

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"I really love learning about fractions in Maths"
Flourish - 3A

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 9th Mar	Science Week
Thurs 12th Mar	Y5 National Coal Mining Museum
Mon 16th Mar	INSET DAY
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 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

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to all those parents who attended parents evening last week. It is really important that we work in partnership, so your child can achieve/exceed their potential.

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!



School Closed Inset Day Monday 16th March 2026
School Re-opens Tuesday 17th March 2026

SAFEGUARDING SAFER SLEEP

SAFER SLEEP - It's lovely to have your baby with you for a cuddle or a feed, but it's safest to put them back in their cot before you go to sleep. The safest place for your baby to sleep for the first 6 months is in a cot, lying on their back, in the same room as you.

NATIONAL WORLD SLEEP DAY - FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026 - World Sleep Day is an annual awareness event that highlights the importance of healthy sleep. The theme for 2026 is "Sleep Well, Live Better", recognising that good sleep is essential for our physical and mental health. For children and young people, sleep plays a vital role in mental health, concentration, behaviour and emotional regulation. When sleep is disrupted or insufficient, it can make every day challenges feel much harder to manage.

BED POVERTY - ZARACH THE CHILDREN'S BED CHARITY - Their mission is to end child bed poverty - helping children to get a good nights sleep and the chance to thrive at School. If you or you know somebody who needs a children's bed, please contact 0300 1020115 or email info@Zarach.org

ONLINE SAFETY

Can we please share some online safety information with you.

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-ofcom-is-helping-children-to-be-safer-online-a-guide-for-parents>

Parents can take part on the GOV.Uk website called Growing up in the online world: a national consultation. It is consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future, in an age of rapid technological change. The consultation closes on 26 May 2026

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

SCIENCE WEEK MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2026

This 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!



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 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!



ASDA HEROS

Our Asda Heros are extremely busy raising awareness about loneliness in the community. Their most recent challenge is to help to re-design the children's library at Standbridge Community Centre.

Year 3 Chocolate Workshop

On Monday Year 3 took part in a chocolate workshop as part of their learning 'Where does our food come from'. The children found out how chocolate was made and followed the process of 'bean to bar' they also got to make their own chocolate lolly.

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026 NON UNIFORM DAYWEAR PURPLE

We are having a non uniform day on Thursday 26th March to raise awareness of epilepsy. Epilepsy is a chronic neurological disorder that affects children in our community and School.

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

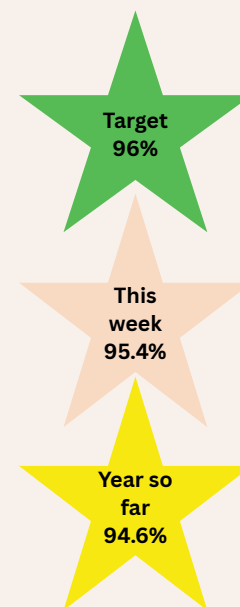
Together, we can change attendance culture, and improve the lives of our children and young people, creating a better world for the future.

Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	73.3%
Leopard (6B)	98.3%
Zebra (5A)	95.3%
Otters (5B)	94.7%
Rhinoceros (4A)	97.8%
Koala (4B)	91.4%
Orca (3A)	90.7%
Giraffe (3B)	90%
Toucan (2A)	97%
Flamingo (2B)	96.7%
Tiger (1A)	96%
Panda (1B)	95.3%
Lions (UF1)	100%
Lions (UF2)	95.3%

Late Arrivals

28 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

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Marshal's Class UF1 who achieved 100% for week commencing Monday 2nd March 2026. Children can come in non uniform on Friday 6th 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)	Esther	Toucan (2A)	Alice
Leopard (6B)	Brody	Flamingo (2B)	Azzaan
Zebra (5A)	Mateen	Tiger (1A)	Jenson
Otters (5B)	Serenity	Panda (1B)	Matilda
Rhinoceros (4A)	Kaelan	Lions (UF1)	Riley
Koala (4B)	Luna	Lions (UF2)	Grayson
Orca (3A)	Labiba	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Neive	Lion Cubs	Whole Class