



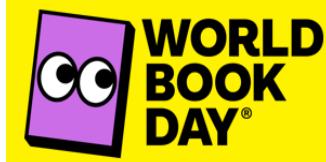
Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to our February Newsletter. We are hoping the weather will start to get a little warmer and it is encouraging that the mornings and evenings are gradually becoming lighter. It is also lovely to see the snowdrops popping up in gardens and on the verges and it shouldn't be long until daffodils are flowering.



It is great to be back at Settle Swimming Pool and Alkelda Class are enjoying their swimming lessons and making steady progress. It was disappointing that the Craven Cluster Cross Country event had to be postponed a few weeks ago, but the safety of the children is always paramount when these types of decisions are made. Some of our Y3, 4, 5 & 6 children will be taking part in a Swimming Gala at Settle Pool next week and we know they will do their very best. If your child/ren are taking part in the Gala you will have received a letter about the event.



World Book Day: World Book Day is just weeks a few weeks away (**Thursday 5th March**) and as usual pupils are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book of their choice or in their pyjamas (additional layers may be needed if coming in pyjamas) and appropriate footwear please. Dressing up or coming in pyjamas is optional.

Please do not spend lots of money on costumes, the more creative the better!

A World Book Day book token will be given to each child on World Book Day. We are very much looking forward to this event as we always have such a

Crucial Crew 2026: Our Y6s will be heading to Eshton Grange, at Gargrave on 18th March to take part in the annual Crucial Crew event. Information about the afternoon session will be sent to parents after half term. The Y6s will be joining children from Rathmell and Hellifield, as well as from other schools in the surrounding area.



The Crucial Crew event plays a vital role in encouraging good citizenship and to assist in reducing accidents, injuries, anti-social behaviour and crime, as well as protecting young people through education and awareness. There will be a series of workshops for the children to take part in during their afternoon session, which encourages active participation by all of the students.



January 2026

Whole School Attendance

**Giggleswick Primary School:
97.05%**

Dates for Diaries 2025/26

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

Tuesday 10th	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11th February	Swimming Gala at Settle Swimming Pool
Friday 13th February	School closes at 3.30pm for half-term
Monday 23rd February	School re-opens to pupils
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	Alkelda Class Curriculum Assembly to parents
Wednesday 18th March	Y6 Crucial Crew Event (more information to follow)
Friday 27th March	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April	School re-opens to pupils for Summer term
Monday 4th May	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May	SATS Week for Y6
Monday 18th - Wednesday 20th May	Y6 Residential Trip to East Barnby
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 8th July	Transfer evening at Settle College for Y6 parents and students
Thursday 9th July	Transfer day for Y6 students moving to Settle College
Friday 17th July	School closes 3.30pm for Summer Holidays
Monday 7th - Tuesday 8th September	INSET days
Wednesday 9th September	School re-opens to pupils

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

Health and Safety Link Governor: Mr Andrew Bradley

Local Authority & Safeguarding Link Governor: Mrs Helen Monks

Pupil and Staff Wellbeing: Mrs Laura Boyd

The next meeting of the Governing Board is on: Monday 16th March 2026.

The following policies were approved by the Governing Board at their meeting on Monday 2nd February 2026 and are available on the Federation's website:

- SEND Information Report
- SEND Policy
- EYFS Policy
- EYFS Safeguarding and Welfare Policy
- School Uniform Policy (No changes)
- Updated Mobile Phones and Technology Policy
- Equality Strategy and Action Plan
- Behaviour Policy (No changes)
- Pupil Premium Information.



Safeguarding information: Giggleswick Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

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

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 Hodkinson (Supported by Mrs Chapman)

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

Tem Class Teachers: Miss Mounsey, Mrs Mercer (Supported by Mrs Clay)

PE Teacher: Mrs Mercer

SENCO: Mrs McGregor

School Administrator: Mrs Jarrom

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: Miss Dixon

Kitchen Assistant: Vacant

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.



