

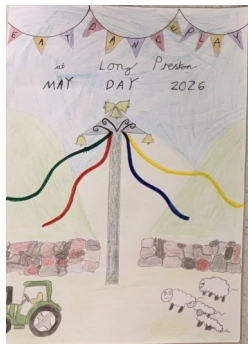
Welcome to our **April Newsletter**. It is lovely to see that spring is here and that we have had some lovely sunny days over the last few weeks. We hope everyone had a restful Easter break and that the children are keen to continue their learning journey in the summer term.



Firstly, thank you to everyone who joined us for the Easter Service on the final day of last term and for making a contribution to the collection, which was in aid of the Skipton Food Bank.

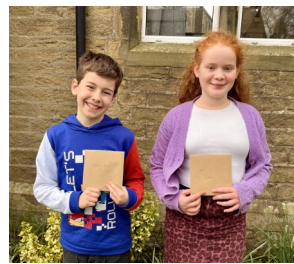
As you can see from our Diary Dates, there is plenty happening until the end of term and we are all looking forward to the traditional Long Preston May Day celebrations that are being held on Saturday 2nd May. The children have been rehearsing for some weeks, both in school and now down on the green, so we are sure they will be step perfect on the day. We'd like to thank Mrs Mercer for organising the rehearsals and teaching the children the maypole and other dances.

We also want to congratulate all of our budding artists who entered the May Day programme front cover design competition. All of the entries from across the school were lovely and we didn't envy the judges having to choose a first, second and third place. **Elijah**, from Starlings Class, was named the winner (his entry is shown left), with Orla (Owls Class) coming second and Henry (Starlings Class) being placed third. All three were presented with a certificate and Easter egg. Entries for the 2027 competition will be done through Handicrafts and will be selected that way moving forward.



Owls Class pupil Jenson has also been named May Day

King and the Queen this year is our former pupil Esther.



Dates for Diaries 2025/26

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

Friday 17th April	Long Preston May Day races at 5.30pm
Tuesday 21st April	Y4 Hill Walk Y1 Multi-sports
Saturday 2nd May	Long Preston May Day event from 12.30pm
Monday 4th May	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May	SATS Week for Y6
Friday 15th May	Y3 Scramble and Walk
Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th May	Y6 Residential Trip to Bewerley Park Outdoor Centre
Tuesday 19th May	Y1 Scramble and Walk (more information to follow)
Friday 22nd May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 1st June	INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd June	School reopens
Thursday 11th June	Sports Day
Friday 12th June	Y3 trip to Ilkley Tennis (more information to follow)
Monday 15th June	End of Year Production rehearsal at LP for all Federation Class 3 pupils
Thursday 18th June	Y5 & 6 Rounders Tournament (more information to follow)
Friday 19th June	Class photos
Wednesday 24th June	Y1 Wild Ingleborough trip (more information to follow)
Monday 29th June	Y1 & 2 Mini Olympics at Settle College (more information to follow)
Friday 3rd July	Robins Class Curriculum Assembly
Wednesday 8th July	Transfer evening at Settle College for Y6 parents and students
Thursday 9th July	Transfer day for Y6 students moving to Settle College



SATs Week: Next month, our pupils will take part in SATs. Please make sure pupils have early nights during the week of SATs (11th to 14th May). We will be offering a healthy top up breakfast to our Year 6 pupils from 8.15am, during this week, so please book their place on the free Breakfast Club for this.

Our advice is that if your child has any questions, talk about SATs with them and tell them not to worry. We have also been doing this and our team has been preparing our pupils for a smooth transition during the SATs process. It will make a bigger impact if we reassure our pupils together.

Children perform best when they are relaxed. We believe in all of our pupils and know they will do their very best during this period.

If this is your first time as a 'SATs parent', this link may be helpful: [Free interactive KS1 and KS2 SATs revision resources - BBC Bitesize](#)

March 2026 — Whole School Attendance

Long Preston EVA Primary School:

97.49%



Craven Cross Country Event: Well done to all our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6s who took part before half term in cross country races at Ingleton Primary School. They were competing against children from our other Federation schools and local primary schools. All of them tried their very best and a special congratulations to Henry in Year 5, who qualified for the Craven Cross Country Finals, held at Skipton College on 26th March.



Accordion exam success: Congratulations to Tabitha and Beatrice, both in Year 4, who were recently successful in their accordion exams. They are shown below with their certificates and medals. Both girls have their accordion lessons in school with Mr Harry Hinchcliffe. If any other children would like to learn the accordion, please contact the school office.



Help you child stay safe online: Please use the link below to find practical information from trusted places to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>



The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Catherine Maddocks

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Pupil and Staff Wellbeing: Mrs Laura Boyd



The next meeting of the Governing Board is on: Monday 11th May 2026.

Safeguarding information: Long Preston EVA Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Andy Scott, Miss Rachel Houghton Mrs Claire Cawood and 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—Long Preston Team

SLT

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Assistant Head Teacher: Miss Houghton

Federation Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

Robins Class Teachers: Miss Westwell & Mrs T. Jones (Tues pm) (Supported by Mrs Dakin)

Starlings Class Teachers Mr Scott & Mrs Mercer (Thurs am) (Supported by Mrs Coultherd and Mrs Hopkins)

Owls Class Teachers: Mrs Cawood & Miss Hodkinson (Supported by Mrs Hopkins)

SENCO: Mrs McGregor

School Administrator: Mrs Middleton / Mrs Wearden

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: Mrs. Vickery and Mrs Chadwick (Friday)

Kitchen Assistant: Mrs Chadwick

School Cleaner: Mrs. Franco

Site Supervisor : Mr Atkinson



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 Long Preston Endowed VA Primary School.

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



**Morecambe FC are bringing a
4 day football camp to Bridge End
this summer!**

**Mon 27th to Thurs 30th July 2026
10am till 3.30pm (drop off from 9.30am)
£25 per day, or £90 for all 4 days.**

**Please contact school for a
registration form**

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Skipton multisport FESTIVAL

23/24 MAY

- JUNIOR TRIATHLONS (8-18)
- YORKSHIRE JUNIOR SERIES
- MEDALS & TIMING
- POOL BASED SWIM
- JUNIOR TRAIL RUNS
- CLOSED ROAD SPORTIVE



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11 JULY

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