



A member of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools – *fostering a love of learning through collaboration and fun*

Welcome to our **November Newsletter**. We hope you have all had a lovely half term break with time well spent making the most of the autumn weather.

As the weather is now turning chillier, please make sure that pupils come to school wearing a warm waterproof coat.

We have lots of things planned leading up to the festive season and we will keep you updated as we move closer to Christmas.



## Dates for Diaries 2024/25

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

<b>Monday 4th November</b>	Start of term for pupils
<b>Wednesday 6th November</b>	Swimming at Settle Swimming Pool - Oak Class
<b>Monday 11th November</b>	Armistice Service
<b>W/c 11th November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week
<b>Saturday 16th November</b>	Friends of Hellfield coffee morning: 10-11.30am at the Hellfield Institute
<b>Wednesday 20th November</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>Saturday 30th November</b>	Settle Christmas Lights switch-on (see local press for details)
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	Blackburn Panto Visit (more information to follow)
<b>Monday 16th December</b>	Nativity - 2pm (more information to follow)
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	Last swimming session for Oak Class
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	School Party School closes at 3.30pm for the Christmas holiday
<b>Monday 6th January</b>	Teacher INSET day
<b>Tuesday 7th January</b>	Start of term for pupils
<b>W/c Monday 3rd February</b>	Mental Health Week
<b>Friday 14th February</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for half-term
<b>Monday 24th February</b>	Start of term for pupils
<b>Thursday 6th March</b>	World Book Day



**Parent consultations:** You should have now received information about our parent consultations that are taking place on Wednesday, 20th November 2024. You can book a time to see your child/ren's class teacher/s using our online booking system.

**Stay and Play session for prospective parents:** We hosted an open afternoon on Thursday (7th November) for parents looking for a primary school place for September 2025. We were delighted to welcome some new children and their parents to our school and we hope they will be joining our school community next year.



**Restoring a Hay Meadow:** Before half term, children from Saplings and Oak Class were kindly invited by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, working in conjunction with James Newhouse (a parent of children at Long Preston Primary School), to take part in some plug planting to restore a hay meadow on James's land. Starlings Class were taken to the farm in the morning of Tuesday 22nd October, while Oak Class went to the farm in the afternoon. As well as taking part in the plug planting of wild flowers, the children were introduced to James' Belted Galloway cows and some of his sheep. They also learnt about the importance of restoring the hay meadow on the land. The children enjoyed their visit and thanks go to all those who arranged it and accompanied the children during the day.



**Sporting events:** Well done to all the children who took part in the Netball competition last month. It was held at Settle College and involved our two other Federation schools as well as others in the Craven Primary School Cluster. The children who took part in the event thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Mrs Mercer and Mrs T. Jones for organising our teams and to all staff who accompanied them.



It was disappointing for the children that the Football Tournament at Ingleton for Yr 3/4 and Y5/6 pupils had to be cancelled due to the rainy weather conditions.

**Harvest Festival:** Thank you to everyone who joined us at St Mary's Church for our Harvest Festival, which was led by the Rev James Rodley and Starlings Class. We hope you enjoyed the service and thank you for the generous donations of both food and money for Skipton Food Bank. A donation of £92 has been made from the collections at Long Preston and Hellfield to this very worthy cause.



**Macmillan Coffee Morning:** Our Macmillan coffee morning raised an amazing £165.60 — thank you again to everyone who made a donation and contributed to the cake sale.



**October 24  
Whole School  
Attendance**

**94.77%**

## The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

**Executive Headteacher:** Mrs Catherine Maddocks:

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

**Vice Chair:** Rev Sue McWhinney

**Co-opted Governor:** Mr Carl Shuttleworth

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**Staff Governor:** Mrs Paula Clay

**Safeguarding and Attendance Link Governor:** Rev Sue McWhinney

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



The following policies have been agreed by the Federation Governing Board:

Missing Child Policy

Whistleblowing Policy

Attendance Policy

Homework Policy

Governors Allowance Policy

Admissions Policy (Long Preston)

Suspensions & Exclusions Policy

Behaviour Policy

Pupils with Medical Needs

Pupils with Medical Needs Who Cannot Attend School

The next meeting of the Federation Governing Board will be held on Monday 2nd December 2024 at Long Preston Endowed Primary School.

### **Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator: Mrs Erin Jones**

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 Jones, via the school office. All correspondence will be treated confidentially.

### **Safeguarding information: Long Preston Primary School**

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

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Mr Andy Scott, Miss Rachel Mounsey and Miss Rachel Houghton.

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

### **Staffing 24/25 The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools : Long Preston**

#### **SLT**

**Executive Headteacher:** Mrs Maddocks

**Assistant Head Teachers:** Miss Mounsey & Miss Houghton

**Federation Business Manager:** Mrs Middleton

**Robins Class -Teacher:** Miss Westwell & Mrs T Jones (Tues pm) (Supported by Mrs Dakin and Mrs Chapman)

**Starlings Class - Teachers:** Miss Walmsley (Supported by Mrs Coultherd)

**Owls Class - Teacher:** Mr Scott & Mrs B Mercer (Thurs pm) (Supported by Mrs Hopkins)

**Midday Supervisors (MSA):** Mrs Chadwick, Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Coultherd, Mrs Dakin & Mrs Chapman

**Administrative Assistant:** Mrs Wearden

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

**School Cook:** Mrs Vickery **Kitchen Assistant:** Mrs Chadwick

**School Caretaker:** Mrs Franco

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Wednesdays 20 November - 11 December, 13:00 - 15:00

Wednesdays 20 November - 11 December, 18:00 - 21:00

Thursdays 21 November - 12 December, 18:00 - 21:00

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24 NOVEMBER 2024  
10AM - 3PM

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**PRE-BOOKED**  
AVAILABLE UNTIL FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2024

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£1.50 for Children (Over the age of 3)  
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