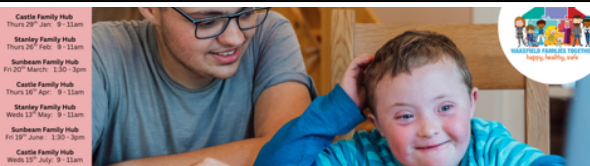


**CHILDRENS VOICE**

"We've been learning about stars, they shine very bright".
Oonagh - UF2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**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 303181, Castle Family Hub: 01924 303376, Sunbeam Family Hub: 01924 302333

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.

ATTENDANCE

Polite Reminder that if your child is absent, could you please leave a phone message or speak to a member of the office staff. We will contact you that morning if your child is absent, as we are required to follow "First Day Response" procedures. The Educational Welfare Officer will follow up repeated or unexplained absences.

Is Your Child Too Ill For School?

We are now following NHS Guidance on minor illnesses. We will be unauthorising absences the NHS deem children can attend School with. Please see the attached link with further information.

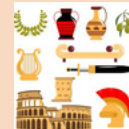
[Is your child too ill for School](#)

Year 4 Bradford Hindu Temple

Year 4 visited Bradford Hindu Temple as part of their learning about Hinduism. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Visits to places of worship help children to understand, respect and be tolerant of others beliefs.

**Year 3 Castleford Museum Trip**

On Monday Year 3 visited Castleford Museum as part of their learning about Romans unit of work. The children enjoyed exploring artefacts that were over 2,000 years old. The children were learning about Roman life in Castleford.

**Reading At Home**

Please can parents and carers support your child to read at home throughout the week. This can be 5 or 10 minutes each day, as School recognise the impact on children who read at home. Some children enjoy reading before School, whilst other families find this easier to fit in after School. Travelling on the bus or in the car is another good opportunity to listen to your child read.

**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. Koala Class - 4B came a very close second with 76%. Walking to School is a great way to start the School day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL VISIT

Last Wednesday our School Council visited the Majors Parlour. Miss Stone reports that the children asked some thoughtful questions and were excellent role models for the School.

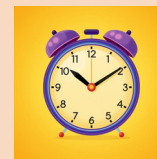
Oracy Day - Tuesday 27th January 2026

We are currently working with Voice21 to deliver a structured Oracy Education, to transform learning and life chances for all pupils through talk. Yesterday, we had a visit from a Voice21 colleague who spent the day visiting lessons and talking to pupils about Oracy. The feedback was very positive.

PUNCTUALITY

Did you know if your child arrives 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.

Designated Safeguarding Leads - Mrs K Ashton (Headteacher), Mr D Benson (Deputy Headteacher),

Mrs R Knowles (Assistant Head Teacher, SENCO & Early Years Foundation Leader), Mrs R Bentham (Teacher), Miss A Walsh (Learning Mentor Safeguarding), 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)	97.3%
Leopard (6B)	97.5%
Zebra (5A)	94.6%
Otters (5B)	94.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	97.7%
Koala (4B)	94.7%
Orca (3A)	86.3%
Giraffe (3B)	93.3%
Toucan (2A)	98%
Flamingo (2B)	95.5%
Tiger (1A)	92.1%
Panda (1B)	91.7%
Lions (UF1)	88.4%
Lions (UF2)	94.1%

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
94%

Year so far
94.7%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 19th 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)	Farrah	Toucan (2A)	Elijas
Leopard (6B)	Priya	Flamingo (2B)	Louie T
Zebra (5A)	Deena	Tiger (1A)	Elliott
Otters (5B)	Arrabella	Panda (1B)	Areeba
Rhinoceros (4A)	Hevi	Lions (UF1)	Jayden
Koala (4B)	Rowan	Lions (UF2)	Sofia
Orca (3A)	Octavia	Lion Cubs	Lola W
Giraffe (3B)	Nylah-Anne	Lion Cubs	George