

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"We've been learning about the Chinese Story 'Nian', a beast that comes out at Lunar New Year".
Ribbon - 1B

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

SAFEGUARDING

Please can we share the following information - Sandal Castle Family Hub is our local family service centre. If you have any concerns, they are there to support families in the local area.

WFTCastleFamilyHub@wakefield.gov.uk 01924 303376



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 children will take part in an assembly in their classroom. The theme this year is 'This Is My Place', which is based around having a sense of belonging and helping others feel like they belong. #Belong, Aspire, Achieve



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Today children had an assembly led by Mrs Bentham on "Smart tech, safe choices". Children are taught how to stay safe online at the beginning of every computing lesson.



A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you for all your support last Friday with the staggered closure. The maintenance has now been completed.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Watch out for our emails this week advertising what is going on during half term in and around Wakefield.

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. This is our chosen charity for the year.



DODGEBALL COMPETITION

Huge congratulations to our Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball Team who came second against six teams at Kettlethorpe High School.

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 Thursday 12th February

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.



GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Huge congratulations to our girls football team who played exceptionally well at Wakefield Football Centre. The girls came third overall.



EYFS SPACE EXPEDITION

Parents/Carers are invited to a Space Expedition on Thursday 12th February. UF1 - 9.15 am and UF2 - 2pm



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 - aspiers@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)	95.3%
Leopard (6B)	95.9%
Zebra (5A)	91.6%
Otters (5B)	90%
Rhinoceros (4A)	98.2%
Koala (4B)	88.5%
Orca (3A)	92.6%
Giraffe (3B)	95.3%
Toucan (2A)	94%
Flamingo (2B)	97.5%
Tiger (1A)	92.1%
Panda (1B)	95.5%
Lions (UF1)	93.6%
Lions (UF2)	87.1%

Late Arrivals

31 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
93.4%

Year so
far
94.4%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 2nd February 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)	Tio	Toucan (2A)	Joel
Leopard (6B)	Paris	Flamingo (2B)	Ebony
Zebra (5A)	Damon	Tiger (1A)	Shahira
Otters (5B)	Kian	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Aliyah	Lions (UF1)	Myla-Rose
Koala (4B)	Naomi	Lions (UF2)	Sally
Orca (3A)	Flourish	Lion Cubs	Reggie
Giraffe (3B)	Cora	Lion Cubs	Sophia