

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"We've been learning about the Chinese New Year, and about the Year of the Dragon".

Ivy - 1A

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
Mon 2nd Mar	Class 1A Parents Evening
Tues 3rd Mar	Rec - Year 5 Parents Evening
Thurs 5th Mar	Rec - Year 5 Parents Evening & Class 1A
Mon 9th Mar	Science Week
Fri 27th Mar	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
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

School closes on Friday 13th February 2026 and opens on Tuesday 24th February 2026

YEAR 6 - SATS WEEK MONDAY 11TH - 15TH MAY 2026
As you know term time holidays are not authorised. Please do not book any holidays or appointments during SAT's week Monday 11th - 15th 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.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'This Is My Place'. This initiative aims to highlight the importance of belonging and nurturing environments for children's well being. #Belong, Aspire, Achieve



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Next week in line with Safer Internet Day we will be sharing some important information on how to keep your child safe online. Watch out for our emails.



ENGLISH ASSEMBLY

Yesterday some pupils from Year 3 and 4 shared their writing. There were some great use of fronted adverbials and amazing adjectives. Children had thought about how the characters were feeling and could show this through their writing.

Year 6 are top of the Reading Plus Leaderboard and Tioluwani from 6A has read the most words - 166,563.

YOUNG VOICES CHOIR 2026

Our Young Voices Choir had an amazing experience at Sheffield Arena on Wednesday 28th January 2026, when we took part in the Young Voices Choir 2026. We were part of a choir of over 5,100 children. Our Children had an unforgettable experience where they discovered their voices, gained confidence and created lasting memories. A big thank you to Mrs Bentham for her organisation and for coordinating the event and to Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Knowles for supervising the children. We are thrilled to offer this experience to our children.



LUNAR NEW YEAR THEMED LUNCH - MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

We are holding a whole school themed dinner day, on Monday 9 February 2026. Please log on and choose:

Cantonese Sweet and Sour Chicken, Sweet and Sour Vegetables with a side order of Egg Noodles or Coconut Rice, filled Jacket Potatoes, Sandwiches, Tomato Pasta & Golden Apple Fortune Muffin

FICTION FEBRUARY

Following the success of our Non Fiction November Initiative, our Reading Leaders would like to launch Fiction February. We will be promoting some brand new graphic novels in every class, to get the children excited about reading.

YEAR 1 Chinese New Year Fun Day Wednesday 12th February

This afternoon Parents and Carers have been invited to join us in class for some Chinese crafts. On Thursday 12th February the children can come to School in red or gold (non uniform) to celebrate Chinese New Year.

BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Huge congratulations to our boys football team who returned as winners from the Wakefield Football Centre, after playing 5 games.

Reception to Year 5 Parents Evening

Please book your Parents Consultation on ParentMail when it goes live on Friday 6th February 2026.



NON UNIFORM DAY WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

We will be having a Non Uniform Day for Age UK where you can give a voluntary contribution of £1.00 to help reduce loneliness in the community.



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)	94%
Leopard (6B)	92.1%
Zebra (5A)	90.6%
Otters (5B)	93.6%
Rhinoceros (4A)	90.9%
Koala (4B)	90%
Orca (3A)	89.6%
Giraffe (3B)	95.6%
Toucan (2A)	93.5%
Flamingo (2B)	92%
Tiger (1A)	95%
Panda (1B)	91.7%
Lions (UF1)	84.6%
Lions (UF2)	91.3%

Late Arrivals

19 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
91.8%

Year so
far
94.6%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 26th 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)	Luke	Toucan (2A)	Freddie
Leopard (6B)	Joey	Flamingo (2B)	Hailey
Zebra (5A)	Ava D	Tiger (1A)	Isla-Rose
Otters (5B)	Amy	Panda (1B)	Harry
Rhinoceros (4A)	Kobyn	Lions (UF1)	Laurynas
Koala (4B)	Harlie	Lions (UF2)	Haniya
Orca (3A)	Maisie	Lion Cubs	Joshua
Giraffe (3B)	Martha	Lion Cubs	Archie