



CHILDRENS VOICE

"We've been learning about Space".

Eliza - UF1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Thurs 12th Feb	Year 1 Aspire Chinese Craft Morning 9am-10am
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.

BEAT AUTISM

Thank you to the parents who attended the Beat Autism Workshop. We hope that you found this useful. We plan to have more sessions throughout the year and hope to see more parents joining us.

NHS HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES POLICY

The NHS have a few suggestions for Healthy Lunch Boxes. Children should eat at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables e.g. carrot sticks, cucumber, small apple or orange, banana, dried fruit, mini tomatoes. Meat, fish or other sources of non-dairy protein e.g. chicken, turkey, ham, beef, pork, tuna, lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas. A starchy food e.g. bread, pasta or rice, crackers, rice cakes, oat cakes, pitta bread, tortilla wraps. Dairy food e.g. milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais. A drink of water, fruit juice, milk, yoghurt drink or smoothie.

Our alternative suggestions to snacks

- Savoury crackers or breadsticks served with a dip.
- Vegetables and fruit.
- Low sugar cereal bars, sugar free jellies with fruit.
- Cakes and biscuits in moderation.

Can we remind parents that NO EGGS (e.g. Egg Mayonnaise, quiche etc), NUTS or nut products (including Nutella, Peanut Butter and chocolate spread) are allowed in School as we have children with severe allergies.

WELCOME TO WOW - THE WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Last Week Giraffe Class - 3B were the winners of the Walk To School Challenge with 77% of children walking to School and will be looking after our Strider Mascot this week.

SEND Parents and Carers Drop-in

Are you a parent or carer of a child with SEND?

Drop in at your local family hub

We offer a supportive environment for parents or carers of SEND children to relax and talk with others. There will be information regarding local services and advice on how to support your child. Sessions can be tailored to people's needs in the group and are run monthly at hubs across our district.

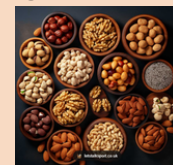
Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Free parking.

For more information please contact:

Stanley Family Hub: 01924 303161, Castle Family Hub: 01924 303376, Sunbeam Family Hub: 01924 302333

MEDICAL REMINDER - LUNCHBOXES

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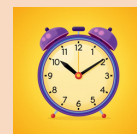
YEAR 5 VISIT TO ARMLEY MILLS

As part of the History curriculum the children had the opportunity to experience what life was like for a Victorian child. The children sat in a Victorian classroom and had some lessons. They also had the chance to look at the machinery that they would have worked on if they had been born in that era.

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.

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)	92.3%
Leopard (6B)	91.0%
Zebra (5A)	96.3%
Otters (5B)	95.0%
Rhinoceros (4A)	95.2%
Koala (4B)	93.8%
Orca (3A)	89.7%
Giraffe (3B)	93.7%
Toucan (2A)	96.0%
Flamingo (2B)	94.0%
Tiger (1A)	92.1%
Panda (1B)	94.0%
Lions (UF1)	94.0%
Lions (UF2)	92.3%

Late Arrivals

24 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
94.6%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 12th 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)	Hatib	Toucan (2A)	Noah
Leopard (6B)	Katalea	Flamingo (2B)	Archie
Zebra (5A)	Whole Class	Tiger (1A)	Phoebe
Otters (5B)	Whole Class	Panda (1B)	Grace
Rhinoceros (4A)	Ellie	Lions (UF1)	Kyra
Koala (4B)	Joshua K	Lions (UF2)	Ella-Rose
Orca (3A)	Austeja	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Karo	Lion Cubs	Whole Class