



Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to our October Newsletter. It is wonderful to see our new pupils settling into our school routines and making new friends within their classes and across the school. We have had a busy start to this new academic year. Our Y5s joined those from our other Federation schools for a trip to Ingleborough and the Y6s scaled Whernside. Both year groups did really well tackling these hills. This week the Y2s will be exploring Yordas Caves and we hope they are looking forward to this exciting adventure.



We also have some sporting fixtures this half term, which are a great way for our children to meet others from schools across the Craven area, and try a variety of sports.

Following the Tag Rugby Tournament last month we have a Netball Tournament this week and a Football Tournament next week.

You will see from the Diary Dates that we have booked the next round of school photos for the morning of Wednesday 12th November. As previously, parents/carers will be able to bring younger siblings to school if they wish to have their photos taken with their brothers and sisters in school. Further details and a link to an online photo request form will be sent out before the end of term.

As we are now into Autumn, and the weather can be very changeable, please make sure that pupils come to school wearing a warm waterproof coat.

Dates for Diaries 2025/26

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

Monday 6th October	Y6 trip to Whernside
Wednesday 8th October	Y5/6 Netball Tournament at Settle College
Monday 13th October	Y2 trip to Yordas Caves
Wednesday 15th October	Y3/4 & Y5/6 Football Tournament at Ingleton PS
Wednesday 22nd October	Harvest Festival at St Alkelda's Church 10.30am - all welcome
Friday 24th October	Friends of GPS Halloween Disco at St Johns Methodist, Church, Settle 4.30 – 6.30pm
Friday 24th October	School closes at 3.30pm for half-term
Friday 31st October	Deadline for Y6 parents/carers to apply for a Secondary School place
Monday 3rd November	School re-opens to pupils
Wednesday 12th November	School photos (more information to follow)
Thursday 13th November	Flu vaccinations for Rec—Y6
Tuesday 18th November	Parent consultations 1.30-5.30pm
Thursday 20th November	Y2 Multi-Skills at Bentham PS (more information to follow)
Thursday 27th November	Panto at Blackburn
Saturday 29th November	Settle lights switch on



Harvest Festival – We are holding our Harvest Festival Service at St Alkelda's Church on **Wednesday 22nd October 2025 at 10.30am**. Everyone is welcome to join us, and we look forward to seeing as many families as possible at the service.

We will be holding a food collection (non-perishable goods), during the week commencing 13th October and a monetary collection during the service. All donations will go to Skipton Food Bank.

Thank you in advance for your support .

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning – Thank you to everyone who contributed cakes and biscuits and came along to the coffee morning 26th September. We raised an amazing **£133.85**. This is such a worthy cause and we would particularly like to thank the Friends of Giggleswick PS for their help and support both in the morning and at the cake sale after school...it was very much appreciated.



Tag Rugby Tournament: Our Y3/4 & Y5/6 children joined pupils from our Federation Schools and other local schools at North Ribblesdale Rugby Club for an afternoon of friendly tag rugby games. They all had a fun time, enjoying the matches and developing their tag rugby skills. Thanks go to those staff who organised and accompanied the children to the event.

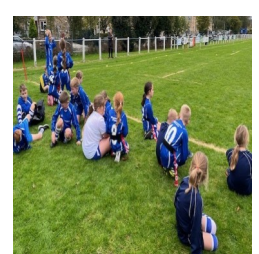
Ingleborough & Whernside: Our Y5s and Y6s from across the Federation have been out and about these last couple weeks, climbing and exploring Ingleborough and Whernside. The Y5s enjoyed beautiful Autumn weather and while it was wetter and a little colder for the Y6s, they showed amazing resilience to keep going. We'd like to say huge thanks to everyone who made the trips possible: Olly Roberts Outdoors, who made sure everyone had the right equipment and knowledge to be safe on the hills; Millie, from Wild Ingleborough, who brought a wealth of knowledge about the flora and fauna, along with matchboxes for the children to collect memories and mementoes along the way; Mrs Jones and Mrs Dugdale. The children had an amazing time and were enthusiastic and wonderful to be with throughout both days.



September 2025 - Whole School Attendance

Giggleswick Primary School: 97.9%

This is what we've been up to:



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 13th October 2025.



Safeguarding information: Giggleswick Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Miss Rachel Houghton Mrs Haynes and Miss Mounsey

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 PS 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 Teachers: Miss Mounsey (Supported by Mrs Clay)

SENCO: Mrs McGregor

PE: Mrs Mercer

School Administrator: Mrs Jarrom

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: Miss Knowles

MSA: Mrs clay

Dining Room 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.



Report Street Harassment Anytime, Anyday

Residents and visitors in York & North Yorkshire can now report street harassment using the Stop Hate UK **Start Safe Stay Safe 24HR Helpline app**.

Download here

FOR ANDROID



FOR iOS



A new app, *Start Safe, Stay Safe*, has been launched to improve street safety in York and North Yorkshire. It offers a straightforward, and confidential way for members of the public to report street, town and city centre incidents.

It's free to download, is available 24-hours a day and provides a route through to Stop Hate UK 24/7 helpline.

Here's further [guidance on support and reporting](#).

Download the app from Apple Store: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/start-safe-stay-safe>

Download the app from Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.stophateuk>



OCTOBER CAMPS

Awarded LTA UK Club of the Year | Reception to Age 12



TENNIS | FOOTBALL | MULTISPORTS

Mon, 27 Oct 2025 - Fri, 31 Oct 2025

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

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