

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"I enjoyed looking at the sculptures at the Hepworth Gallery on our trip".
Adela - 2A

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Mon 9th Mar	Y3 Chocolate Workshop
Thurs 12th Mar	Y5 National Coal Mining Museum
Thurs 19th Mar	Y1 Cannon Hall Farm
Thurs 26th Mar	Y4 Ancient Greek Workshop
29th Apr	Year 4 Residential
w/c Mon 11th Mar	Year 6 SAT's Week
Fri 27th Mar	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 16th Mar	Inset Day
Fri 22nd May	Inset Day
Mon 1st Jun	Inset Day
Mon 20th Jul	Inset Day

EASTER RAFFLE

We are having an Easter Hamper Raffle. Tickets will be going home with your child this week. Please remember to return your tickets back to School along with £1 per ticket to win an amazing Hamper. This year all money raised will be going to Age UK Wakefield Branch.



Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely break.

SAFEGUARDING

Although the days are gradually getting lighter, please can families be vigilant when walking to and from school. Some safety measure include:

- Ensure your child knows how to cross the road safely
- Discuss what to do if they feel unsafe or if a stranger approaches.

YEAR 5 VISIT TO WAKEFIELD TRINITY

Year 5 went to Wakefield Trinity to take part in the 'Barney and Echo Roadshow'. The children took part in some engaging activities to promote mindfulness, self esteem and emotional wellbeing. One of the key messages from the day was that we believe that mental health is just as important as physical health.

YEAR 2 VISIT TO THE HEPWORTH GALLERY

Year 2 visited The Hepworth Art Gallery as part of their learning about Barbara Hepworth. The children enjoyed taking part in a clay workshop and had a walk around the gallery and chose a sculpture to draw. The children were exceptionally well behaved.

EASTER 100% ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Attend School everyday until the Easter Holidays, to be entered into a free prize draw to win a chocolate hamper!

YEAR 1 Chinese New Year Aspire Day

After a busy morning making arts and crafts with their parents, the children enjoyed a Chinese New Year party where they got to taste some traditional chinese food, listened to music and took part in a dragon dance. Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to attend the aspire workshop.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is in School from Tuesday 17th March until Friday 20th March from 3.15 pm. You can collect your child from their classroom door and them come back to the Fair via the brown hall door on the KS1 playground. Come and have a browse and see what wonderful books there are on offer. Don't forget you can use your World Book Day vouchers too!



EYFS SPACE EXPEDITION

EYFS invited parents in to their Space Expedition, where children were able to showcase their work. The children even got to show their moon walking activity. Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to attend.



Lunchtime Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Assistant for 1 hour per day. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Galley or Mrs Bromley in the School Office for an application and more details.

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026

This year Years 4, 5 and 6 are taking part in a "footy and booky" workshop. Therefore all children across School can come to School in football or sports kits or dressed as a book character. Our Reading Leaders will be delivering an exciting assembly to promote reading for pleasure.



Mrs K Ashton (Headteacher), Mr D Benson (Deputy Headteacher),

Mrs R Knowles (Assistant Head Teacher, SENCO & Early Years Foundation Leader), Mrs R Benthall (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)	95.7%
Leopard (6B)	91%
Zebra (5A)	95.3%
Otters (5B)	88%
Rhinoceros (4A)	87%
Koala (4B)	92%
Orca (3A)	94%
Giraffe (3B)	100%
Toucan (2A)	93%
Flamingo (2B)	92%
Tiger (1A)	84.4%
Panda (1B)	94.6%
Lions (UF1)	89%
Lions (UF2)	93.1%

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
91.7%

Year so
far
94.13%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Ashton/Mrs Bentham's Class 3B who achieved 100% for week commencing Monday 9th February 2026. Children can come in non uniform on Friday 26th 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)	Mason	Toucan (2A)	Whole Class
Leopard (6B)	Denis	Flamingo (2B)	Ebony
Zebra (5A)	Whole Class	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Joshua	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Leonardas
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Lily
Orca (3A)	Vinny	Lion Cubs	Anastasia
Giraffe (3B)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Satang-Kumba