

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"We've been learning about subtracting mixed number fractions in Maths".
Hatib - 6A

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c Mon 11th May	Year 6 SAT's Week
Tues 12th May	Governors Meeting
Thurs 14th May	Foundation Garden Party
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

Year 4 Cober Hill Visit

Last week some of our Year 4 children had a wonderful time at Cober Hill near Scarborough. The children visited the Sealife Centre where they watched the seals catching fish for their dinner. They had a wonderful day at the beach, playing on the sand, paddling in the sea and visiting the Royal National Institute of Lifeboats Centre. The day ended with an icecream and open top bus ride. The children were exceptionally well behaved and this experience will have helped support children's independence and built their confidence. Well done to the children who remained at School and worked hard with their learning. Thank you to all the staff who made these invaluable experiences possible.



NURSERY CLOSURE ELECTION DAY THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2026

Don't forget to cast your vote to make a difference for yourself and your family.

School will remain open on Thursday 7th April, voting will take place in our Nursery Classroom accessed by the separate Nursery Entrance. All children are to attend School on this day except NURSERY Children.

Drop Off and Collection - Safeguarding

Please can we ask that you leave the playground promptly when you have dropped off your child on a morning and collected them in an afternoon. This is so that the gates can be locked quickly, to ensure that our PE lessons and After School Clubs can start on time. On a morning gates will open at 8.40 am and close at 9.00am and gates will open at 3.05 pm and close at 3.30pm on an afternoon.

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 and we are very proud of them. 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.

Foundation Stage Garden Party Thursday 14th May 2026

Foundation stage parents are invited to our Garden Party.
10.00 am Upper Foundation 1 and Morning Nursery (30 hours children)
1.45pm Upper Foundation 2 and Afternoon Nursery (30 hours children)
There will be a Raffle, Crafts and Games. Donations for the Raffle would be welcome. Tickets are £2.50 per adult which includes a hot drink and a cone.

Don't forget to buy your ticket

50 DAY SUMMER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

There are 50 days of School left before the summer holidays in July. We challenge you to attend everyday, so that your child will be entered into our Free Key Stage Raffle to win a summer hamper to start your summer holidays in style. Our current School Attendance Target is 96%. Please help us to improve our attendance by sending your child to School everyday. Thank you for your support.

After School Today Wednesday 6th May 2026

Inara and Sereena will be running a pop up bakery today outside Class 5B. They will be selling a selection of cakes and buns. The slices of cake will be £2.00 and the buns will be priced at £1.00. All money raised will be going to the PDSA Animal Charity. Any allergies please let us know. Thank you

Year 2 Visit to The National Emergency Services Museum

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to The National Emergency Services Museum. The children were excited to explore the emergency vehicles and look at different artefacts from the past and present. The children took part in a workshop with Jane, the Maid of Samuel Pepys, to learn all about the Great Fire of London and how fire fighting has changed since this event. It was a fantastic day!

SUMMER FAIR WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2026

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT ONCE AGAIN!

We are very excited to announce that we are going to be holding our Summer Fair on Wednesday 8th July 2026.

We desperately need donations of unwanted gifts, teddies, bottles of wine, chocolate and new or nearly new items for our tombolla stall. Please have a short out and send into School anything you can.

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 much needed 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 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)	94.7%
Leopard (6B)	94.7%
Zebra (5A)	93.0%
Otters (5B)	94.7%
Rhinoceros (4A)	94.5%
Koala (4B)	97.3%
Orca (3A)	94.3%
Giraffe (3B)	98.0%
Toucan (2A)	92.0%
Flamingo (2B)	85.7%
Tiger (1A)	96.9%
Panda (1B)	100%
Lions (UF1)	100%
Lions (UF2)	89.3%

Late Arrivals

17 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

Attendance Ladder



Target 96%

This week 94.5%

Year so far 94.8%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Pickup's Class 1B and Mrs Marshall's Class Upper Foundation 1, who achieved 100% for week commencing Monday 27th April 2026. Children can come in non uniform on Friday 8th May 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)	Farnia	Toucan (2A)	Nancie
Leopard (6B)	Abigail	Flamingo (2B)	Theo
Zebra (5A)	Kian G	Tiger (1A)	Oakley
Otters (5B)	Sereena	Panda (1B)	Eryn
Rhinoceros (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Eliza
Koala (4B)	Whole Class	Lions (UF2)	Jackson
Orca (3A)	Braxton	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Morgan	Lion Cubs	Whole Class