



Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to our September Newsletter, especially to those who are new members of our school family (and our Federation). We hope you had a lovely summer break and that everyone has had time to relax and recharge their batteries. We are very much looking forward to another super academic year and have lots planned across our Federation.

We would like to say a big warm welcome to our new starters in Tams Class, who are all looking very smart in their school uniform and bursting with enthusiasm!

We have also welcomed new members to our team at Giggleswick, with Mrs Miller joining as Teacher in Harrison Class and Mrs Chapman as Teaching Assistant. We are sure you will join us in giving them a very warm welcome when you see them.

We will all very much cherish the moments we have with our current Year 6 pupils and prepare them as much as we can for their transition to Year 7 in 2026!



Dates for Diaries 2025/26

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

Tuesday 16th September	Meet the Teacher sessions (3.30pm & 4.15pm)
Friday 19th September	Tag Rugby Tournament, Y3/4 & Y5/6 at North Ribblesdale Rugby Club
Friday 26th September	McMillan Coffee Morning (more information to follow)
Monday 29th September	Y5 trip to Ingleborough
Thursday 2nd October	Settle College Y6 Open Evening 6.00-8.00pm
Monday 6th October	Y6 trip to Whernside
Wednesday 8th October	Y5/6 Netball Tournament at Settle College (more information to follow)
Monday 13th October	Y2 trip to Yordas Caves (more information to follow)
Wednesday 15th October	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Football Tournament at Ingleton Primary School (more information to follow)
Friday 24th October	School closes at 3.30pm for half-term
Monday 3rd November	School re-opens to pupils



Meet the Teacher: On Tuesday 16th September 2025, we have a 'Meet the Teacher' event. This is an informal session for you to visit your child's classroom, meet their teacher and ask any questions.

Please note: this is not a formal parent meeting.

We have scheduled two short sessions with the following start and finish times:

- Session 1: 3.30pm – 4pm
- Session 2: 4.15pm – 4.45pm

Each teacher will be available in their classroom until 5pm. We look forward to meeting you all and welcoming you into school.

Staffing: The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools Long Preston Team

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Assistant Head Teacher: Miss Houghton

Federation Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

Tams Class Teacher: Miss Mounsey (Supported by Mrs Clay)

Alkelda Class Teacher: Mrs Haynes (Supported by Mrs Greaves & Mrs Vickery)

Harrison Class Teacher: Mrs Miller (Supported by Mrs Chapman)

PE Teacher: Mrs Mercer

SEND/CO: Mrs McGregor

School Administrator: Mrs Jarrom

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: Miss Knowles

Kitchen Assistant: Vacant

School Cleaner: Mr Tindale



July 2025 - Whole School Attendance

Giggleswick Primary School:
94.5%

House Keeping and General Information

The School Day: Start of day: 8.45am
Lunch: 12pm-1pm (including playtime)
Home time: 3.30pm

Please remember to bring in PE kits on Mondays, to be collected on Fridays each week, or left in school for the half term.



SchoolMoney (we are a cashless school): For our current parents, we hope that any outstanding payments from the last school year were cleared during the summer holidays. If you have anything still outstanding, we kindly ask if this can be paid in full as soon as possible. Guidance on SchoolMoney is available on our website and you can also contact school if you need any assistance.



Breakfast Club: As you should be aware, we joined the Government's Breakfast Club Early Adopter Scheme earlier this year and we are seeing around 13 children per day using the club and enjoying a healthy start to the day with friends. If you haven't used the club so far but would like to try it, please contact the School Office and they can send you the Terms and Condition and a link to the Breakfast Club registration form. Children cannot attend the Breakfast Club until the registration form has been completed. The Breakfast Club is open to Children from Reception to Y6 and places can be booked on SchoolMoney up to midnight the day before they are due to attend.

Children can join the Breakfast Club from 8am, for a payment of £2, or from 8.15am for free.



