

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"I've been making new friends and playing".
Nursery - Sophia

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 16th Jan	Year 5 visit to Armley Mills
Thurs 22nd Jan	Year 4 visit to Bradford Hindu Temple
Mon 26th Jan	Year 3 Castleford Museum
Wed 28th Jan	Young Voices Sheffield Arena
Mon 9th Feb	Safer Internet Week and Children's Mental Health Week
Wed 11th Feb	Year 6 Parents Evening
Thurs 12th Feb	Year 2 visit to The Hepworth Gallery, Wakefield
Fri 13th Feb	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 23rd Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 24th Feb	School Reopens
Tues 3rd Mar	Rec - Year 5 Parents Evening
Thurs 5th Mar	Rec - Year 5 Parents Evening
Mon 9th Mar	Science Week
Fri 27th Mar	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
INSET DAY	
Mon 23rd Feb	Inset Day
Mon 16th Mar	Inset Day
Fri 22nd May	Inset Day
Mon 1st Jun	Inset Day
Mon 20th Jul	Inset Day

YEAR 6 - SATS WEEK MONDAY 12TH - 16TH MAY 2026

As you know term time holidays are not authorised. Please do not book any holidays or appointments during SAT's week Monday 12th - 16th May 2026.

WELCOME NEW STARTERS

Welcome to our 8 Nursery new starters who begin their School life this half term. The children are really enjoying exploring the areas of provision and have settled in really quickly and are learning their new routines. We hope that you have a lovely time learning through play in our wonderful Early Years setting.

YEAR 6 PARENTS EVENINGS

Year 6 Parent Evenings will take place on Wednesday 11th February. Please book an appointment via ParentMail from Friday 16th January. It is crucial for parents to attend this meeting as teachers will talk to you about your child's progress, targets and the upcoming SAT's tests that your child will take w/c Mon 12th May. Please DO NOT book any appointments or term time holidays during this week. Thank you

WELCOME TO WOW - THE WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Last Week Giraffe Class - 3B were the winners of the Walk To School Challenge with 76% of children walking to School and will be looking after our Strider Mascot this week. We have attached a Walking In A Winterland sheet, which you can use on your walk to School in the winter time. See how many wonderful things you can see!



MONDAY 19TH JANUARY - BEAT AUTISM

On Monday 19th January at 2pm we will be holding a drop in session with Beat Autism. If you have any worries/concerns or successes, please come along and share your story. Please join us in the Music Room which can be accessed via the main front gate. We would love to see you there.

ENGLISH ASSEMBLY

Yesterday we had an aspiring English Assembly led by Miss Riley. Thank you to Jason, Kenny, Aiva-Louise and Matilda who shared their inspirational writing with us all. As a School we have read 5.5 million words since September on our Reading Plus Account. Year 4 are currently at the top of the leaderboard, followed closely by Year 6. #The National Year of Reading 2026

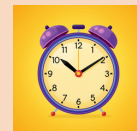
CENSUS DAY THEMED LUNCH - THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2026

We are holding a whole school themed dinner day, on Thursday 15th January 2026. Please log on and choose:
Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Barbeque Chicken Pizza, filled Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Tomato Pasta & Oat Cookies.

PUNCTUALITY

Did you know if your child arrived late:-

- they will miss instructions for the first lesson
- it can cause disruption to the whole class
- they can feel embarrassed and upset walking into class late.



IF A CHILD ARRIVES 15 MINUTES LATE AT SCHOOL EACH DAY, THEY LOSE ALMOST 2 WEEKS OF LEARNING A YEAR.

The School's Education Welfare Officer inspects our registers every month and persistent lateness could result in a penalty notice issued by the Education Welfare Service.

HEALTH & SAFETY

During the icy weather, Mr Jordan our Premises Manager will continue to grit a pathway across the playgrounds. Please stay safe and follow the footpath.

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)	98.0%
Penguin (6B)	92.3%
Zebra (5A)	94.0%
Otters (5B)	91.7%
Rhinoceros (4A)	93.0%
Koala (4B)	100%
Orca (3A)	96.0%
Giraffe (3B)	93.3%
Toucan (2A)	94.0%
Flamingo (2B)	92.0%
Tiger (1A)	88.3%
Panda (1B)	96.2%
Lions (UF1)	90.4%
Lions (UF2)	93.8

Late Arrivals

29 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



Target 96%

This week 93.5%

Year so far 94.7%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Ramsden-Ward Class 4B who achieved 100% for week commencing 5th January 2026.

Attainment is linked to Attendance

At Hendl Primary School we are dedicated to ensuring that each child has 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)	Alex	Toucan (2A)	Noah
Leopard (6B)	Sara	Flamingo (2B)	David
Zebra (5A)	Isabella M	Tiger (1A)	Abbas
Otters (5B)	Alice	Panda (1B)	Eivanas
Rhinoceros (4A)	Jackson	Lions (UF1)	Emily
Koala (4B)	Max	Lions (UF2)	Teodors
Orca (3A)	Lucas M	Lion Cubs	Cassius
Giraffe (3B)	Charlie	Lion Cubs	Romy