

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"In History we've been learning about Who Won The Space Race".
Harlo - 5A



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

St George's Day Thursday 23rd April 2026

If your child is a member of a uniformed group they can attend in their uniform tomorrow to celebrate St George's Day. This includes Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Girls and Boys Brigade.

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

CLASS PHOTOS - MONDAY 27TH APRIL 2026

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 children look smart on their class photographs.

Year 2 - Little Bikers

Last week Year 2 had two workshops from "Little Bikers". The children thoroughly enjoyed learning to ride their bikes on the playground. It was noted by the instructors how the children had improved by the end of the second session. Well done to all our Year 2 children for showing good co-ordination and resilience.

LITTLE BIKERS

Year 5 - Bike Friendly Schools

This week some of our Year 5 children have taken part in the "Bike Scheme". This included a rider assessment where they learn't how to be safe whilst riding their bikes. They then had a led ride to Pugney's which gave the children the opportunity to put their new skills into practise. Well done to all.

Chartwells - Friday 24th April 2026

On Friday a Chef from Chartwells is coming in to set up a free juice bar over lunchtime. Children can choose from a green, yellow or red smoothy drink to try. They are made with fruit/and or veg, oats and milk (vegan options too). This is a good way to support children getting more fruit and vegetables into their diets in a fun and tasty way. Ask your child if they tried one of our Healthy Juices.



Year 1 Poetry

Our wonderful Year 1 children were asked to write some Winter Poetry as part of the "Young Writers Competition". Some children will be having their work published in a book of poems and we are excited to receive our very own copy for School that we will proudly display in our Year 1 Library. We look forward to sharing this with parents.



ASDA HEREOS

Asda Heroes are asking for clothing donations as part of their ongoing Asda Heroes Project. This is in support of AGE UK. We are asking for any clothing donations over the next week to be dropped into the School Office and our Asda Heroes will deliver this to our local Wakefield Branch. Thank you

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.

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.

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.

Summer Fair - Mega Raffle

If you know of anyone who works for a local business who would like to kindly donate a prize, no matter how small, to our Mega Raffle, please contact the School Office. All donations of prizes will be greatly appreciated and help raise funds for 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 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)	93.7%
Leopard (6B)	98.6%
Zebra (5A)	94.3%
Otters (5B)	90.7%
Rhinoceros (4A)	90.9%
Koala (4B)	97.3%
Orca (3A)	89.3%
Giraffe (3B)	98.3%
Toucan (2A)	96%
Flamingo (2B)	95.2%
Tiger (1A)	97.6%
Panda (1B)	94.7%
Lions (UF1)	95.2%
Lions (UF2)	93.4%

Late Arrivals

31 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 94.6%

Year so far 94.6%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 13th April 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)	Lily A	Toucan (2A)	Willow
Leopard (6B)	Mika	Flamingo (2B)	Marlie
Zebra (5A)	Jacob P	Tiger (1A)	Alex
Otters (5B)	Charlotte	Panda (1B)	Emilia
Rhinoceros (4A)	Caleb	Lions (UF1)	Freddie
Koala (4B)	Robyn	Lions (UF2)	Grayson
Orca (3A)	Liyana	Lion Cubs	Louis
Giraffe (3B)	Ruby-Jo	Lion Cubs	Bridie