



A member of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools – 'Do everything in love' (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Welcome to our **January Newsletter** and to the start of 2025 and our new term...although with last week's wintery weather spring felt a long way off! We hope you were all able to have a restful Christmas and that the children have had the opportunity to relax and get ready to start another exciting year of learning. We are pleased that we have already seen a very positive start to the new term with the children being enthusiastic about their learning.



Dates for Diaries 2025 (Please note diary dates may change due and dates will also be added throughout the academic year)

Tuesday 7th January	Start of term for pupils
Wednesday 8th January	Starlings Class start weekly swimming lessons
W/c Monday 3rd February	Mental Health Week
Friday 14th February	School closes at 3.30pm for half-term
Monday 24th February	Start of term for pupils
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Thursday 20th March	Parent consultations
Friday 4th April	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays
Tuesday 22nd April	Start of term for pupils
Monday 5th May	May Day - school closed
W/c Monday 12th May	Yr 6 SATS Week
Friday 23rd May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 2nd June	Start of term for pupils
Wednesday 11th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 1st July	Yr 6 Transition Evening at Settle College
Friday 15th July	Moving up afternoon
Friday 18th July	School closes at 3.30pm for the summer holidays

Update
Updates from December 2024: Thank you to everyone who came along to the School Nativity 'It's a Miracle'. The hall was packed full as usual and we're sure you will agree it was a lovely afternoon and we really do have some stars in the making. It is always good to see so many parents, grandparents and friends join us at this special time of year.

Miss Walmsley's Musical Theatre Showcase was also very well attended and the children who took part in this after school club last term really enjoyed performing parts of 'The Greatest Showman' for their families.

We also hope those who were able to attend enjoyed the Carol Service at St Mary's Church, which along with the Nativity, really got us all in the Christmas spirit in a meaningful way. We are sharing some photos from these events on the next two pages.

Travelling Nativity: Thank you to those families who took part in our travelling nativity Advent activity and for the comments and photos that were added to the accompanying book. The comments were lovely to read and it looks like both the children and their families found hosting it a rewarding experience. We'll look to make this a fixture of our Advent activities in the years to come.



School Money: As we start the new year, please can we ask that you check your child's School Money account regularly. It was noted that at the end of last year there were a number of payments which were still outstanding on individual accounts. Please can accounts be at £0 if possible for the start of each new half term. As you can appreciate, we aim to stay within our school budget and outstanding arrears can put a strain on our finances. By now, everyone should also be booking after school club places in advance via your child's individual School Money account.



Absences: If your child is unable to attend school, please contact us by email or by telephoning school (you can also leave a message on our answer machine). We wish to remind our families that we do need to state why a child is absent on our daily electronic register system. If no reason is given, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. We will be doing home visits if we do not know why a child is absent and we cannot get hold of a parent. This is why it is very important for you to let us know why your child can not attend school. We also wish to clarify that any holidays in term time will be recorded as an unauthorised holiday if not agreed. If your child has a week off school for a holiday, this is classed as 10 sessions missed (which may trigger a fine). For a child to fall below the 96% target they would have to miss 5 full days of lessons. We also encourage making medical appointments out of school time (wherever possible). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in working with us to keep our school's attendance rating as high as we possibly can. We always have your best interest at heart when monitoring individual attendance.



**December 2024
 Whole School
 Attendance**

**Long Preston EVA Primary
 School:
 92.21%**



Musical Theatre Showcase



School Nativity – 'It's a Miracle'



Christmas Lunch



Carol Service

Illness reminder: Parents and carers are reminded that if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode. Full guidance on infection control in schools can be found here: [Guidance on infection control in schools poster.pdf](#)



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024: We have a belated thank you to everyone who supported last year's Poppy Appeal in school. The Royal British Legion has let us know that we raised £24.10, and this contributed to nearly £6,000 being raised in the district.

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)

Foundation Governors: Mrs Emmy Hodgson and Mrs Christine Padley

Parent Governors: Mrs Laura Boyd and Mrs Ruth Harker

Staff Governor: Mrs Paula Clay

Co-opted Governor and SEND Link Governor: Mr Carl Shuttleworth

Safeguarding and Attendance Link Governor: Rev Sue McWhinney

EYFS Link Governor: Mrs Christine Padley

Health and Safety Link Governor: Mr Andrew Bradley

Pupil and Staff Wellbeing: Mrs Laura Boyd

The next meeting of the Federation Governing Board will be held on 3rd February 2025.



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 EVA 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 Teacher: Miss Walmsley & Mrs Mercer (Thurs am) (Supported by Mrs Coultherd)

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

Midday Supervisor (MSA): Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Coultherd

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

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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.



Healthy
Minds

Bradford District and Craven
Health and Care Partnership



NHS
Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



Tuesday 21st
January



10:30am or
7:30 pm



Held on
MS Teams

Please email the address below


THIS MONTHS TOPIC:

AUTISM AND MENTAL HEALTH



At this months Parent Support Group we will be discussing the relationship between Autism and mental health, how we can support children with Autism who are struggling with Mental Health challenges

✉ mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



Have your say on local police and fire and rescue funding

We're setting the funding for both the North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service for 2025/2026.

Before we make decisions, we want to hear your views first.

Consultation closes 20 January 2025.



Jo Coles

Deputy Mayor for
Policing, Fire and Crime

David Skaith

Mayor of York and
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Rock Climbing Clubs 2025



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Novices: Wednesday - 17:00-19:00, Silsden Primary
Friday - 17:00-19:00, Silsden Primary
Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Climbing Hub/Ilkley
Saturday - 11:30-13:30 or 13:45-15:45, Ermysted's
Sunday - 9:30-11:30 or 11:45-13:45, Ermysted's

Advanced: Saturday - 9:30-12:30, Ilkley/Climbing

Ages: 11-16 (Silsden) 8-12 (Ermysted's) 8-17 (The Climbing Hub)



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HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors during the holidays. With activities including climbing, abseiling and weaselling, it is an action-packed day.

Just a packed lunch and old clothes for climbing, scrambling, crawling and squirming amongst the rocks and we'll provide the rest.

£55.00, or £102.50 for siblings (7-16 years old)

The Climbing Hub, Bradford: 18th, 19th or 20th February

The Big Depot, Leeds: 17th February, 10:00am-4.00pm

Times: 10:00am-4.00pm

Childcare Vouchers accepted for The Climbing Hub



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