



Wednesday 17th December 2025

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Hendal Primary School

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Newsletter

CHILDREN'S VOICE

"I love PE with Mr Swift. He teaches us lots of things and is really helpful".
Hatib - 6A



School Closes on Friday 19th December 2025

School Opens on Monday 5th January 2026



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Children can wear Christmas Jumpers with non uniform on the last day of School, on Friday 19th December.

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



Andys Man Club - info@andysmanclub.co.uk



Family Hubs - [Wakefield Families Together](#)



Childline - 0800 1111 [childline](#)



A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to our hard working kitchen staff who cooked a special Christmas dinner last week, which was enjoyed by everyone.



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

Reindeer Dash for Wakefield Hospice



On Thursday 11th December, all children took part in the Reindeer Dash, in support of Wakefield Hospice. We have raised an amazing £323.20. Thank you

Christmas Parties

Our Christmas parties are taking place this week and we hope that all our children have a lovely time with their friends and teachers at this special time of year.



Carols In The Community

Our wonderful choir and our hard working Asda Hero's, joined together to sing to shoppers yesterday morning in Asda. Thank you to the friends and families who turned out to support us. We raised an incredible £117.00 for Age UK. Today the same children have visited Sherwood Court Residential Home to sing for the local residents. We are so proud to be able to support the community in this way. Thank you to Mrs Bentham for leading the Choir.



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Well done to all our children for taking part in their Christmas Concerts. Years 1, 2 and 3 told the story of a Traditional Nativity and included some festive humour. Years 4, 5 and 6 performed Traditional Christmas Carols, which help us reflect at this time of year. Our EYFS children were very brave on the big stage and performed "Born In A Born", which taught us the true meaning of Christmas, sharing love and kindness.



Thank You - Thank you to all staff for their hard work during the busy festive period.

EYFS Parent Christmas Craft Day

Thank you for attending the EYFS Christmas Craft Day. We hope you enjoyed spending precious time with your child in the classroom.

SAFEGUARDING - KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE OVER CHRISTMAS



Buying your child a new device for Christmas? Tips for staying safe

How you can keep young people safer online over the Christmas period ... And beyond!

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/our-views/how-you-can-keep-young-people-safer-online-over-the-christmas-period/>



From all of the Staff at Hendal Primary, have a Wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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@hental.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)	94.7%
Penguin (6B)	94.0%
Zebra (5A)	95.7%
Otters (5B)	91.7%
Rhinoceros (4A)	87.4%
Koala (4B)	84.8%
Orca (3A)	94.0%
Giraffe (3B)	91.3%
Toucan (2A)	97.0%
Flamingo (2B)	86.0%
Tiger (1A)	94.5%
Panda (1B)	97.9%
Lions 1 (UF1)	96.8%
Lions 2 (UF2)	77.5%

Late Arrivals

20 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 9th 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)	Lillie P-A	Toucan (2A)	Adela
Leopard (6B)	Lily	Flamingo (2B)	Raff
Zebra (5A)	Whole Class	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Whole Class	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Spencer	Lions (UF1)	Eva
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Alfie
Orca (3A)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Nathan
Giraffe (3B)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Lola