

WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2026

HENDAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CHILDREN'S VOICE

"We have been looking at the Traction Man Book in writing and we've been putting expanded noun phrases into our sentences".

Summer - 2B

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thur 15th Oct	Parents Evening
Fri 16th Oct	Year 5 Educational Visit
Thurs 22nd Oct	EYFS Open Evening 4pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 22nd Oct	Harvest Festival
Fri 23rd Oct	END OF TERM Last Day of Term
Mon 2nd Nov	School Reopens
Tues 10th Nov	KS2 - Years 4, 5 & 6 Movie Night
Thurs 12th Nov	KS1 - Years 1, 2 & 3 Movie Night
Thurs 11th Feb	Young Voices Sheffield Arena
INSET DAYS	
Mon 30th Nov	Inset Day

Choir

There will be no Choir practise on the following dates:
Thursday 15th October, Thursday 22nd October, Thursday 12th November and Thursday 3rd December 2026.

FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
this October Half Term
Free for those receiving Targeted Free School Meals

October Half Term Family Events

SPELLBOUND AT LOTHERTON HALL
When: Tuesday 27th October 2026
Where: Lotherton Hall - Coach Provided
Time: Leaving Wakefield at 2pm - Returning at 6pm

FORGOTTEN ISLAND CINEMA TRIP
When: Thursday 29th October 2026
Where: Reel cinema Wakefield
Time: 10am

FRANKEN-SLIME WITH GOOTOPIA
When: Monday 26th October 2026
Where: Castle Family Hub
Time: 10am - 2pm

HARRY POTTER WITCHES & WIZARDRY
When: Wednesday 28th October 2026
Where: Castle Family Hub
Time: 10am - 2pm

Scan the QR code to book

Visit our webpage for more information:
<https://www.wakefieldfamilies.together.co.uk/community-support/happy-healthy-holidays>

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HALLOWEEN PARTY
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER
6-8PM

Join us again this year for our spooky, goofy, creepy-crawly party.

At The Monica Graham Centre
Standbridge Lane Community Centre
Wakefield
West Yorkshire
WF2 7NP

TICKETS: £3 PER CHILD
PARENTS/GUARDIANS FREE

Follow the Eventbrite link to book your tickets now!

• This is an under 11s event.
• All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Includes: DJ & DISCO, PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED, CRAFTS TABLE, TUCK SHOP, DRINKS AND SNACKS

It's A Girl

Congratulations to Mia and Skyler on the birth of their new baby sister Nelly, who was born on 8th October weighing 9lb 2oz.



SAFEGUARDING

Please can I ask that as the dark mornings and evenings draw in, you are vigilant when walking to and from School with your child.

Attendance

Our attendance last week was 94.9% which is well below our School Target. When a child misses just one day, they miss over five hours of learning. Thank you for your support. Please help us to beat our target of 96% each week.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Don't forget to request your tickets for your child's Harvest Festival Assembly on Thursday 22nd October 2026. Years 1, 2 and 3 starts at 1.30 pm and Years 4, 5 & 6 starts at 2.15pm.



If you would like to make a donation to support the local community, it would be greatly appreciated. Ideas for donations are: any tinned food e.g. meat, fish, vegetables, fruit and soup, tinned stews/chilli, pasta, jam, cereal and tea bags. Please send any donations into School by Thursday 22nd October 2026.

EYFS Open Evening

Thursday 22nd October 4 - 5.30 pm

Come and discover Early Years at Hendal Primary School! We warmly welcome parents and carers of children who are due to start Reception to our EYFS Open Evening. Come along to meet our friendly Early Years team, explore our vibrant learning environment and find out more about life in Reception at Hendal Primary School. We can't wait to meet you.

Applications for Reception School Places are open from 1st November 2026. Please follow this link for more information.

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-full-time-place-in-reception>

Year 4 Visit to Magna Science

Last Wednesday Year 4 had a wonderful time on their visit to Magna Science Museum, linked to their Geography unit 'Why do people live near volcanos?' The day was very interactive and the children learnt a lot from this experience.



Parents Evening

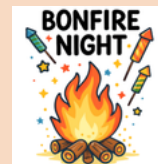
Thank you to all parents who came to Parents Evening. We hope you found this informative and useful to support your child's learning moving forward. We look forward to welcoming more parents on Thursday.

Year 1 Visit to Betty Eastwood Park

Year 1 had a wonderful Autumn Walk last Thursday to Betty Eastwood Park, where they collected Autumn treasures to inspire their creative writing and artwork. Thank you for supporting your child with a packed lunch.

Year 5 & 6 Bonfire Talk

On Monday Years 5 & 6 listened to a Bonfire Safety Talk delivered by Fire Officers from Ossett Fire Station. The children learnt about the dangers of fireworks, bonfires and hoax calls.



Children were reminded that they MUST only go to a bonfire with a responsible adult and MUST stand well back from the fire and fireworks. Please take care during the Bonfire Season.

SEND Coffee Morning - Tuesday 20th October 2026

Please join us for a SEND coffee morning in the Music Room on Tuesday 20th October at 9.00 am until 10.30am. You will be able to talk to our SEN Governor about any concerns or worries you may have for your child. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to see what support is available.



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)	97.3%
Leopard (6B)	92.0%
Zebra (5A)	99.1%
Otters (5B)	93.0%
Rhinoceros (4A)	95.5%
Koala (4B)	95.2%
Orca (3A)	96.0%
Giraffe (3B)	91.3%
Toucan (2A)	92.0%
Flamingo (2B)	95.6%
Tiger (1A)	96.6%
Panda (1B)	99.3%
Lions (UF1)	93.6%
Whole School	94.9%

Late Arrivals

18 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
94.9%

Year so far
94.4%

100% CLASS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE - NON UNIFORM REWARD

Unfortunately no classes achieved 100% for week commencing 5th October 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)	Emilia	Toucan (2A)	Florence
Leopard (6B)	Harry	Flamingo (2B)	Lillie-Mai
Zebra (5A)	Kobyn	Tiger (1A)	Fika
Otters (5B)	Florence	Panda (1B)	Alfie
Rhinoceros (4A)	Austeja	Upper Foundation	Billie
Koala (4B)	Joe	Lion Cubs	Hawa
Orca (3A)	Nellie	Lion Cubs	Mable
Giraffe (3B)	Adela		