

Wednesday 19th November 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"I've enjoyed our art this half term, because we're looking at Antarctica and it's been interesting sketching the landscapes".

Sandra - 3B



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	END OF TERM School Closes Friday 19th and Reopens on Mon 5th Jan 2026

World Diabetes Day

Thank you for supporting Diabetes Day, we raised a fabulous £ 265.00 for this charity.



Outdoor PE Clothing

Your child will continue to have one lesson of PE outdoor each week - weather permitting. Please send your children with a warm PE kit, this should be a navy tracksuit, and white t-shirt. Due to the cold weather a hat and gloves can be worn.

Year 1 Abbey House Toy Museum Visit

Year 1 had a fabulous time visiting the Toy Museum, where they explored toys from the past. The children were very well behaved and told us they had a lovely day playing.



CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Q: What is the best Christmas present you could give your child?

A: A smartphone free childhood and it's absolutely free!

For further information, please see the attached document or access the following website: parentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk



Bring A Bottle on Tuesday 25th November 2025

Non-Uniform Day

On Tuesday 25th November we are having a non-uniform day. As part of our Christmas fundraiser we are asking you to donate a 'bottle' to our new Christmas Fair stall. This can be a bottle of shampoo, bubble bath, shower gel, water, sauce, drinks or anything else that comes in a bottle.



ATTENDANCE - We have been recognised by the Department of Education, as our Attendance outcomes are amongst the strongest compared to similar Schools across the country. **Hendal Primary School is listed as a high performer in this weeks data release.** Please help us to keep this status, by bringing your children to School everyday and follow NHS Guidelines when they are ill. Our attendance last week was **95.7%** which is below our School Target. Our attendance for the year so far is 96%. This term all children with 100% attendance will be entered into a free prize draw, to win a Seasonal Celebration Box.

International Men's Day 2025 #ITSOKAYTALK

Today is International Men's Day, where we celebrate the positive value men bring to the world, their families and communities. May we thank Mr Benson, Mr Rigg, Mr Swift, Mr Jordan and Mr Redmill for being positive role models and for the positive impact they have on our children in School. We would also like to take this opportunity to raise awareness of men's wellbeing.



Cinema Night

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

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.



Governor Review Day Thank you to our wonderful Governors, who spent the day in School monitoring and reviewing our curriculum and financial position. Thank you for your time and commitment.

Welcome to WOW - The Walk To School Challenge

We are working with Living Streets, the charity for walking everyday. Our mission is to achieve a better walking environment and inspire people to walk more. From tomorrow we will be launching our 'Walk To School Challenge'. This initiative rewards pupils who travel actively to School (walk, wheel, cycle, scooter, 'Park and Stride' or 'hop off') with WOW badges.

Our WOW Ambassadors will use the WOW Travel Tracker to track how children travel to School each day. If children can walk to School more often, they will be rewarded with a monthly WOW badge. Children who have to travel by car and bus will be encouraged to park further away from School, so that they can 'park and stride' to School. Children who use the bus are encouraged to hop off one or two stops earlier and walk the rest of the way. This initiative aims to improve your health, whilst protecting the planet. This years theme is called 'Walk With Joy' and we will be taking part in this initiative until July 2026.



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)	97.3%
Penguin (6B)	98.6%
Zebra (5A)	95.5%
Otters (5B)	92.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	98.2%
Koala (4B)	97.1%
Orca (3A)	93.6%
Giraffe (3B)	94.4%
Toucan (2A)	97%
Flamingo (2B)	97%
Tiger (1A)	93.4%
Panda (1B)	95.5%
Lions 1 (UF1)	94.81%
Lions 2 (UF2)	93.45%

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 10th November 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)	Spencer	Toucan (2A)	Nola-Rae
Leopard (6B)	Lilah	Flamingo (2B)	James
Zebra (5A)	Ella	Tiger (1A)	Jacob-Junior
Otters (5B)	Peter	Panda (1B)	Rofidat
Rhinoceros (4A)	Anna	Lions (UF1)	Fern
Koala (4B)	Lillian	Lions (UF2)	Bertie
Orca (3A)	Mia-Rose	Lion Cubs	Aarav
Giraffe (3B)	William	Lion Cubs	Billie