

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We visited Temples through the Virtual Reality Workshop".

Erika - 4B



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

CHRISTMAS FAIR - THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER AT 3.00PM

You can collect your child from their Classroom door at 3.00 pm on Thursday to take them to the Christmas Fair. Entrance to the Fair is by both hall doors on the KS1 playground. We are still accepting donations of toys, books, toiletries, chocolate, teddies and gifts. We thank you for your support.



SANTA'S GROTTTO

Father Christmas will be visiting us again, so children can come and tell him what they would like for Christmas. He will be in his Grotto outside Classroom 1A. The queue will be starting near 1B past the School Office.

CAKE STALL

Don't forget to get baking for our very popular Cake stall, this always does very well.



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



CHRISTMAS JUMPERS COLLECTION

Please donate any unwanted Christmas Jumpers for our Age UK Fundraising Table, at the Christmas Fair before Thursday. Our Asda Heroes will be looking after the stall.



ATTENDANCE - Our current attendance so far this year is 95%. This has fallen significantly this week. Please continue to bring your child to School and follow NHS Guidance, if they are not feeling well. May we please remind you that School starts at 8.50am and vital learning starts straight away. This term all children with 100% attendance will be entered into a free prize draw, to win a Seasonal Celebration Box.

Year 3 & 4 Virtual Reality Workshops - Year 4 had a wonderful morning transported back to the Mayans Civilization as part of their History curriculum. Year 3 had an amazing afternoon learning all about Antarctica and it's habitat, as part of their Geography curriculum. These experiences give children an amazing opportunity to virtually visit places around the world, that will inspire their future, employment and travel. Thank you to all the parents who made a contribution to enable this to happen.



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.



Advent - We have two "Little People, Big Dreams" book collection Advent Calendars and two Gruffalo Advent Calendars circulating round School. Each day a different class will get to open the advent door and read about an inspirational leader around the world or a Julia Donaldson story. EYFS have their own chocolate advent calendars to help us countdown to Christmas.

Our Christmas concerts are taking place in December. A letter has been sent out 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
2.00 pm Friday 12th December

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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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)	96.3%
Penguin (6B)	95.9%
Zebra (5A)	94%
Otters (5B)	92.6%
Rhinoceros (4A)	87%
Koala (4B)	85.7%
Orca (3A)	93.3%
Giraffe (3B)	94%
Toucan (2A)	94.5%
Flamingo (2B)	97%
Tiger (1A)	85.1%
Panda (1B)	99.3%
Lions 1 (UF1)	96.5%
Lions 2 (UF2)	89.1%

Late Arrivals

32 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 24th 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)	George	Toucan (2A)	Malachi
Leopard (6B)	Alfie-Jack	Flamingo (2B)	Imogen
Zebra (5A)	Mia-Lily	Tiger (1A)	Zoe
Otters (5B)	Leo	Panda (1B)	Hallie
Rhinoceros (4A)	Minnie	Lions (UF1)	Ned
Koala (4B)	Iyla-Grace	Lions (UF2)	Sophie
Orca (3A)	Mason	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Arsenii	Lion Cubs	Whole Class