd socks along with their school uniform, to support acceptance of equality and diversity of all.

WORLD DIABETES DAY - FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025

WEAR BLUE NON UNIFORM DAY

On Friday 14th November 2025 children can come to School in non-uniform and give a voluntary contribution of £1.00 for Diabetes. Diabetes is a condition where blood glucose (sugar) levels are too high, often, because the body doesn't produce enough insulin or can't use it properly. This effects children in our School community, so please wear **BLUE** to support this.

Cinema Night

Don't forget tickets are still on sale for the Cinema Night.

Tues 18th November 2025 Years 1, 2 and 3 & Thurs 20th November 2025 Years 4, 5 and 6

The cost of the night is £3 per child and they will receive a hot dog, drink and a cookie.



EYFS - LITTLE FEET ELMER

Thank you to all the parents/carers who took part in the 'Little Feet Elmer' local walk. The project has been set up with the hope that children will discover the joys of walking with Elmer, the Patchwork Elephant to instill healthy habits from a young age, and explore the world around them.



Year 2 African Drumming Workshop

Year 2 had an inspirational African musical experience on Monday with the Unbeatable Energy Company. The children enjoyed learning to play the djembe drums and they performed for their parents at the end of the day. It was a wonderful experience.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - HAMPER ITEMS NEEDED

We are creating colour coded hampers which we are selling raffle tickets for. Your child's class will be allocated a colour as follows:

PINK - Nursery & Reception, **PURPLE** - Years 1 & 2, **GREEN** - Years 3 & 4, **RED** - Years 5 & 6.

Items don't have to be large or expensive, some ideas for you are biscuits, chocolates, crackers, a bottle, candles, a beauty item or unwanted gifts.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

It's that time of year again - could you please have a good sort out and send in any toys, books, toiletries, chocolate, teddies and gifts for our **Tombola**, **Teddy Tombola**, **Toy Stall** and **Chocolate Surprise**. We are also having our craft/gift stall, any donations that we can use to make unusual gifts, please send into school. As usual we will be having our fantastic Cake Stall, don't forget to get your ingredients in ready to bake for the fair.



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)	96.7%
Penguin (6B)	92.4%
Zebra (5A)	97.6%
Otters (5B)	92.7%
Rhinoceros (4A)	91.7%
Koala (4B)	95.7%
Orca (3A)	98.3%
Giraffe (3B)	90.3%
Toucan (2A)	98%
Flamingo (2B)	94%
Tiger (1A)	94.3%
Panda (1B)	95.2%
Lions 1 (UF1)	91.48%
Lions 2 (UF2)	96.09%

Late Arrivals

21 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 Hendal Primary School

Attendance Ladder



100% Class Attendance Challenge - Non Uniform Reward
Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 3rd November 2025.

Attainment is linked to Attendance - At Hendal 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)	Sirra	Toucan (2A)	Samuel
Leopard (6B)	Mckenzie	Flamingo (2B)	Darcie
Zebra (5A)	Harlo	Tiger (1A)	Ellie
Otters (5B)	Ellie	Panda (1B)	Zara
Rhinoceros (4A)	Koby	Lions (UF1)	Harper
Koala (4B)	Luna	Lions (UF2)	Reggie
Orca (3A)	Isabelle	Lion Cubs	Mateo
Giraffe (3B)	Hallie	Lion Cubs	Veronika