



Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter

November



Welcome to our November newsletter. We hope you have all had a lovely half term break with time well spent making the most of the autumn weather.

You should have now received information about our parent consultations that are taking place on Tuesday 18th November 2025. If you haven't done so already, please book a time to see your child/ren's class teacher using our online booking system.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We will let you know how much the school raised at a later date.

We have lots of things planned leading up to the festive season and we will keep you updated as we move closer to the Christmas Break.



Dates for Diaries 2025/26

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

Tuesday 18th November	Parent consultations (1.30-5.30pm)
Thursday 20th November	Y2 Multi-Skills event at Bentham Primary School
Thursday 27th November	Panto trip to 'Snow White' at Blackburn Empire (more information to follow).
Friday 28th November	Friends' Christmas Fair 5.00 – 7.00pm
Saturday 29th November	Settle Christmas Lights Switch-On more details to follow
Wednesday 10th December	Nativity at St alkelda's church, all welcome. Time to be confirmed
Friday 19th December	School Christmas Party School closes at 3.30pm for Christmas
Monday 5th January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 6th January	School re-opens to pupils
W/C 16th February	Half Term
Monday 23rd February	School re-opens to pupils
Friday 27th March	School closes 3.30pm for Easter Holidays



Stay and Play Session: We welcomed parents and children who are due to start in Reception September 2026 to our Stay and Play open afternoon on Thursday 13th November. Parents were given a guided tour of the school, spent time in our Early Years classroom, had the opportunity to ask questions and met our brilliant teaching team.



Food and Farming Sponsored Book Project: Last month we received 3 Usborne books from Aimee Carlisle of the Tales in the Dales Bookshop and these were very kindly sponsored by our Craven Cattle Mart Auction. We thank them for their kind generosity.

The initiative is designed to help children discover where their food comes from and explore the wonders of life on the farm. The Usborne book are exciting and engaging and bring the farm-to-fork journey to life in a fun and interactive way. We know our children will love reading these books for years to come.

Harvest Festival – thank you to everyone who was able to come along to the Harvest Festival Service last month and for the many donations for Skipton Food Bank. All of the contributions were very much appreciated



Alkelda Class were invited to Settle Stories, what an amazing time they all had!

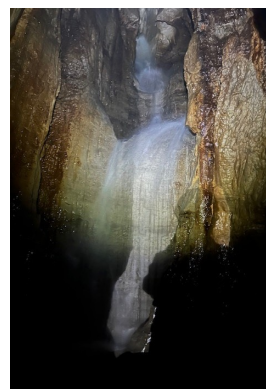


October 2025

Whole School Attendance

Giggleswick Primary School:
97.07%

Y2 Yordas Caves Trip: Our Y2s had a great day out last month exploring the Yordas Cave in Kingsdale with other children from the Federation. It provided a great venue for climbing, scrambling and abseiling both above and below ground and hunting out the water on its journey down the hill. It was brilliant that all of the children were so brave and willing to have a go...they had such an adventure! Thank you to everyone who made the trip possible.



Football & Netball Tournaments: Well done to all of the children who took part in the Football Tournament at Ingleton Primary School last month and the Netball Tournament at Settle college. Thank you to the staff who helped to organise these events and accompanied them.



Accordion Showcase Event: Some of our pupils who received their awards with Harry Hinchcliffe and Phil Henderson at a recent accordion showcase event at Gargrave.



The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Catherine Maddocks

Chair of the Governing Board: Mr Andrew Bradley

Foundation Governor: Mrs Emmy Hodgson

Foundation Governor: Mrs Christine Padley

Parent Governor: Mrs Laura Boyd

Parent Governor: Mrs Ruth Taylor

Staff Governor: Mrs Paula Clay

Co-opted Governor: Rev Stephen Dawson

LA Governor: Mrs Helen Monks

EYFS Link Governor: Mrs Christine Padley

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 8th December 2025.

Policy Updates: The following policies have been updated on the Ribblesdale Federation website:

- Admissions Policy for Long Preston
- Attendance and Absence
- Supporting Children with Medical Needs
- Pupils with Additional Health Needs
- Suspensions and Permanent Exclusions
- Health and Safety Statements for Giggleswick, Hellifield and Long Preston

Musical Development Plans have also been added to the website for Giggleswick, Hellifield and Long Preston. These can be found in the 'About Us' section of the website.



