



NEWSLETTER

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CHILDRENS VOICE

"We've been singing about the Rainbow".

Henry - Nursery

SAFEGUARDING & MEDICAL

We would like to inform you that ALL staff are completing our Safeguarding Awareness training and our Safer Working Practice training over the next two weeks. Staff also trained on Asthma and Anaphylaxis and how to administer a EpiPen. Some staff received Diabetes training. We are very proud to be an Asthma Friendly School.

PARKING

I would like to express my concerns once again around parents parking around the School parameter. Please do not park on Humley Road, blocking residents driveways. May I remind you of the following parking laws from the Highway Code. According to Rule 243 of the Highway Code you must not stop or park "in front of an entrance to a property". So under highway law it is illegal to obstruct a private entrance. Please consider parking further away from School and walking a short distance to ensure our children can leave School and return home safely each day. Thank you for your co-operation. **A very unhappy neighbour is reporting all vehicles parked illegally to the Police.**

The OFFICIAL
HIGHWAY
CODE

RECEPTION CHILDREN

Our Reception children are now attending full time after a week of transition. They are enjoying making new friends and getting to know their teachers. They have settled into the new routines quickly and we are extremely impressed with their enthusiasm for learning new things. Our classrooms are calm and productive. Well done Lion Class and staff. We look forward to an exciting half term, learning through our unit of work 'What Makes Me Marvellous', with lots of opportunities to play in our wonderful indoor and outdoor learning environments.

IMPORTANT SAFETY

We have some important information from West Yorkshire Police to raise awareness among pupils, parents and staff regarding the legal status and safety concerns surrounding the use of electric scooters (e-scooters) on public highways. **Electric scooters can only be ridden on private land that you own, riding an e-scooter on public paths, parks, roads and fields is illegal.**

Individuals found riding e-scooters, illegally, may face:

- Fines up to £300
- Six penalty points on their driving licence
- Seizure of the e-scooter under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act 1988



Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Clarke who is our new Teacher in Year 5.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Miss Stone on the birth of baby Sebastian and Miss Pickup on the birth of baby Etta, who were born in July. We can't wait to meet them.



School Dinners

Please can you help your child to pick their School Dinner at home using the School dinner system. This ensures that children order a meal that they like and also helps to reduce the amount of lost learning time at the start of the day.

School Uniform - Name Labels

Please can you ensure you label ALL your children's uniform including coats, shoes, lunchboxes and water bottles. We already have unnamed lost property after two weeks!!

TOPICS FOR THIS HALF TERM

Across School, children will be learning through the following units of work. Please ask them about their learning.

Nursery
Reception
Class 1A
Class 1B
Class 2A
Class 2B
Class 3A
Class 3B
Class 4A
Class 4B
Class 5A
Class 5B
Class 6A
Class 6B

Lion Cubs
Lions
Tiger
Panda
Toucan
Flamingo
Orca
Giraffe
Rhino
Koala
Zebra
Otter
Llama
Leopard

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Can You See?
What Makes Me Marvellous?

Year 1 - What's It's Like To Live In Wakefield

Year 2 - Who Are Our Historical Heroes?

Year 3 - How Did The First People In Britain Live?

Year 4 - Why Do People Live Near Volcanoes?

Year 5 - Who Were The Tudors and Why Were They Really All Terrible?

Year 6 - Was World War II Inevitable?

School Inhalers

All children with Asthma MUST have an inhaler and care plan in School. Please ensure if your child has asthma, they have an in date Inhaler and care plan in School at all times. Please bring the inhaler in the original box with your child's name on it. Please also bring the spacer. Thank you



SATS RESULTS 2026

We would like to share our amazing and well deserved SATs Results. SPAG - 82% National 74%, Reading 77% National 75%, Writing 82% National 73%, Maths 86% National 75%, Combined 75% National 63%. These are our best ever results with above National scores in all areas.



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)	92.2%
Leopard (6B)	95.7%
Zebra (5A)	100%
Otters (5B)	97.8%
Rhinoceros (4A)	89.6%
Koala (4B)	92.2%
Orca (3A)	96.4%
Giraffe (3B)	95.5%
Toucan (2A)	96.7%
Flamingo (2B)	98.1%
Tiger (1A)	95.5%
Panda (1B)	96.0%
Lions (UF1)	100%
Lions (UF2)	100%

Late Arrivals

4 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
95.5%

Year so
far
94.2%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Marshall, Mrs Knowles in Upper Foundation and Miss Clarke's Class 5A who achieved 100% for week commencing 1st September 2026. Children can come in non uniform on Friday 11th September 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)	Rofidat
Leopard (6B)	Whole Class	Flamingo (2B)	Cillian
Zebra (5A)	Hani	Tiger (1A)	Whole Class
Otters (5B)	Mikaeel	Panda (1B)	Whole Class
Rhinoceros (4A)	Lucas M	Upper Foudation	Whole Class
Koala (4B)	Cohen	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Orca (3A)	Ebony	Lion Cubs	Whole Class
Giraffe (3B)	Nancy		