ROTARY CLUB OF SETTLE

MERRY-GO-ROUND



Plough



Knight's Table



Craven Arms



Talbot Arms



Hart's Head



New Inn



Maypole



Gamecock



Rind



Black Horse

Friday 20th February 2026

Commencing at 6.45 o'clock in the Dining Hall,
Giggleswick School

A 3 COURSE MEAL IN 3 DIFFERENT HOTELS

Tickets £35

Available from any member of Settle Rotary Club

Or David Blackburne- ring 01729 822445

dhblackburne@btinternet.com

PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT

Hope for Tomorrow



NHS

Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent / Carer Workshop

Preparing for Puberty

Specialist advice for parents of children with SEND

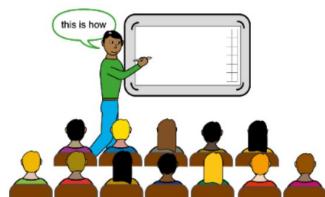
Delivered by the Children's Learning Disability Team Craven



Puberty can be a worrying time of change for children with additional needs and their family. We welcome parents of children aged 7 and above to explore strategies to help prepare for these years. Taking some of the stress away from these first steps towards adulthood.

12:30 to 14:30 20 February 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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**DROP
IN!**



HARROGATE, KNARESBOROUGH, RIPON AND CRAVEN

Early Years SEND Drop In

TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY

TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 10TH MARCH

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH

TUESDAY 7TH APRIL

TUESDAY 21ST APRIL

TUESDAY 5TH MAY

12:00-1:00PM

DO YOU HAVE ANY SEND RELATED QUERIES? IF THE ANSWER IS YES THEN WHY NOT BOOK A 10-15 MIN TEAMS OR PHONE CALL APPOINTMENT.

TO BOOK SEND AN EMAIL IN ADVANCE WITH A SENTENCE OR TWO AROUND WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS.

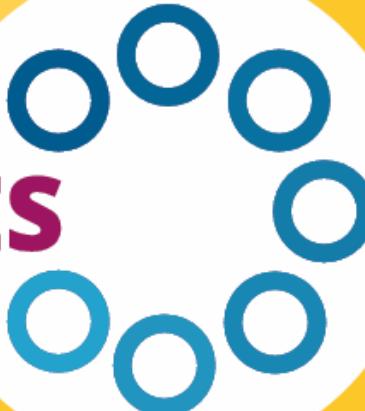
REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE QUERIES ABOUT INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN THEY MUST REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

APPOINTMENTS CAN ALSO BE REQUESTED FOR AN ALTERNATIVE DATE AND TIME.

TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT PLEASE EMAIL:
LYNNE.KILFORD@NORTHYORKS.GOV.UK

North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

ENSEMBLES PROJECT DAYS



15 March
19 April
14 June
20 June

10am - 3pm



The Regen
Centre
Landing Lane
YO19 6PW

Play an instrument?

Love making music with others?

Come and be part of our Instrumental Ensemble Days

A fantastic opportunity to rehearse, perform, and develop your ensemble skills with other musicians from across North Yorkshire and York in a supportive and welcoming environment.

For more details, email:
Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk



Ensemble Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York above grade 2 on their instrument.



North Yorkshire and York Music Hub

VOCAL PROJECT DAYS



Love to sing?

Want to perform with others?

Come and be part of our new Vocal Groups

A fun and inspiring space for young and aspiring singers from across North Yorkshire and York to rehearse, learn, and grow together.

For more details, email:
Countyhall.Music@northyorks.gov.uk



Vocal Project Days are **FREE**, & open to all children and young people from North Yorkshire and York in Years 4 to 13



7 March
18 April
16 May
20 June

10am - 3pm



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Primary School
Carr Lane
YO19 6JQ



NORTH
YORKSHIRE
COUNCIL

Feeling the squeeze from rising costs? You're not alone.

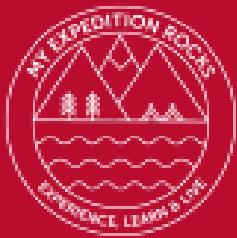
North Yorkshire Council can help point you in the right direction if you're struggling, whether that's emergency support with everyday living costs, benefits, food or energy bills.

There's information about money management, advice for families and free adult learning courses too.

Find out more at northyorks.gov.uk/NYcostofliving



FEBRUARY ROCK CLIMBING



Our holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get enjoying a new sport and meeting new people during the holidays. Activities including climbing and bouldering, it is an action-packed day.

