Long Preston EVA Primary School Newsletter

October

Welcome to our **October** Newsletter. Thank you for everyone's support during the Ofsted visit on 29th and 30th September. As I'm sure you can appreciate, these visits can be a demanding time for all of our staff across the school. It was great to see everyone pulling together and showcasing the school and our teaching to the inspectors. Thank you also to those parents/carers who spoke to the inspectors and provided feedback using the Ofsted survey we shared. We will let you know the outcome of the inspection as soon as we are able to.

It is great to see our new pupils settling into the school's routines and making new friends within their classes and across the school. Children in Years 5 and 6 have a few weeks swimming under their belts and are impressing us with their enthusiasm and confidence in the water on Wednesday afternoons. All are making good progress.

You will see from the Diary Dates that we have booked the next round of school photos for the morning of Thursday 12th November. As previously, parents/carers will be able to bring younger siblings to school if they wish to have their photos taken with their brothers and sisters in school. Further details and a link to an online photo request form will be sent out in due course.

Thank you all parents/carers who have returned the Data Sheet and Admin Packs that were sent out at the start of term. There are still a few parents who have yet to return them and we would ask that they are completed and handed into school as soon as possible. This will ensure that our records are kept up-to-date and any changes are recorded.

Harvest Festival: We are holding our annual Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church on Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us and we look forward to seeing as many families as possible at the service. We will be holding a food collection (non-perishable goods) until the end of term, and a monetary collection during the service. All donations will go to Skipton Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your support.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal: The Federation is once again pleased to be supporting the annual Poppy Appeal. We have poppies, as well as other items, such as wristbands, pencils, poppy bag tags and snap band rulers, available in Reception for a donation. You can either send your child into school with your donation, or donate yourself if you are attending a Celebration Assembly over the next few weeks. You can make a cash donation or there is a QR code to scan for payments.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Thank you to all of those who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning at school on Friday 25th September 2026 and to those who donated cakes for the event. This is such a worthy cause and we would particularly like to thank the Friends of Long Preston for their help and support both in the morning and at the cake sale after school…it was very much appreciated. We raised **£108.64 in** addition to online donations.

September 2026 - Whole School Attendance

Long Preston EVA Primary School:

94.68%

Dates for Diaries 2026/27

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

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th October	Bikeability course for Year 5 & Year 6 children
Thursday 22nd October	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church at 9.30am. All welcome
Thursday 22nd October	Flu vaccinations
Friday 23rd October	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Sunday 31st October	Deadline for applying for a Secondary School place
Monday 2nd November	Start of Autumn 2 half term
Sunday 8th November	Wreath laying and Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church
Thursday 12th (AM) November	Individual school photos (more information to follow)
TBC	Parent Consultations (more information to follow)
Friday 27th November	Trip to see 'Aladdin' at Blackburn Empire (more information to follow)
Friday 11th December	School Nativity at 2.15pm. All families welcome
Thursday 17th December	Carol Service at St Mary's Church at 2.30pm. All welcome
Friday 18th December	School closes at 3.30pm for Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027	Start of Spring 1 half term
Friday 15th January	Deadline to apply for a Primary School Reception place

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: Mrs Laura Boyd

Parent Governor: Mrs Ruth Taylor

Staff Governor: Mrs Paula Clay

Co-opted Governor: Rev Stephen Dawson

Co-opted Governor: Rev Michael Houston

Local Authority & Safeguarding Link Governor: Mrs Helen Monks

Health and Safety Link Governor: Mr Andrew Bradley

The next meeting of the Governing Board will be held on: **Monday 19th October 2026**

Safeguarding information: Long Preston EVA Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Andy Scott, Miss Fiona Westwell 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.

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.

