

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"We are learning about questions, statements and commands in writing".
Ebony - 2B

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Mon 16th Mar	INSET DAY
Thurs 19th Mar	Y1 Cannon Hall Farm
Thurs 26th Mar	Y4 Ancient Greek Workshop
Thurs 26th Mar	Non Uniform - Wear Purple
Fri 27th Mar	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 27th Apr	Class Photographs
29th Apr	Year 4 Residential
w/c Mon 11th May	Year 6 SAT's Week
Thurs 21st May	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Fri 22nd May	INSET DAY
Mon 1st Jun	INSET DAY

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026 NON UNIFORM DAY - WEAR PURPLE

We are having a non uniform day on Thursday 26th March to raise awareness of epilepsy.

EASTER RAFFLE

Please remember to return your tickets back to School along with £1 per ticket to win an amazing Hamper.



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.

Please find attached online safety information.

SCIENCE WEEK MONDAY 9TH MARCH - 13TH MARCH 2026

Next week is British Science Week and this year's theme is "Curiosity". Your child will take part in extra Science lessons throughout the week. Children will be encouraged to ask lots of questions and learn why it is important to challenge scientifically. We will be having our annual showcase at the end of the week and creating a wonderwall display. At Hendal Primary School we are curious!

British Science Week



CROSS COUNTRY EVENT AT TEMPLE NEWSAM

Yesterday Darcey, Lillian and Spencer represented Hendal Primary School in the Regional West Yorkshire Cross Country Event at Temple Newsam. The children showed determination and resilience to complete their race and we are very proud of them.



The Wakefield Hospice 1K Fun Run

The Wakefield Hospice 1K Fun Run is a family friendly event taking place on Sunday 22nd March 2026 at 10.30 am in Thornes Park. It costs £5 per child which includes a medal).



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 then come back to the Fair via the 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!



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.



A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you for your kind donations for last week's non uniform day. We raised £268.25 for Age UK - Wakefield Branch, which will go towards reducing loneliness in the community.



ENGLISH ASSEMBLY

Yesterday Year 1 and 2 children shared their work with the whole School. There were fantastic examples of neat handwriting and excellent letter formation. There were some great examples of conjunction and adverbs being used as well as capital letters, full stops and apostrophes all used correctly.

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)	93.8%
Leopard (6B)	100%
Zebra (5A)	96.7%
Otters (5B)	96.7%
Rhinoceros (4A)	96.7%
Koala (4B)	100%
Orca (3A)	94.6%
Giraffe (3B)	93.8%
Toucan (2A)	98.7%
Flamingo (2B)	88.8%
Tiger (1A)	94.6%
Panda (1B)	96.2%
Lions (UF1)	95.4%
Lions (UF2)	91.5%

Late Arrivals

17 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 Hendal Primary School

Attendance Ladder



Target 96%

This week 95.5%

Year so far 94.3%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Fisher's/Mrs Ramsden-Ward's Class 4B and Miss Young's Class 6B who achieved 100% for week commencing Monday 23rd February 2026. Children can come in non uniform on Friday 6th March 2026.

Attainment is linked to Attendance

At Hendal 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)	Leighton	Toucan (2A)	Louis T
Leopard (6B)	Jack	Flamingo (2B)	Danil
Zebra (5A)	Bella	Tiger (1A)	Riley
Otters (5B)	Inara	Panda (1B)	Harrison
Rhinoceros (4A)	Ezra	Lions (UF1)	Frankie
Koala (4B)	Adrion	Lions (UF2)	Isaac
Orca (3A)	Lena	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Arthur	Lion Cubs	Whole Class