

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"In Maths, we have been learning about decimals, we were adding them together to make a whole".
Erika - 4B

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 23rd Apr	St George's Day
Mon 27th Apr	Class Photographs
Tues 28th Apr	Year 3 Visit to Leeds City Museum
Wed 29th Apr	Year 2 Visit to National Emergency Vehicle Museum
Wed 29th Apr - Fri 1st May	Year 4 Residential
Thurs 7th May	Foundation Garden Party
w/c Mon 11th May	Year 6 SAT's Week
Tues 12th May	Governors Meeting
Mon 18th May	Walk To School Week
Wed 20th May	Coffee Morning WISENDSS
Thurs 21st May	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Fri 22nd May	INSET DAY
Mon 1st Jun	INSET DAY

ASDA HEREOS

Asda Heroes are wanting clothing donations as part of their ongoing Asda Heroes Project. This is also supporting AGE UK. We are asking for any clothing donations over the next 2 weeks. Please drop any donations into the School Office and our Asda Heroes will deliver this to our local Wakefield Branch.

Young Writers Competition

Last half term some Year 6 pupils entered a competition from the Young Writers Competition. They were asked to write a poem entitled "I Have A Dream". We are delighted to announce that some of our pupils will be having their work published. We can't wait to share this with you.



Summer Time

Welcome back to the Summer Term. This half term your child's unit of work will be:

- Nursery How Does Jasper's Garden Grow?
- EYFS How Can I Help Planet Earth?
- Year 1 What Is The Weather Like In The UK?
- Year 2 How Has Life Changed Since The Great Fire Of London?
- Year 3 Why Did The Anglo-Saxons Invade And What Made Them Stay?
- Year 4 What Are Rivers And How Are They Used?
- Year 5 What Was The Space Race And Who Won?
- Year 6 Where Is Egypt And What Are It's Geographical Features?



MAY DAY - On Monday 4th May School is closed. School opens on Tuesday 5th May as usual.

CLASS PHOTOS

The School photographer will be in School on Monday 27th April to take class photos. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct School uniform including their tie, so that the class photographs look smart. Thank you for your co-operation.

Epilepsy Awareness Day

Following on from our Purple Day, where we raised awareness of Epilepsy, I would like to share with you the following link, should you wish to donate.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/callum-trout-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL
We would like to wish Louie & Riley's Dad, Good Luck with his half marathon on 10th 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.



Year 4 Ancient Greek Workshop

On Thursday 26th March, Year 4 attended an Ancient Greek Workshop where they looked at artifacts from Greece. The children held their own Olympics and learnt about democracy. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.

Free Breakfast Club for Year 6 SATs Week 11th - 15th May 2026

Our Year 6 children are working extremely hard in preparation for their SATs. It is important that your child is in School on time during SATs week. We would like to invite all Year 6 children to Breakfast Club from 8.00 am that week, where breakfast will be available free of charge.

Easter Egg Hamper Raffle

Congratulations to Brody, Sophie, Ellie and Fearne, on winning one of our hampers. We raised £179.00, thank you to all who entered. We will be donating the money to Age UK Wakefield Branch.

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. Please sign and return the letter that went home before the holidays. Please speak to the School Office if you need a letter.



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 of staff to children and late bookings may result in places not being made available.

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)	91%
Leopard (6B)	91.7%
Zebra (5A)	92%
Otters (5B)	98%
Rhinoceros (4A)	98.6%
Koala (4B)	95.2%
Orca (3A)	93.7%
Giraffe (3B)	90.3%
Toucan (2A)	95%
Flamingo (2B)	94.3%
Tiger (1A)	92.1%
Panda (1B)	98.3%
Lions (UF1)	94.4%
Lions (UF2)	97.3%

Late Arrivals

23 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 94.2%

Year so far 94.4%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 23rd 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)	Whole Class	Toucan (2A)	Roebi
Leopard (6B)	Whole Class	Flamingo (2B)	Whole Class
Zebra (5A)	Whole Class	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Whole Class	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Whole Class
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Whole Class
Orca (3A)	Whole Class	Lion Cubs	Ruby
Giraffe (3B)	Rozya	Lion Cubs	Ayla