Milk: All pupils under the age of 5 are entitled to free school milk, however we also offer milk to over 5s in Tams Class at a cost of 20p per day, to be paid termly through SchoolMoney. Please email the school office at office@giggleswick-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk to let us know if your child does **not want** to have milk during the morning session. Tams parents should have received an email about the milk payment, which has been added to SchoolMoney accounts where applicable.



Annual Consents: Continuing the change we introduced last year, instead of sending you an Admin Pack to complete each year, we have sent you a link to our Annual Consent Form. Please complete the form for your child/ren as soon as possible, so that we can update our records with any changes.

Drop Off and Collection: Thank you for your continued support with our arrangements for drop off and pick up of the children...it's been much appreciated. Please **DO NOT** park outside school as the road is too narrow and very dangerous.

Please can we also remind parents and carers that it is their responsibility to ensure that their children are kept safe on their journey to and from school.



Clothing and Book Bags: Please label clothing to avoid items of the school uniform being mixed up. We recommend Velcro shoes for our little ones to make it as easy as possible for them to take off and put their shoes back on themselves. Please do not let your child/ren bring toys or objects into school or in their book bags, especially Tams Class. The only things the children need on a daily basis are: coat, water bottle with water in (no juice please) and any extra clothing kits eg PE/swimming. This also includes packed lunches if they do not wish to have a lunch provided by school. Our school dinners are prepared fresh each day on site and ingredients are locally sourced.

Swimming: Swimming lessons are by class, per term. This means that Harrison Class are having swimming lessons each Thursday afternoon for the Autumn term, followed by Alkelda Class for the Spring term and finally Tams Class during the Summer term. Pupils are to bring swimming kits with them each Thursday, including a towel (swimming goggles are optional and are the responsibility of the pupil). Please remove earrings/watches/jewellery on swimming days.



Swimming tuition is kindly provided by The Brentwood Trust.



Celebration Assemblies: Our Celebration Assemblies take place each Friday at 9am (unless parents/carers are notified otherwise). You are invited to join us to celebrate the children's' achievements each week.

Please arrive and leave by the main entrance and sign in and wear a visitors badge.

The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Catherine Maddocks

Chair of the Governing Board: Mr Andrew Bradley

Foundation Governor: Mrs Emmy Hodgson

Foundation Governor: Mrs Christine Padley

Parent Governor: Mrs Laura Boyd

Parent Governor: Mrs Ruth Taylor

Staff Governor: Mrs Paula Clay

Co-opted Governor: Rev Stephen Dawson

LA Governor: Mrs Helen Monks

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 Governing Board is on: Monday 22nd September 2025.

Safeguarding information: Giggleswick Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Miss Rachel Houghton, Mrs Haynes, Miss Mounsey

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.

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.

Perinatal Online Course

My Baby and Me

'My Baby and Me' is a 6-session online course designed to support people with low mood, anxiety and/or wellbeing concerns during the perinatal period.

To access the course either yourself or your partner need to be pregnant and/or have a child under the age of 2.



The course runs on Tuesday afternoons at 1pm for around 90mins. It will be online, and you are welcome to have your baby with you.

What will the course cover?

Week 1 – Normalising and Expectations.

Week 2 – Perinatal Low Mood.

Week 3 – Perinatal Anxiety.

Week 4 – Sleep and Relaxation.

Week 5 – Bonding with Baby.

Week 6 – Self-care and Compassion.



To register please complete our referral form:
www.bdctalkingtherapies.nhs.uk



Or call us: 01274 221234



for anxiety and depression

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Parent / Carer Workshop

Accessing Health Services

Specialist advice for parents of children with a Learning Disability
Delivered by the Children's Learning Disability Team Craven



Join our specialist nursing team to gain essential advice and information for people with Learning Disabilities, including:

- Annual Health Checks and the importance of accessing them
- What to expect during the transition to Adult Health Services
- Hospital Passports and how to develop yours
- How to support children with any medical procedures they may find anxiety provoking (including injections)

12:30 to 14:30 19 September 2025

**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.



Book your place today! email: ChildrensLearningDisabilities@bdct.nhs.uk



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