

Wednesday 26th November 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We took part in a Science experiment about liquids, solids and gases".

Ellie - 4A



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Tues 16th Dec	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Wed 17th Dec	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Thurs 18th Dec	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Fri 19th Dec	EYFS Christmas Party
Friday 19th Dec Christmas Jumper Day	END OF TERM School Closes Friday 19th and Reopens on Mon 5th Jan 2026

Non Fiction November

We have been sharing lots of non fiction books this month, as part of our, Non Fiction November Initiative. Yesterday Miss Riley led an assembly, where each class shared their top three facts with the rest of the School.

Did you know the first ever dinosaur was born 3 billions years ago and planet Pluto is smaller than Australia!

Ask your child what interesting information they have learnt during Non Fiction November.



SAFEGUARDING - POLICE ASSEMBLY

Last Wednesday our Local Neighbourhood Police Officers, delivered an assembly to Years 4, 5 and 6 about Online Safety and Cyber Bullying. Children were taught that cyber bullying is sending mean messages or comments, sharing embarrassing photographs, leaving someone out on purpose, pretending to be someone else on line, spreading lies and sending mean images. The children have once again been told:

1. To tell a trusted adult
2. Don't reply if often makes it worse
3. BLOCK the person
4. Keep the evidence as proof - if you are reporting this to the Police
5. If it happens on a game/app - report it on the game or app
6. Don't hide or put up with it.

The children were reminded of the following FACT: the legal minimum age to use social media in the UK is 13.



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



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 **95.63%** which is very close to 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.

Cinema Night - We raised a fantastic £581.50 for our Cinema Night. This was a great success! We will be spending this money on non-fiction books for our wonderful Library. Thank you for your support.

Wakefield One Visit - Reception classes have visited the Wakefield One Library today, where they listened to stories read by the Librarians. Afterwards they enrolled as members, so that they can borrow from the exciting range of books for free. The children had a wonderful time.



Welcome to WOW - The Walk To School Challenge

Last week Tiger Class - 1A were the winners of the Walk To School Challenge and will be looking after our Strider Mascot for the week.



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.

Our Christmas concerts are taking place in December. A letter will be sent out next week with a return slip for your tickets, please return this to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Due to Health & Safety we can only allocate 2 tickets per child.

9.30 am Tuesday 9th December

2.00 pm Tuesday 9th December

10.00 am Thursday 11th December

2.00 pm Thursday 11th December

9.30 am Friday 12th December

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Years 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Concert

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Foundation Stage Concert (Reception and Nursery) Christmas Singing

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Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Service

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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 - 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)	96.6%
Penguin (6B)	95.5%
Zebra (5A)	92.8%
Otters (5B)	96.6%
Rhinoceros (4A)	96.0%
Koala (4B)	91.9%
Orca (3A)	95.3%
Giraffe (3B)	98.3%
Toucan (2A)	97.5%
Flamingo (2B)	93.0%
Tiger (1A)	95.1%
Panda (1B)	96.6%
Lions 1 (UF1)	99.2%
Lions 2 (UF2)	90.0%

Late Arrivals

23 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 17th 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)	Amber	Toucan (2A)	Rudy
Leopard (6B)	Kenny	Flamingo (2B)	Luca
Zebra (5A)	Aoun	Tiger (1A)	Taylor
Otters (5B)	Riya	Panda (1B)	Gray
Rhinoceros (4A)	Iby	Lions (UF1)	Arlo
Koala (4B)	Alana	Lions (UF2)	Sofia
Orca (3A)	Alby-Joe	Lion Cubs	Harris
Giraffe (3B)	Adesewa	Lion Cubs	Lila