



# Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to our March Newsletter. We have another busy month planned, with lots of things to look forward to. This includes our Easter Service at St Alkelda's Church on Tuesday 24th March. We hope you can join us there at 10.30am.

We have our next Parent Consultations from 1.20—6.00pm Thursday 26th March. You should have received your invite to book online a 10 minute appointment to discuss your child/children's progress with their Class Teacher. This year we've extended the session to enable as many parents as possible to meet with the teachers.

We would like to say a huge 'well done' to all of the Y3, 4, 5 and 6 children who took part in the Swimming Gala at Settle Pool, just before half-term. Everyone swam their very best and we are so proud of all those who took part.

We would also like to say a huge 'well done' to all those who took part in the re-scheduled Cross Country at Ingleton Primary School. They all did well and crossed the line with smiles. A wonderful effort from all of them. Some of our pupils have qualified to the next round, with more details to follow.



## Dates for Diaries 2025/26

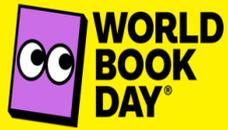
*(Please note: diary dates may change and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)*

<b>Friday 13th March</b>	Alkelda Class Curriculum Assembly for parents 9.00am
<b>Wednesday 18th March</b>	Y6 Crucial Crew Event
<b>Tuesday 24th March</b>	Easter Service at St Alkelda's church 10.30am all welcome
<b>Thursday 26th March</b>	Parent Consultations 1.20-6.00pm
<b>Friday 27th March</b>	School closes 3.30pm for Easter holidays
<b>Monday 13th April</b>	School reopens to pupils for Summer term
<b>Tuesday 21st April</b>	Y4 Hill walk, more info to follow
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Wednesday 6th May</b>	Settle college visiting Y6 pupils
<b>Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May</b>	SATS Week for Y6
<b>Friday 15th May</b>	Y3 Scramble and walk more info to follow
<b>Monday 18th—Wednesday 20th May</b>	Y6 Residential Trip to East Barnby
<b>Tuesday 19th May</b>	Y1 Scramble and walk more info to follow
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
<b>Monday 1st June</b>	INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 2nd June</b>	School re-opens to pupils
<b>Friday 19th June</b>	Class photos
<b>Tuesday 23rd June</b>	Harrison Class invited to performance of 'Holes' at RWT

**February 2026 — Whole School Attendance**



**Giggleswick Primary School: 97.16%**



**World Book Day:** As usual we all enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. There were lots of great outfits worn by both the children and staff, bringing to life their favourite fictional character, as well as some children looking very cosy in their pyjamas and onesies. During the afternoon our three classes came together with the older children being reading buddies for the younger ones. Each child received a £1 book token.



## The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

**Executive Headteacher:** Mrs Catherine Maddocks

**Chair of the Governing Board:** Mr Andrew Bradley

**Vice Chair of the Governing Board & EYFS Link Governor:** Mrs Christine Padley

**Foundation Governor:** Mrs Emmy Hodgson

**Parent Governor:** Miss Laura Boyd

**Parent Governor:** Mrs Ruth Taylor

**Staff Governor:** Mrs Paula Clay

**Co-opted Governor:** Rev Stephen Dawson

**Local Authority & Safeguarding Link Governor:** Mrs Helen Monks

**Health and Safety Link Governor:** Mr Andrew Bradley

**Pupil and Staff Wellbeing:** Miss Laura Boyd



The next meeting of the Governing Board is on: Monday 16th March 2026.

## **Safeguarding information: Giggleswick Primary School**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Miss Rachel Mounsey, Mrs Helen Haynes, Miss Rachel Houghton, Mrs Alison McGregor.

The Ribblesdale Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of the children who attend our three schools.

