

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"In DT we made pitta bread and tzatziki as part of our Greek Project".
Ebony - 4A

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

EPILEPSY DAY THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

Tomorrow children can wear Purple. Purple day is the International Epilepsy Awareness Day and is held annually on 26th March to increase understanding, reduce stigma and support those affected.



School Uniform

As the weather begins to warm up, summer uniforms and can be worn after the holidays. Blue and white gingham dresses or grey shorts can be worn with white, grey or black socks with black shoes. No trainers to be worn. We are very proud of our School uniform and our children always look very smart.

Easter Assemblies

Our Easter Assemblies will take place on the following:

Years 1, 2 & 3 at 1.30 pm on Friday 27th March
Years 4, 5, & 6 at 2.15 pm on Friday 27th March

DON'T FORGET YOUR TICKETS

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>

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 form and more details.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you for your recent purchases from our Scholastics Book Fair. The School have received £185.44 commission to spend on new books for our wonderful library.



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 1 Cannon Hall Farm Visit

Year 1 had a wonderful day last Thursday visiting Cannon Hall Farm. The children observed the animals and found out all about the history of farms. The sun was shining and the children were exceptionally well behaved.



NFL (National Football League)

As a School we are involved in a NFL Competition. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to try a new sport and learn the rules of the game. Tomorrow, Mr Benson and Mr Swift are taking 13 children to take part in the first round of the tournament, if they are successful after regional and national competitions there is an amazing opportunity to travel to America, the home of the NFL.



Dr Bike Tuesday 21st April 2026

On Tuesday 21st April we are hosting a Dr Bike Event at Hendal Primary School. This is an opportunity for anyone in School to get their bike fixed in School for FREE. If you are interested in this, please sign the letter which is going home today.



Breakfast and After School Clubs

Please can you make sure that your child is booked on in advance for Breakfast and After School Clubs. We MUST ensure that we have the correct ratios to staff to children and late bookings may result in places not being made available.

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 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)	90.8%
Leopard (6B)	94%
Zebra (5A)	94.2%
Otters (5B)	95%
Rhinoceros (4A)	95.4%
Koala (4B)	97.6%
Orca (3A)	92.5%
Giraffe (3B)	100%
Toucan (2A)	96.3%
Flamingo (2B)	98.8%
Tiger (1A)	96.4%
Panda (1B)	90%
Lions (UF1)	96.2%
Lions (UF2)	78.1%

Late Arrivals

14 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
94%

Year so far
94.4%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Ashton and Mrs Bentham's Class 3B who achieved 100% for week commencing Monday 16th March 2026. Children came to School today in non uniform.

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)	Amelie	Toucan (2A)	Hermione
Leopard (6B)	Ava	Flamingo (2B)	Luca
Zebra (5A)	Sunny	Tiger (1A)	Stefan
Otters (5B)	Darcey	Panda (1B)	Thomas
Rhinoceros (4A)	Hani	Lions (UF1)	Eliza
Koala (4B)	Harley	Lions (UF2)	Teddy
Orca (3A)	Aradhika	Lion Cubs	Daniel
Giraffe (3B)	George H	Lion Cubs	Maple