



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 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 all Classes, 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 Miss Sargison joining as the teacher in Harrison Class and Mrs Cawood as a teacher on Wednesday afternoons in Tams 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 and prepare them as much as we can for their transition to Year 7 in 2027!



Dates for Diaries 2026/27

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

Thursday 24th September	Harrison Class taking part in The Gigg Challenge at GJS
Friday 25th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning at school. 9-10am — all welcome
Monday 28th September	Settle College visiting Y6 pupils AM
Thursday 1st October	Settle College Open Evening 6-8pm
Wednesday 21st October	Harvest Service St Alkelda's 2.30pm all welcome
Friday 23rd October	Halloween Disco 4-6pm in school School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Sunday 31st October	Deadline for applying for a secondary school place
Monday 2nd November	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 13th November	Individual school photos (more information to follow)
Friday 27th November	Blackburn Panto (more information to follow)
Thursday 3rd December	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 9th December	Nativity St Alkelda's 5.30pm
Friday 18th December	School closes at 3.30pm for Christmas holidays



Macmillan Coffee Morning: We are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning at school on Friday (25th September 2026) and we hope as many parents/carers, friends and relatives as possible will join us from 9 to 10am. The event is also open to anyone in the village who would like to come along for a tea/coffee, some cake and a chat. Our thanks go to members of our Friends of GPS who will be running the coffee morning and also selling any cakes that are left to children at the end of the day. Any donations of cakes for the coffee morning would be appreciated.

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



Staffing: The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools—Giggleswick Team

SLT

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Acting Assistant Head Teacher: Miss Westwell

Federation Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

Harrison Class Teacher: Miss Sargison (Supported by Mrs Clay)

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

Tams Class Teachers: Miss Mounsey & Mrs Cawood (Supported by Mrs Chapman)

SEND/CO: Mrs McGregor

PE Teacher: Mrs Mercer

School Administrator: Mrs Jarrom

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: NY Caterers

School Cleaner: Mr Tindale



July 2026 - Whole School Attendance

Giggleswick Primary School:

94.41%

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: Our Breakfast Club is continuing this year as we look to give children 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 per session, 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 Tens Class in the morning 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. Tens 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. Please do not park directly outside school as traffic is continuously moving through the village.

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 Tens 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.



Swimming: Swimming lessons take place each term and for the Autumn term Years 5 and 6 are having swimming lessons each Thursday 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 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 paid for 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 entrance near the School Office and sign in on the sheet that will be on a clipboard in the hall 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: Ms 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 : Ms Laura Boyd

Safeguarding information: Giggleswick Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Miss Mounsey, Mrs Haynes, Miss Fiona Westwell 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 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.



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

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

UNRIVALLED FACILITIES :

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

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 info@skiptontennis.com

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Parent / Carer Workshop

Behaviour strategies and support

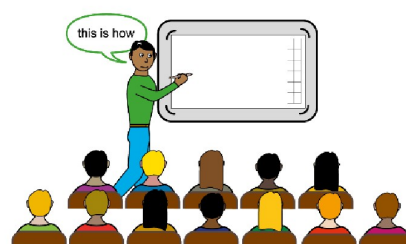
Specialist advice for parents of children with a Learning Disability
Delivered by the Children's Learning Disability Team Craven



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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