Staffing: The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools
Long Preston Team

SLT
Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks
Acting Assistant Head Teacher: Miss Westwell
Federation Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

Robins Class Teachers: Miss Hodkinson & Mrs T. Jones (Tues pm) (Supported by Mrs Dakin & Mrs Charnley, Fri pm)

Starlings Class Teachers Mr Scott am (Supported by Mrs Coultherd)

Owls Class Teachers: Mrs Mistry & Mrs Mercer (Thurs pm) (Supported by Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Coultherd Wed & Fri pm)

SENDCO: Mrs McGregor

School Administrator: Mrs Middleton / Mrs Wearden

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: Mrs Vickery

Kitchen Assistant: Mrs Chadwick

School Cleaner: Mrs Franco

Site Supervisor : Mr Atkinson

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.

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We provide friendly, free and impartial information for families in North Yorkshire

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- ✔ How to get help with childcare costs
- ✔ Signposting to other childcare services

For more information scan the QR code or email
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Government Funded Childcare Guide

Use the chart below to determine which types of government funded childcare support can be used in conjunction with each other.

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

	Working Parent Entitlement	Early Learning for 2-Year-Olds Entitlement	Universal Entitlement	Tax Free Childcare	Universal Credit Childcare
Working Parent Entitlement		✓	✓	✓	✓
Early Learning for 2-Year-Olds Entitlement	✓		✗	✓	✓
Universal Entitlement	✓	✗		✓	✓
Tax Free Childcare	✓	✓	✓		✗
Universal Credit Childcare	✓	✓	✓	✗	

Working Parent Entitlement*
Eligible working families with children aged over 9 months until they start school can claim up to 30 hours of government funded childcare per week, based on 38 weeks per year.

Early Learning for two-year-olds Entitlement (EL2)*
Families of two-year-olds receiving some form of additional government support can claim up to 15 hours of government funded childcare per week, based on 38 weeks per year.

Universal Entitlement
All 3 and 4 year olds in England, from the term after their third birthday until they start school, can claim up to 15 hours of government funded childcare per week, based on 38 weeks per year.

Tax Free Childcare*
Working families with children aged 0-11 years (or up to 16 if the child is disabled). For every £8 paid into the childcare account, the government tops it up by £2.

Universal Credit Childcare*
Working families claiming Universal Credit with children aged under 17 years old may be able to claim back up to 85% of eligible childcare costs.

*Eligibility criteria apply.

To find out more about government support with the costs of childcare or to check eligibility scan the QR code or visit:

beststartinlife.gov.uk

BEST START IN LIFE

NHS
Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent / Carer Workshop
Behaviour strategies and support

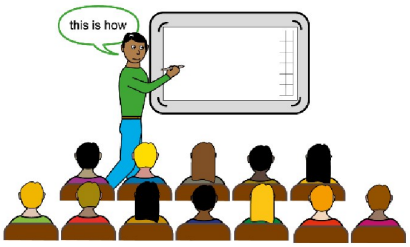
Specialist advice for parents of children with a Learning Disability

Delivered by the Children's Learning Disability Team Craven

Up to 15% of children with special educational needs use behaviours of concern. Join our specialist nursing team to explore the reasons for these behaviours and what your child may be trying to communicate, as well as strategies to manage and reduce the behaviour.

12:30 to 14:30 16 October 2026

at Fisher Medical Centre,
Community Hub Room, Millfields,
Coach Street, Skipton, BD23 1EU



If you cannot attend in person, a virtual option will be available.

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TUES 27th, WED 28th & THURS 29th OCT

OCTOBER HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING

Holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors at Ilkley. The other option is climbing indoors and receive an amazing introduction to such an awesome sport. Activities include climbing, abseiling and weaselling. An action packed day they'll remember.

Holiday Session - from £62.50 (7-17 years old)

Ilkley Cow & Calf: 26th, 28th, 30th October 2027

Big Depot Leeds: 27th-29th October 2027

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- **Sundays**

  10:00–13:00

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Climbing Centre,

HG2 8QT

- 7+ years old
- 8th November 2026
- £180.00 (6-week block)
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Mon 26 - Fri 30 October

- 9:00am - 3:30pm £ £25 per day
- FREE Early drop-off from 8:30am
- Late pickup (3:30pm - 5pm) £7.50 per day (no movie club on Friday)
- Reception to 12 yrs

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