



Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to our May Newsletter. The weeks seem to be passing very quickly at the moment and we have a busy run in to the half term break, with SATs taking place next week for our Year 6s – good luck to them – and then their residential trip to Bewerley Park Outdoor Centre the following week. We also have scramble and walk trips for our Year 3s and Year 1s from across the Federation and a visit to the cinema in Skipton for Alkelda Class. You'll see from the Diary Dates that we have some other trips and sports events planned for after half term, including our Sports Day on Monday 8th June, to which all parents and carers are invited to join us on Harrison Field.

Alkelda Class have been enjoying their cricket coaching this half term with John Hughes, from Settle Cricket Club leading the sessions. So far the weather has been kind to them and they have been out on the field practicing their batting, bowling and fielding skills. Harrison Class will have their cricket sessions on Tuesday afternoons after half term.

Please remember to have PE kits in school all week.

New Reception Children: We will be welcoming our new Reception children into school next month, with some special morning and afternoon sessions arranged for them, it will be wonderful to welcome them all into school. We have a meeting for new parents/carers on Wednesday 3rd June at 5pm, where they can find out about the routine of the school day and meet some of our staff.



Chocolate Bingo: Our Friends of Giggleswick Primary School held a very successful chocolate bingo and chocolate tombola evening, it was very well attended. Thank you to all.



Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility: From September 2026, the Government is introducing substantial changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility. Under the new national criteria, all families in receipt of Universal Credit will qualify for free school meals, meaning that more pupils will become eligible.

There will be two categories of benefit-related FSM:

Targeted Free School Meals (qualifying for Pupil Premium)

This category continues to be based on the existing income threshold. Pupils will be eligible if their household:

- Is in receipt of Universal Credit, and
- Has an annual household income of £7,400 or less

Expanded Free School Meals

This category applies to meals only and covers pupils who:

- Live in households receiving Universal Credit, and
- Do not meet the income threshold for Targeted FSM (i.e. the annual household income is above £7,400)

Applications and eligibility reviews

All pupils whose family is in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible to a free school meal; however, an application must still be made to ensure pupils are recorded as eligible. Pupils who are currently showing as FSM eligible will not be required to reapply, as their eligibility will be automatically reassessed.

More information is available on the [North Yorkshire Council website](#).

Dates for Diaries 2025/26

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

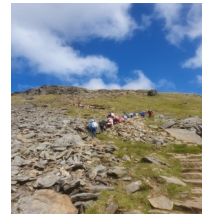
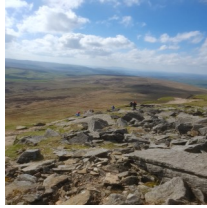
Monday 11th - 14th May	SATS Week for Y6
Friday 15th May	Y3 Scramble and Walk
Monday 18th— 20th May	Y6 Residential Trip to Bewerley Park Outdoor Centre
Tuesday 19th May	Y1 Scramble and Walk
Wednesday 20th June	Plaza Cinema, Skipton trip for Y2 & Y3
Friday 22nd May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 1st June	INSET Day
Tuesday 2nd June	School re-opens to pupils
Wednesday 3rd June	New Reception parents meeting 5.00pm
Monday 8th June	Sports Day – everyone welcome
Friday 12th June	Y3 trip to Ilkley Tennis (more information to follow)
Monday 15th June	Class 3 from the Federation End of Year Production practice at LPPS
Tuesday 16th June	Tems class Wild Ingleborough study visit
Thursday 18th June	Y5/Y6 Rounders Tournament (more information to follow)
Friday 19th June	Class photos
Tuesday 23rd June	Harrison Class invited to RWT by GJS AM
Monday 29th June	Y1/Y2 Mini Olympics at Settle College (more information to follow)
Friday 3 July	Tems Class Curriculum Assembly
Monday 6th & 7th July	Year End Production rehearsals and performances at the Victoria Hall (more information to follow)
Wednesday 8th July	Transition evening at Settle College for Y6 parents and students



April 2026 — Whole School Attendance

Giggleswick Primary School: 97.47%

Y4 Hill Walk: Last month Y4s from across the Federation took part in a full day adventure on Pen-y-Ghent, led by Olly Roberts Outdoors. As they ascended and descended the mountain in sunny and blustery conditions, the children also practiced their friendship, leadership, resilience, geology, geography, biology and risk assessment skills. The children took everything in their stride and we are very proud of them all. Thanks also go to the staff from our three schools who accompanied the children and made the trip possible.



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: Ms 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 Houghton, Mrs Haynes, Miss Mounsey & Mrs 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

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

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

Harrison Class Teachers: Mrs Miller & Miss Hodkinson (Supported by Mrs Chapman)

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.



Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent / Carer Workshop Strategies to improve Sleep

Specialist advice for parents of children with SEND

Delivered by the Children's Learning Disability Team Craven



Children with additional needs are significantly more likely to experience poor sleep than their peers.

Join our qualified Sleep Practitioners to explore ways to develop sleep strategies, helping the whole family get a more restful night's sleep!

12:30 to 14:30 15 May 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.



Book your place today! email:

ChildrensLearningDisabilities@bdct.nhs.uk



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'What is Pentecost?' Event, 24th May at Victoria Hall Garden – Churches Together are holding a Celebration Event again on Pentecost Sunday, 24 May [the first Sunday of Half Term]. The plan is to use the lovely space at Miss Victoria's Garden [inside if wet]. Last year, Giggleswick Primary School choir sang and were enjoyed by all who came. This year, there will be an Open the Book presentation, 'The Helper Arrives'. There are 12 flame ribbon sticks to wave during the 5 minutes playlet.

If your child[ren] would like to go and wave a ribbon stick, please let Sally Waterson know on 07753 618 381 or by emailing sally@thewatersons.org They will practise at 3.30pm at Victoria Hall, before the performance at 4pm. Information about this event is also in a poster later in the newsletter.





What is Pentecost?

Come and find out
& celebrate together

Sunday 4pm, 24th May

Miss Victoria's Garden, Settle

In Victoria Hall if wet

Ayrton Family Band

Guest speaker

FREE EVENT

Retiring collection for Victoria Hall

and the Sudan crisis



Churches Together
in Settle and District

www.ctisad.org.uk

***Victoria Hall's
refreshments, BBQ
to purchase***



**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**

FOLLOW SETTLE UNITED YOUTH ⚡



TBFEVENTS

Join us for 2
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)
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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



WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM

A fun-filled, action-packed half term

If you're looking for fun and adventure in the great outdoors, our action-packed activities are available to book now for May half term!

Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 May

Adventure Club is back at **Bewerley Park**, with planned activities on set days. Save 10% when booking siblings or multiple days.



Our **East Barnby** team are also running a two-day RYA sailing course at Scaling Dam, where young people can gain their Stage 1 or Stage 2 qualification.



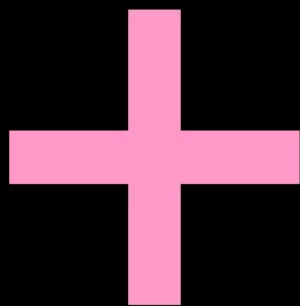
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YOLS

North Yorkshire
Outdoor Learning Service



RUN



SWIM

50% off Thanks to the

Rotary Club
Use Code "50offCeSBR"

Sat Afternoon 13th June

CRAVEN LEISURE CENTRE

JUNIOR AQUATHLON

Come have fun and try
out a multi-sport event



Swim 50 m (2 lengths)

Run 1km

Age 7-14 years



Enter Here!



Rotary
Skipton



Swim Bike Run - Skipton

SUMMER HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



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