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

Climbing Hub, Bradford: Tues-Fri, 10:00-16:30
The Big Depot, Leeds: Mon, Thurs & Fri, 9:30-16:00
Live for Today, Harrogate: Mon-Wed, 10:00-16:30

Childcare Vouchers accepted



Book online or contact us via email

🌐 WWW.MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM 📩 INFO@MYEXPEDITIONROCKS.COM



FEBRUARY CAMPS HALF TERM

18TH & 19TH - 10-3PM - AGES 6 -12
SANDYLANDS SKIPTON - £20 A DAY



www.soccerhub.org.uk/book-online

BOOK NOW ➤





FEBRUARY CAMPS

TENNIS | FOOTBALL
MULTISPORTS

**Monday 16 February -
Friday 20 February 2026**

- 🕒 9:00am - 3:30pm ⚽ £25 per day / £125 per week**
- 🕒 FREE Early drop-off from 8:30am**
- 🕒 Late pickup (3:30pm - 5pm) £7.50 per day**
- 👤 Reception to 12 yrs**



BOOK AT [SKIPTONTENNIS.COM](http://skiptontennis.com)

UNRIVALLED FACILITIES :

5 Tennis Courts | 3 Padel Courts | Club House
4G All-Weather Pitch | Sports Hall



SKIPTON TENNIS CENTRE

📞 07875 643780

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🌐 www.skiptontennis.com





Family February Fun

Join us for FREE family fun throughout the school holidays. Discover creative ways to support your child's learning both at home and in school through a variety of exciting craft activities.

All places must be booked and enrolled online - please feel free to contact our office if you are unable to do this, as enrolment is essential to access the sessions for free. Without prior enrolment, charges may apply.

Course	Date	Day	Time	Location
Family February Fun Whitby	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Whitby Library, Whitby
Family February Fun Ripon	16/02/2026	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Ripon Library, Ripon
Family February Fun Catterick	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Catterick Library, Catterick
Family February Fun Scarborough	16/02/2026	Monday	14:00 - 16:00	Scarborough Library and Information Centre
Family Fun with Pancakes - Richmond	17/02/2026	Tuesday	10:00 - 12:00	Scout Hut, Richmond
Family February Fun Stokesley	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Stokesley Library, Stokesley
Family February Fun Norton	17/02/2026	Tuesday	14:00 - 16:00	Norton Hive Library, Norton
Family February Fun Knaresborough	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:00 - 12:00	Knaresborough Library, Knaresborough
Family February Fun Skipton	18/02/2026	Wednesday	10:30 - 12:30	Skipton Library, Skipton
Family February Fun Selby	19/02/2026	Thursday	09:30 - 11:30	Selby Classroom, Selby
Family February Fun Harrogate	19/02/2026	Thursday	10:30 - 12:30	Harrogate Library, Harrogate
Family February Fun Filey	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Filey Library, Filey
Family February Fun Thirsk	19/02/2026	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00	Thirsk Learning Resource Centre, Thirsk
Family February Fun Pickering	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Pickering Library, Pickering
Family February Fun Malton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:00 - 12:00	Malton Library, Malton
Family February Fun Northallerton	20/02/2026	Friday	10:30 - 12:30	Northallerton Library, Northallerton



ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 8 - 18 AND ENJOY SWIMMING AND RUNNING?

WHY NOT TRY THE 2026 LBT JUNIOR

AQUATHLON

SUNDAY 31 MAY 26
THE EDGE - LEEDS UNIVERSITY



All abilities welcomed and encouraged - it's the perfect introduction to multi-sport events.

Only equipment required is swimwear and trainers!

Prizes for top three male & female in each category - all competitors receive a medal and goody bag!

Category	Age*	Distance
TriStar Start	8 years	50m Swim & 600m Run
TriStar 1	9-10 years	150m Swim & 1,200m Run
TriStar 2	11-12 years	250m Swim & 1,800m Run
TriStar 3	13-14 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run
Youth	15-16 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run
Junior B	17-18 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run

* Based on age as at 31 December 2026



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TRIATHLON CLUB



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FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: lbtaquathlon@gmail.com