



# Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter



# APRIL

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.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Service. It was a treat to see our pupils performing so confidently. A big thank you to all our staff for their hard work.

As you can see from our Diary Dates, we have so much happening before the end of term.



**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/>



## Dates for Diaries 2025/26

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

<b>Friday 17th April</b>	Wear own clothes for chocolate donation for tombola
<b>Tuesday 21st April</b>	Y4 Hill Walk Y1 Multi-sports
<b>Wednesday 22nd April</b>	Chocolate Bingo & Tombola 6—8pm
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Wednesday 6th May</b>	Settle College visiting Y6 PM
<b>Monday 11th – 14th May</b>	SATS Week for Y6
<b>Friday 15th May</b>	Y3 Scramble and Walk
<b>Monday 18th – 20th May</b>	Y6 Residential Trip to Bewerley Park Outdoor Centre
<b>Tuesday 19th May</b>	Y1 Scramble and Walk
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
<b>Monday 1st June</b>	INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 2nd June</b>	School re-opens to pupils
<b>Wednesday 3rd June</b>	Parents Meeting for new Reception September 2026
<b>Monday 8th June</b>	Sports Day
<b>Friday 12th June</b>	Y3 trip to Ilkley Tennis (more information to follow)
<b>Monday 15th June</b>	End of Year Production rehearsal at LP for all Federation Class 3 pupils
<b>Tuesday 16th June</b>	Tems Class Wild Ingleborough study visit
<b>Thursday 18th June</b>	Y5 & 6 Rounders Tournament
<b>Friday 19th June</b>	Class photos
<b>Tuesday 23rd June</b>	Harrison Class invited to RWT by GJS AM
<b>Monday 29th June</b>	Y1 & 2 Mini Olympics at 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**

**Giggleswick Primary School:**

**98.03%**



**Craven Cross Country Final:** Well done to our pupils who qualified for the final at Skipton, they were all brilliant and we're so proud of them all. Well done!



## 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

**Local Authority & Safeguarding Link Governor:** Mrs Helen Monks

**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 11th May 2026.

## **Safeguarding information: Giggleswick Primary School**

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

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Miss Rachel Houghton, Mrs Haynes, Miss Mounsey, 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 — Giggleswick Team**

### **SLT**

**Executive Headteacher:** Mrs Maddocks

**Assistant Head Teacher:** Miss Houghton

**Federation Business Manager:** Mrs Middleton

**Harrison Class Teachers:** Mrs Miller & Ms Hodgkinson (Supported by Mrs Chapman)

**Alkelda Class Teacher:** Mrs Haynes (Supported by Mrs Vickery, Mrs Charnley)

**Tems Class Teacher:** Miss Mounsey & Mrs Mercer (Supported by Mrs Clay)

**SENCO:** Mrs McGregor

**School Administrator:** Mrs Jarrom

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

**School Cook:** Miss Dixon

**School Cleaner:** Mr Tindale



## **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.*



**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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**TBFEVENTS**

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weekends of family  
fun, with options for  
triathlon, runs,  
sportives and more

## 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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## RIPON TRIATHLON FESTIVAL

11 JULY

- JUNIOR TRIATHLONS (8-18)
- YORKSHIRE JUNIOR SERIES
- MEDALS & TIMING
- OPEN WATER SWIM



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# MAY HALF TERM ROCK CLIMBING



Holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Activities include climbing, abseiling and weaselling, an action-packed day.

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

**Ilkley Cow & Calf: Tuesday-Friday, 9:30-16:30**

**Brimham Rocks: Tuesday or Friday, 9:30-16:30**

**Rock Skills Introduction (1-day) and Intermediate (2-day) Courses are also available**

Childcare Vouchers accepted



Book online or contact us via email



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# SUMMER HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



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

**Ilkley Cow & Calf:** Every week except w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
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