## **Staffing: The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools—Giggleswick Team**

### **SLT**

**Executive Headteacher:** Mrs Maddocks

**Assistant Head Teacher:** Miss Houghton

**Federation Business Manager:** Mrs Middleton

**Harrison Class Teachers:** Mrs Miller & Miss Hodkinson (Supported by Mrs Chapman)

**Alkelda Class Teacher:** Mrs Haynes (Supported by Mrs Vickery, Mrs Charnley)

**Tems Class Teachers:** Miss Mounsey & Mrs Mercer (Supported by Mrs Clay)

**SENCO:** Mrs McGregor

**School Administrator:** Mrs Jarrom

**School I.C.T Technician:** Mr Freytag

**PE Teacher:** Mrs Mercer

**School Cook:** Miss Dixon

**Kitchen Assistant:** Currently vacant

**School Cleaner:** Mr Tindale



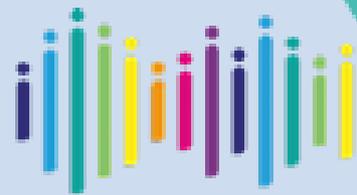
## **Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator: Mrs Alison McGregor**

If you have any worries or concerns regarding your child having SEN or mental health issues and well being problems, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McGregor, via the school office. All correspondence will be treated confidentially.

You can follow the school on social media via our Facebook page, where we regularly post information about what is happening in school. There is lots of information available on the [Federation's website](#), which also has details specific for Giggleswick Primary School.

*Please help our followers to grow! Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Giggleswick Primary School, part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools.*

# SEND Parent Carer Coffee & Chat



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**Come along to our parent  
carers FREE coffee and chat!**

**Meet other parent carers,  
chat and get support**



**Thursday 19th March  
10:30am - 11:30am**



**GEM Café, Main Street  
Ingleton**

**No need to book, just turn up!**

For further info contact Janine Martin at:  
[ppocraven.pcv@gmail.com](mailto:ppocraven.pcv@gmail.com)

Who are we?

**Parent Carer Voice** are the recognised **Parent Carer Forum** for North Yorkshire, supporting families with children and young people (0-25 years) with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

**Parent Carer Voice** work to ensure that **lived experiences, voices and views of parent carers are represented** in decision making, service design and process improvement for SEND, Health and Social Care across our County.

What do we do?



*We can change lives*

[www.parentcarervoicenuk.org](http://www.parentcarervoicenuk.org)

We host face to face and virtual

- events
  - training
  - information &
  - wellbeing support
- to inform and empower Parent Carers.

See our social media and website for regional and national support, information and events.



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# Parent and Carer Support Group

From the Mental Health Support Team

Our online Parent and Carer Support Group offers a safe and welcoming space to explore ways of supporting your child's emotional wellbeing, and your own.

Each half term, we cover a new wellbeing topic inspired by the Five Ways to Wellbeing, and share practical tips and ideas. It's also a chance to connect with other parents, share experiences, and support one another.

This half-term's topic:

Take Notice – Stress, Anxiety and Worry

This session will give parents and carers a greater understanding to what stress, anxiety and worry is for young people and share useful tools to support their young person at these times.

Date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

Times: 10:30am – 12:00pm or 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Platform: Microsoft Teams

To register your interest and receive a joining link, please email:  
[mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

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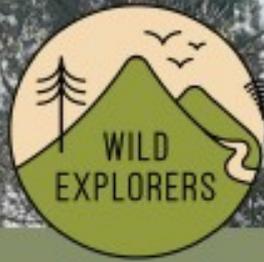
AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE  
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026





## Wild Explorers

Where nature, fun and adventure collide!

A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!



### Price

£35 per child per day  
Childcare vouchers accepted

### Age

Reception - Age 13

### Upcoming Dates

30<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April

7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April



### Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

### Location

Broughton Hall Estate



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[www.wildexplorers.org.uk](http://www.wildexplorers.org.uk)

ambitions  
gymnastics 



# Easter Holiday Programmes

Cross Hills - Earby - Gargrave - Settle

