



Hellifield Community Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to our **September** Newsletter, especially to those who are new members of our school family (and our Federation). We hope everyone had a lovely summer break and that you all had time to relax and recharge your 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 Acorn 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 Hellifield, with Mrs Ewins joining as the teacher in Oak Class, Mrs Cawood in Saplings class Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Sarah Jane Dugdale as a teaching assistant on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in Saplings Class. I'm 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



Dates for Diaries 2026/27

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

Tuesday 22nd September	Settle College visiting to speak to Y6 pupils
Friday 25th September	McMillan Coffee Morning at school. 9-10am — all welcome
Thursday 1st October	Settle College Open Evening
Monday 19th October	Harvest Festival at St Aiden's Church at
Wednesday 21st October	Flu vaccinations
Friday 23rd October	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Sunday 31st October	Deadline for applying for a secondary school place
Monday 2nd November	Start of Autumn 2 half term
Thursday 12th November	Individual school photos (more information to follow)
Friday 27th November	Blackburn Panto (more information to follow)
Friday 18th December	School closes at 3.30pm for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 5th January 2027	Start of Spring 1 half term

Macmillan Coffee Morning: We hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning at school on Friday (25th September 2026) and were pleased to receive many parents/carers, friends and relatives who joined us from 9 to 10am. The event was also open to anyone in the village who came along for a tea/coffee, some cake and a chat. Our thanks go to members of Friends of Hellifield Primary School who ran the coffee morning and also selling any cakes that were left to children at the end of the day. Any donations of cakes for the coffee morning were very much appreciated. TOTAL RAISED £90.10

Tag Rugby Event: We had our first sporting fixture of the term on Friday 18th September with children from Y3 and Y6 taking part in a tag rugby tournament at North Ribblesdale's ground in Settle. Our children were joined by others from local schools. Well done to all who took part.



Staffing: The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools Hellifield Community Primary School Team

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Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Acting Assistant Head Teacher: Miss Westwell

Federation Business Manager: Mrs Middleton



ACORN Class Teachers: Mrs Williams (supported by Miss Rawsthorne/Mrs Fortune)

SAPLINGS Class Teachers: Mrs Cawood/Mrs Shaw (supported by Sophie Fortune/Mrs S J Dugdale/Miss Rawsthorne)

OAK Class Teacher: Mrs Ewins (Supported by Mrs Dawson)

SENDCO: Mrs McGregor

School Administrator: Mrs Middleton / Ms Morton

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

July 2026 - Whole School Attendance

Hellifield Community Primary School:



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.



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

Admin Pack / Data Sheet: Thank you to all the parents who have already returned their Data Sheet(s) and the Admin Pack(s) for 2026 for their child/ren. If you haven't done so, it would be appreciated if they could be completed and returned to school 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. Our school is situated on a single track public highway and we would politely ask that if you do need to drive to school, you take great care of pedestrians when doing so.

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/PE kit 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 ACORN 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 take place each term and for the Autumn term Years 5 and 6 are having swimming lessons each Wednesday afternoon. They will be followed by Years 2, 3 and 4, in the Spring term and by Reception and Year 1 in the Summer term. Pupils are to bring swimming kits with them each Wednesday, including a towel (swimming goggles are optional and are the responsibility of the pupil). Please remove earrings/watches/jewellery on swimming days. Transport to Settle Pool is provided by Bibbys of Ingleton and we will be leaving school after lunch on Wednesdays. Swimming tuition and transportation is provided by Sports Premium Funding.

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 entrance near the School Office and sign in on the sheet that will be on a clipboard in the reception area and wear a visitors badge.



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

SEND and Well-being Link Governor : Mrs Laura Boyd



Safeguarding information: Hellifield Community Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Miss Fiona Westwell, Mrs R Shaw, Miss C Cawood and Mrs Alison McGregor.

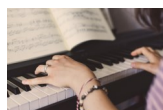
The Ribblesdale Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of the children who attend our three schools.

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 Hellifield Community Primary School.

Please help our followers to grow! Thank you for your continuing support from all the team at Hellifield Community Primary School, part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools.



Piano Lessons in School: Would you like your child to learn to play the piano? Mr Nigel Waugh, Bmus, visits your school each week on behalf of North Yorkshire Council, County Music Service to teach Piano (or Singing) to grade levels, and is happy to take on any more pupils who may be interested. Group or individual (20/30 minute) lessons are available. Lessons can be arranged by filling in the e-form at: northyorkshiremusicclub.co.uk



OCTOBER CAMPS

TENNIS | FOOTBALL
MULTISPORTS

Mon 26 - Fri 30 October

-  9:00am - 3:30pm  £25 per day
-  FREE Early drop-off from 8:30am
-  Late pickup (3:30pm - 5pm) £7.50 per day
(no movie club on Friday)
-  Reception to 12 yrs

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Parent / Carer Workshop

Behaviour strategies and support

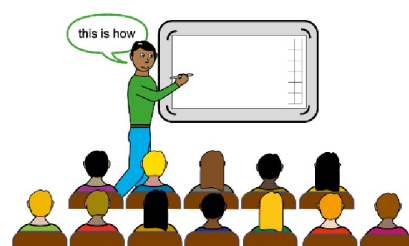
Specialist advice for parents of children with a Learning Disability
Delivered by the Children's Learning Disability Team Craven



Up to 15% of children with special educational needs use behaviours of concern. Join our specialist nursing team to explore the reasons for these behaviours and what your child may be trying to communicate, as well as strategies to manage and reduce the behaviour.

12:30 to 14:30 16 October 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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OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER



BOYS &
GIRLS
WELCOME!



10AM - 3PM



£25
FOR THE DAY



40 SPACES
AVAILABLE -
THESE WILL FILL!



BOOK NOW!



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AGED 4-13



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Our Young Musicians
Our Future

JUNIOR NON-COMPETITIVE FESTIVAL

As part of our 2026

SHOWCASE DAY

PLAY
LEARN
GROW
Together ♡



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER 2026 | 10:00 - 13:00



GARGRAVE VILLAGE HALL



VERBAL FEEDBACK

from a guest professional musician



A SUPPORTIVE SETTING

giving our young members the chance to play and perform



NO ENTRY FEE

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CLASSES FOR ALL ABILITIES

Set the Showcase off to a great start!

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A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

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club where
children can
play, enjoy a
campfire,
woodland
crafts, tools
and much
more!



Price

£35 per child per day
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age

Reception - Age 13

Upcoming Dates

26th - 30th October 2026

*Into the Wild running 28th & 29th Oct for
children in years 6 - 11*



Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



hello@wildexplorers.org.uk



www.wildexplorers.org.uk

BEAVERS

OWLS, BATS & BADGES

Aged 6 to 8?
We've got space in the Colony.

Pull apart owl pellets, hike to the lime kilns, play games, bake, and earn a pocketful of badges.

Thursdays 5.30 – 6.30pm
The Drill Hall, Settle

settlebeavers@gmail.com

Could you lend a hand?

No experience needed, we'll train you,
and it doesn't need to be every week.

Come and see a session, no strings.