Safeguarding information: Giggleswick Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Miss Rachel Houghton, Miss Mounsey, Mrs Haynes 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 Primary School Team

SLT

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Assistant Head Teacher: Miss Houghton

Federation Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

Harrison Class Teacher: Mrs Miller (Supported by Mrs Chapman)

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

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

SENCO: Mrs McGregor

School Administrator: Mrs Jarrom

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

PE: Mrs Mercer

School Cook: Miss Dixon

Kitchen Assistant: Vacant

MSA: Mrs Clay

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.

Parent and Carer Support Group

From the Mental Health Support Team

Our online Parent and Carer Support Groups offer a safe and welcoming space to explore ways of supporting your child's emotional wellbeing, and your own.

Each half term, we cover a new wellbeing topic inspired by the Five Ways to Wellbeing, and share practical tips and ideas. It's also a chance to connect with other parents, share experiences, and support one another.

This half-term's topic:

Connect - Strengthening Healthy Relationships

This session will explore simple ways to strengthen communication, build trust, and maintain healthy relationships with your child and family. Together, we'll discuss how small, everyday actions can make a big difference to emotional wellbeing at home.

Date: Tuesday 25th November 2025

Times: 10:30am – 12:00pm or 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Platform: Microsoft Teams

To register your interest and receive a joining link, please email:
mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



PARENT PATHWAYS



"Together we are stronger."

Looking for a place to connect with other parents, share ideas, and find fresh ways to handle everyday challenges?

**JOIN US ON THURSDAYS
FROM 11TH SEPTEMBER
9AM-11AM**

 **01756 533110**

 **SKIPTON QUAKER HOUSE**

 **WWW.SELFA.ORG.UK**

Topics covered

- ✓ Emotional Wellbeing Activities
 - ✓ Boundaries and routines
 - ✓ Working with schools and agencies
- ✓ Self regulation and a positive mindset
 - ✓ Sleep and Diet
 - ✓ Family life
- ✓ Anxiety and Stress avoidance
 - ✓ Positive mindset



Attention of parents/carers

UPSTAIRS COOPERS CAFE
BELMONT ST
SKIPTON

FREE COFFEE, CRAFT and CHAT

10am until 11:30am

Starts Tuesday 9th September - weekly

X2 SELFA staff available
for support if wanted.



Foil embossing, watercolours, air dry clay and creative
writing plus more!

**For more info or to book contact key worker
Sarah**

email Sarah.astin@selfa.org.uk

Mobile: 07415371761

Booking not always required, please get in touch even if it is
last minute.

FOR SALE *Christmas Cakes*



Each individually hand
crafted cake is packed
with fruit and soaked
in Brandy.

Fully decorated
with marzipan and
fondant icing.



For more information please contact
lottie.hopkins@me.com

Tel: 07973224104

**FREE
ENTRY!**
BOOKING
REQUIRED

**SATURDAY
22 NOVEMBER**

10AM & 2PM

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WALK IN THE WOODS

Step into the spirit of the season with a festive woodland celebration
with Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust!

Be among the first to experience the launch of our brand-new supporter
woodland at Lowfield Farm, Beamsley, where you can start a new family
Christmas tradition that gives back to nature.



Woodland Walk

Explore new and ancient woods
with our guided woodland walk.

The Wish Tree

Make a festive wish for nature
at our dedicated wishing tree.

Acorn Planting

Grow your own future oak
and plant one in the wild.

Decoration Station

Create your own eco-friendly
Christmas crafts.

Tree Dedications

Plant for hope, in memory or
in celebration.

Refreshments

Warm up with seasonal refreshments
available to purchase.



Book now to reserve your place:
email media@ydmtd.org or call on 01524 261002
Lowfield Farm, Beamsley, North Yorkshire
November 22nd 2025, 10am and 2pm
Registered Charity, No: 1061687





Voucher

10% off

This voucher entitles the
recipient to 10% off
a block of classes at our Gargrave Venue.
Unit G, Asquith Business Park, BD23 3SE

Please register online via our website.

To receive the discount please quote code:
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SUNDAY SPORTS

Powered by Skipton Tennis Centre

Sundays 9:30 - 10:30am

November 9, 16, 23, 30 & December 7, 14

Choose from ...

FREE Family Sportathon

- Open to all families with children aged 3-7yrs
- Sandylands large sports hall
- Fun, interactive games & skills
- Adult & child participate together
- Tennis Multisports & Free Play

FREE Family Tennis

- Open to all families
- Outdoor purple courts at STC
- Rally with and challenge family & friends
- Play Tennis points & matches
- Battle the coach

Develop
physical skills
Enhance
mental well being
Build
PE confidence
Inspire
healthy lifestyles



To book your place contact STC Head Coach Jonny Moore via WhatsApp
07795 516498
Limited places

info@skiptontennis.com

www.skiptontennis.com

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