

Wednesday 10th December 2025

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Newsletter

Hendal Primary School

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"I loved making soup and bread in DT, it was fun as we got to put tomatoes in and taste it".

Eleanor - 5A



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

SAFEGUARDING - USEFUL WEBSITES

We would like to share the following websites, as we appreciate some families may need some extra support throughout the festive period.

[Samaritans - Contact Us | Samaritans](#)
Call anytime Free on Telephone: 116 123

SAMARITANS

Andys Man Club - info@andysmanclub.co.uk

[Family Hubs - Wakefield Families Together](#)



Childline - 0800 1111 [childline](#)

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE AND 50/50 TICKETS

Many thanks for your support with our Raffles, the 50/50 prize money was £94.50 and was won by a parent of a child in 1A. Our coloured Christmas Hamper Raffle raised an amazing £317.00 the winners are:

Pink Hamper - Samuel 2A

Red Hamper - Maisie 3A

Red Hamper - Sophie UF2

Purple Hamper - Teddy UF2

Green Hamper - Joey UF2

Pamper Hamper - Joey 6B

Pamper Hamper - Zac 2A

CHRISTMAS FAIR—Our Christmas Fair was a great success! Many thanks to all our staff for their hard work and also to all our parents/carers for your donations and support. We raised a grand total of £2,509.38 which is a fantastic amount in the present climate. We are planning to enhance our outdoor spaces.



Reindeer Dash for Wakefield Hospice

On Thursday 11th December, all children will take part in the Reindeer Dash, in support of Wakefield Hospice. Children will receive a free pair of reindeer antlers to wear. If you would like to make a voluntary contribution of £1.00 all proceeds will go to Wakefield Hospice. All children can wear Christmas Jumpers this day or donate via the QR code.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

11th December 2025

We are having our Christmas Dinner on Thursday 11th December. Please remember to go on and book this in the normal way.

Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings,
Halal Turkey Dinner with all the Trimmings,
Vegetable & Cranberry Slice and
Vanilla Christmas Shortbread

ATTENDANCE - Our current attendance so far this year is 95.4%. 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.



Welcome to WOW - The Walk To School Challenge

Last week Tiger Class - 1A were the winners of the Walk To School Challenge again with 75% of children walking to School and will be looking after our Strider Mascot for the week. Koala Class - 4B came a very close second with 74%.



Christmas Parties

Tues 16th December - Years 1 & 2
Wed 17th December - Years 3 & 4
Thurs 18th December - Years 5 & 6
Fri 19th December - EYFS

Pre-packaged party food donations will be greatly appreciated.

Children can come in their party clothes and appropriate footwear, Foundation Stage and KS1 children will also get to meet our very special visitor!



Our Christmas concerts are taking place this week. Please come along and share this special experience with your child. We are happy for you to take photographs and videos during the concert, but please DO NOT share posts on any social media accounts as we have an increasing amount of children who DO NOT have permission to have their images shared.

10.00 am Thursday 11th December
2.00 pm Thursday 11th December
9.30 am Friday 12th December
2.00 pm Friday 12th December

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 - 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)	96.3%
Penguin (6B)	93.1%
Zebra (5A)	90.6%
Otters (5B)	94.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	95.6%
Koala (4B)	93.8%
Orca (3A)	90%
Giraffe (3B)	96.6%
Toucan (2A)	100%
Flamingo (2B)	94%
Tiger (1A)	92%
Panda (1B)	95.8%
Lions 1 (UF1)	94.6%
Lions 2 (UF2)	89.3%

Late Arrivals

12 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
CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Chapman's Class 2A who achieved 100% for week commencing 1st December 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)	Tioluwani	Toucan (2A)	Oscar
Leopard (6B)	Noah B	Flamingo (2B)	Raff
Zebra (5A)	Harry	Tiger (1A)	Chloe
Otters (5B)	Jaxon & Kian	Panda (1B)	Sella
Rhinoceros (4A)	Ben	Lions (UF1)	Thomas
Koala (4B)	Riley	Lions (UF2)	Maeve
Orca (3A)	David	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Eva	Lion Cubs	Whole Class