

NEWSLETTER

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We've been building houses and talking about who is in our family".
Daisey-Rae - Reception

SCHOOL CLOSURE - FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER AT 12 NOON

As you are aware School will close promptly at 12 Noon on Friday 18th September, so that we can say goodbye to Minnie.

SAFEGUARDING

Please can parents ensure that all children wear a helmet when using their bikes and scooters. Wearing a properly fitted helmet significantly reduces the risks of severe head and brain injuries in case of an accident. Please see School if you require a helmet.

Please DO NOT ride bikes and scooters on the playground, before and after School.

It has been brought to my attention that there has been fighting between children of High School age in the local Kettlethorpe Park. Please make sure young children are accompanied to the park and report any anti-social behaviour to the police. This park should be a safe place for the community to enjoy.

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 and all children are safe. Thank you

ORACY - VOICE 21

This year will be our third year of providing an Oracy Education for your child. We will continue to use games that the children enjoy such as 'I See, I Think, I Wonder', Articulate, 1-20 Game and If I Ruled The World. Each class have their own discussion guidelines that support the children to take part in Oracy activities. Ask your child or their Class Teacher to update you with our Oracy Development.

JIGSAW - PSHE

This half term our Learning Puzzle is called 'Being Me In My World'



ROUTINES & BEDTIME

On Monday morning we had 11 children who struggled to come into School. When staff spoke to the children the large majority said they were tired and had not gone to bed until late. I would like to share the following NHS Guidance around sleep and remind parents about the importance of a well structured and consistent bed time routine.

The NHS Every Mind Matters recommends maintaining a consistent sleep schedule, winding down with no screens for an hour before bed, and keeping your bedroom dark, cool and quiet.

SLEEP - A GUIDE FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN - Why Getting A Good Night's Sleep Is So Important?

Getting sufficient sleep has been shown to benefit memory, learning, attention, mood, behaviour and physical health.

How many hours does your child need?

AGE
Pre-School (3-5 years)
5 - 9 years
10 - 14 years
15 - 17 years
Adults

HOURS OF SLEEP
11 - 13 hours
10 - 11 hours
9 - 9.75 hours
8.5 - 8.75 hours
7 - 9 hours

Year 6 Secondary School Application

Please can we make you aware that the Secondary School applications are now open, for parents/carers of Year 6 children. Parents/carers need to apply now for High School places for September 2027.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

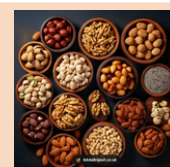


The Nasal Flu Immunisations will take place in School on Friday 2nd October 2026 for Reception to Year 6 children. Please remember if you want your child to have their flu vaccination, you need to go online to give permission. If you have any problems and need a paper copy, please come to the School Office.



MEDICAL REMINDER - LUNCHBOXES

Can we remind parents that NO EGGS (e.g. Egg Mayonnaise, quiche etc), NUTS or nut products (including Peanut Butter, Nutella and chocolate spread) are allowed in School as we have children with severe allergies.



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

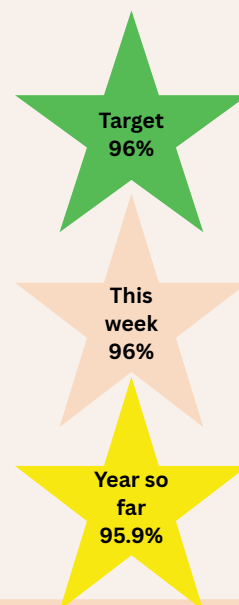
Together, we can change attendance culture, and improve the lives of our children and young people, creating a better world for the future.

Class	Weekly Attendance
Llama (6A)	96.6%
Leopard (6B)	92.3%
Zebra (5A)	99.1%
Otters (5B)	99.6%
Rhinoceros (4A)	91.0%
Koala (4B)	93.8%
Orca (3A)	97.1%
Giraffe (3B)	96.8%
Toucan (2A)	98.0%
Flamingo (2B)	95.6%
Tiger (1A)	97.9%
Panda (1B)	97.9%
Lions (UF1)	97.4%
Whole School	95.9%

Late Arrivals

15 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



100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 6th September 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)	Eleanor	Toucan (2A)	Xander
Leopard (6B)	Skyla	Flamingo (2B)	Phoebe S
Zebra (5A)	Jakub	Tiger (1A)	Eve
Otters (5B)	Iyla-Grace	Panda (1B)	Sophie J
Rhinoceros (4A)	David	Upper Foundation	Brody
Koala (4B)	Isabelle	Lion Cubs	Layla
Orca (3A)	Archie	Lion Cubs	Amir
Giraffe (3B)	Willow		