

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"In Oracy we have been working in trios and using talk tokens to take turns".
Rudy - 2A

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 27th Jun	Big Toddle
Tues 30th Jun	SEND Coffee Morning
Thurs 2nd Jul	Y6 Transition Day to KHS
w/c 6th Jul	National Sports Week
Tues 7th Jul	Governor Review Day
Wed 8th Jul	School Summer Fair
Tues 14th Jul	Open To View for Parents 3.15pm
Wed 15th Jul	Y6 Leavers Show
Thurs 16th Jul	Y6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
Fri 17th Jul	Last Day of Term, School Closes for Summer

Big Toddle Saturday 27th June 2026

Our annual Big Toddle will take place on Saturday 27th June at 10am at Pugneys, for children and families in Early Years. Please come along and join us, we are raising money for Barnardo's.



Womens Cricket World Cup T20

Last Wednesday our Year 5 children went to Headingley Cricket Ground to watch Australia vs Bangladesh. The children enjoyed this amazing opportunity and for many of them, it was their first time watching a National Team playing sport in a stadium.

Reception New Starters

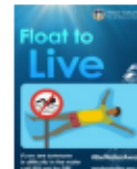
We are holding our new Reception Parents Meeting on Tuesday 30th June for our new families. We are looking forward to meeting with you and working together in September.

SLS Bus

Last week the School Library Service mobile bus came to visit. All children from Reception to Year 5 were able to hop on board to choose a library book that they can enjoy reading in class.

DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK SAFEGUARDING - WATER SAFETY

Please talk to your children about the importance of safety near water. Key messages to share with your children. When around water always go with family, children should not be tempted to enter the water as cold water can shock the body into closing down. Please remind your children to float like a star fish if they were to get into difficulty whilst in the water.



KS1/UFS (Reception - Year 2) SPORTS MORNING - THURSDAY 25TH JUNE AT 9AM CANCELLED

Due to the ongoing heat and parental concerns, the KS1/UFS (Reception - Year 2) sports morning planned for tomorrow is cancelled. We will be back in touch with you if we are able to re-arrange a new date. Thank you

National Sports Week - 6th July - 10th July 2026

This year National Sports Week takes place from 6th July - 10th July 2026. During this week children can wear their PE Kits/Sports Clothes all week.

SUMMER ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

There are 17 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.

International Chocolate Day - Non Uniform Friday 3rd July 2026

Linked to International Chocolate Day we are asking for a donation of chocolate for our Summer Fair chocolate stall. Children can come in non uniform on Friday 3rd July and bring their donation.



Year 6 Transition Days

Our Year 6 transition day at Kettlethorpe High School is Thursday 2nd July and St Thomas A Beckett transition days are Tuesday 30th June, Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July.

Year 4 Visit To The Yorvik Centre

Year 4 visited the Yorvik Centre last Thursday, which was linked to their Topic "The Vikings". The children learned about how the Vikings lived and then visited The Dig, where they took part in a workshop. The children had a enjoyable and memorable day.

Hendal Fest 2026

Our weekly Hendal Fest is currently underway. Mr Redmill, our inspiring Music Teacher, has organised four weekly musical performance events where children who are currently learning to play an instrument have an exciting chance to play in front of a live audience and their parents.

Summer Fair Mega Raffle

Don't forget to send your raffle tickets back with your child. We have some amazing prizes this year which include a signed Leeds United Football Shirt, Fire HD8 Kid Pro Tablet, £50 Love To Shop Voucher, Eureka Family Tickets, Yorkshire Sculpture Park Family Pass, Distillery Tour, Air Fryer, Utopia Voucher and Amazon Vouchers, plus many more.

Hendal Transition Days

This year our transition days are:
Thursday 2nd July, Thursday 9th July and Monday 13th July 2026
During these days your child will spend some time in their new class, where they will meet the teaching staff who will be with them next year.

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)	64.7%
Leopard (6B)	88.7%
Zebra (5A)	80%
Otters (5B)	94.7%
Rhinoceros (4A)	93%
Koala (4B)	94.5%
Orca (3A)	94.8%
Giraffe (3B)	96.7%
Toucan (2A)	99%
Flamingo (2B)	87.6%
Tiger (1A)	93.8%
Panda (1B)	95.5%
Lions (UF1)	94.1%
Lions (UF2)	91.4%

Late Arrivals

12 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 92.8%

Year so far 94.3%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 15th June 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)	Louis
Leopard (6B)	Noah B	Flamingo (2B)	Martha
Zebra (5A)	Matas	Tiger (1A)	Riley
Otters (5B)	Whole Class	Panda (1B)	Noah
Rhinoceros (4A)	Whole Class	Lions (UF1)	Myla
Koala (4B)	Nyla	Lions (UF2)	Amelia
Orca (3A)	Frankie	Lion Cubs	Jasmine
Giraffe (3B)	Darcie	Lion Cubs	Parker