

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"In English we've been writing about narrative poems that tell a story".
Arthur - 3B

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 19th Mar	Y1 Cannon Hall Farm
Thurs 26th Mar	Non Uniform Day - Wear Purple
Thurs 26th Mar	Y4 Ancient Greek Workshop
Fri 27th Mar	Easter Assemblies
Fri 27th Mar	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 13th Apr	School Re-opens
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

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).

ORACY CHAMMPIONS

We are currently in the second year of our Voice21 membership. It is our ambition to deliver a "Oracy Education" to transform learning and life chances for all pupils through talk. During Monday's Inset Day, teachers worked together to plan opportunities for children to access high quality exploratory talk opportunities across the curriculum. Each class has established their discussion guidelines and are taking part in games and activities to strengthen their learning. All classes are embedding good listening strategies and we are beginning to use our exciting oracy strategies to learn and activate new vocabulary. Ask your child about this whole School priority.

EID MUMBARAK

We hope all our families have a lovely Eid



School Closes on Friday 27th March 2026

School Re-opens Monday 13th April 2026

SAFEGUARDING - LESS SCREEN TIME MORE PLAY TIME

50 Things are running a campaign for 'less screen time, more play time' to raise awareness of the detrimental effect screen time can have on children's development including eye health, mental health, obesity and sleep. Please take a look at the following link.

<https://50thingstodo.org/less-screen-time-more-play-time>

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS 20TH MARCH 2026 NON UNIFORM DAY - WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR

'International Day of Happiness, is on 20th of March 2026' and this year's theme is Happiness and Social Media.

Parents can download :
The FREE Action for Happiness app for iOS or Android which:
Gives you friendly nudges with an action idea each day.
Sends you inspiring messages to give you a boost
Helps you connect & share ideas with like-minded people

Podcasts are also available at:

[Podcasts | Action for Happiness](#)

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

Well done to all our children for taking part in British Science Week. We ended the week with our Science Showcase. Our children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the showcase and hearing about what other children had learnt in class. Thank you to our Science Leader, Miss Pickup for organising this.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is in School 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 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!

BOOK FAIR
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Year 6 Mock SAT's Week Monday 23rd March 2026

Nexk week we will have a Mock SAT's Week for Year 6 children. All Year 6 children are welcome to attend Breakfast Club from 8am for FREE. The reason we are having a Mock SAT's week is so children get to rehearse what will happen during SAT's, week commencing Monday 11th May. This will help to settle any nerves and help the children to practise working in exam conditions and to strict timings. It will also highlight any changes that need to be made to best support all our children in May 2026.



SCHOOL GOVERNORS WANTED

Are you interested in Education? Would you like to make a difference to the children at Hendal Primary School? Do you have a skillset such as business, management, finance or education? We would love to hear from you, working, not working or retired. We hold four meetings a year with a 6pm start and two review days where you get to spend time in School visiting classrooms and speaking to children about their learning. If you would like to register your interest about this exciting opportunity, please contact the School Office.

ADULT EDUCATION ASD COURSE

We are pleased to announce that we are hosting a five week course called 'Help Your Child Shine' - Understanding Autism and Behaviour Course. These sessions will be delivered at no cost for parents. Please contact the School Office to sign up for this exciting opportunity. The course will run on a Tuesday morning, starting on Tuesday 14th April, places are limited.

Year 5 National Coal Mining Museum

Last Thursday Year 5 visited The National Coal Mining Museum. The children enjoyed going back in time and learnt about the conditions that people had to work in. They enjoyed exploring the time tunnel to experience what it was like in the coal mines.

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

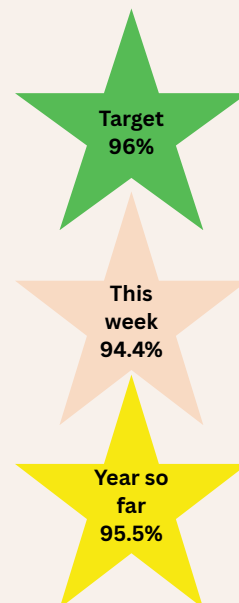
Together, we can change attendance culture, and improve the lives of our children and young people, creating a better world for the future.

Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	98%
Leopard (6B)	96.2%
Zebra (5A)	95.3%
Otters (5B)	95.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	99%
Koala (4B)	90%
Orca (3A)	93.7%
Giraffe (3B)	98.7%
Toucan (2A)	95%
Flamingo (2B)	95.7%
Tiger (1A)	97.5%
Panda (1B)	94.7%
Lions (UF1)	95.7%
Lions (UF2)	93.5%

Late Arrivals

21 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



100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 9th March 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)	Laityn	Toucan (2A)	Zachery
Leopard (6B)	Alfie S	Flamingo (2B)	Nellie
Zebra (5A)	Finlay	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Esme	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Ebony	Lions (UF1)	Eliyanah
Koala (4B)	Riley	Lions (UF2)	Olivia
Orca (3A)	Opal	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Theo	Lion Cubs	Whole Class