

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"We've been learning about taking care of the world".
Kyra - UF1

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Tues 2nd Jun	BACK TO SCHOOL
Mon 22nd Jun	KS2 Sports Day at 9.30 am
Thurs 25th Jun	Reception & KS1 Sports at 9.30 am

Well Done Year 6

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who completed 6 SATs papers last week. The children worked incredibly hard on the run up to the SATs tests, with extra daily revision and booster classes which were extremely well attended. They remained motivated and determined throughout the Spring Term. We have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for them for the rest of the Summer Term.

Adult Learning/Parents Sessions

Thank you to all the parents for your commitment in attending this five week course. We hope that it will benefit you and your family now and in the future.

Eventbrite Session - Monday 1st June 5.30pm-6.30pm

If you're a parent or carer of a child aged 5 to 10, please join online and share your thoughts on what children and families need from their Family Hub. Please use the link below to book a place:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/children-aged-5-to-10-years-what-do-they-want-from-their-family-hub-tickets-1988893601301>



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We break up for the Spring Bank Holiday on Thursday 21st May as Friday 22nd May is an INSET DAY. Monday 1st June is an INSET Day and School opens again on Tuesday 2nd June 2026.

Funding The Future Of Girls & Young Women's Mental Health For Young Lives

Girls and young women's mental health has been deteriorating at a faster rate compared to boys and young men. At the same time, increasing numbers of girls are absent from School, which can have devastating, long-lasting consequences. Please see attached link:

<https://www.centreforyounglives.org.uk/news-centre/funding-the-future-of-girls-and-young-womens-mental-health>

Walk To School Week

This week is Walk To School Week, which is a UK wide initiative to promote children and families walking to School. This is a great way to start the day. Here are our results for class of the month. First place is Class 4B with 77%, second place is Class 1A with 70%, third place is Class 3B with 69%, fourth place is Class 6B with 64%. A big well done to all who are participating in walking to School Week.

Free Cycling Events in Wakefield

Cycling Taster Day - Thornes Park Stadium Wednesday 27th May 10:00 - 15:00
An opportunity for children & families, including those with additional needs, to have a go at cycling in a safe, secure environment. Cycle, helmets & inclusive equipment will be provided. Along with the bikes & equipment there will be 2 skills courses, a music making machine, Bike Dr & BikeRegister stand - for those who bring their own bikes. There will also be guided gentle rides around the park for those who are feeling more confident.

Childrens Cycle Skills Sessions

On the last Thursday of every month between April & August at Pugneys Country Park between 5pm & 6pm. Own bike & helmet required.
Meet outside the café/hub.

SUMMER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

There are 35 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.

Foundation Stage Garden Party Thursday 14th May 2026

All the parents, grandparents and children had a fantastic time at our Foundation Stage Garden Party. A big thank you to everyone who attended. We raised a fantastic £1,240.82 to spend on new classroom resources to support children learning through play. Thank you for your ongoing support.

School Council Uniform Project

Our School Council delivered an assesebly yesterday about the Uniform Project. This is a project to reduce waste and ensure children are wearing the correct uniform. The School Council are going to wash all our spare uniform after the holiday and will be available for families to take, or find previous lost property. This will include jumpers, shirts, coats, ties and PE kits. Watch out for more details.

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 sort out and send into School anything you can.

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 - aspiers@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)	98.3%
Leopard (6B)	95.3%
Zebra (5A)	92.3%
Otters (5B)	95.3%
Rhinoceros (4A)	98.2%
Koala (4B)	100%
Orca (3A)	93.4%
Giraffe (3B)	96%
Toucan (2A)	95%
Flamingo (2B)	92.4%
Tiger (1A)	95.2%
Panda (1B)	96.2%
Lions (UF1)	90%
Lions (UF2)	96.8%

Late Arrivals

27 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 95.3%

Year so far 94.5%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Ramsden-Ward's Class 4B, who achieved 100% for week commencing Tuesday 5th May 2026. Children can come in non uniform on Thursday 21st 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)	Whole Class	Toucan (2A)	Zama
Leopard (6B)	Whole Class	Flamingo (2B)	Daniel
Zebra (5A)	Jake	Tiger (1A)	Cillian
Otters (5B)	Leo	Panda (1B)	Summer
Rhinoceros (4A)	Kaelan	Lions (UF1)	Reenie
Koala (4B)	Lillian	Lions (UF2)	Sophia C
Orca (3A)	Lena	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Oliver	Lion Cubs	Whole Class