

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	Trip to 'Snow White' panto at Blackburn Empire (more information to follow).
Saturday 29th November	Settle Christmas Lights Switch-On (see local press for details)
Saturday 29th November	Settle Train Station Open Day - LP & Hellifield school choirs singing at 3pm
Thursday 11th December	Nativity - 6pm at school. All welcome
Friday 12th December	Nativity 2.15 pm All welcome
Wednesday 17th December	Last swimming session for OAK class
Wednesday 17th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 19th December	School closes 3.30 pm for Christmas holiday
Tuesday 6th January 2026	School reopens for Spring Term

Christmas Songs at Settle Train Station Open Day:

Children involved in the choirs at Long Preston and Hellifield have been invited to take part in the Friends of the Settle and Carlisle Line's Open Day at Settle Train Station on Saturday 29th November 2025.

The day coincides with the Settle Christmas Lights switch-on, where children from Giggleswick Primary School will perform. All are welcome to go along and hear the children sing.



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. As well as all of the food donated, £118 was collected at the Long Preston and Hellifield church services. All of the contributions were very much appreciated



October 2025

Whole School Attendance

HELLIFIELD C Primary

School: 97.15%

Y2 Yordas Caves Trip: Our Y2s had a great day out last month exploring the Yordas Cave in Kingsdale with others 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.

PERFORMER OF THE MONTH AWARDS—SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS:

September nominations:

Chester Baron for playing up into the v5/6 team for the rugby tournament and being a great team player.
Harry Knowles for being an amazing role model and supportive team mate especially in Rugby.

Hela Johnston for listening well to instructions and always joining in with enthusiasm and a smile.

October nominations:

Freya Capstick for showing a more positive approach to PE in having a go at everything with an especially great attitude to caving and climbing.

Ethan Shephard for showing great listening skills, and his enthusiasm and smile in everything he does.

Jackson Burdock for playing up into the y5/6 team for the football tournament and being a great team player.



Ella Knowles on the accordion 4th November 2025 - Ella is having lessons with Harry Hinchcliffe



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
- 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: HELLIFIELD Community Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Rebecca Shaw, Miss R Houghton, Miss L Sargison and Mrs A 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—HELLIFIELD team

SLT

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Assistant Head Teacher: Miss Houghton

Federation Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

ACORN Class Teacher: Mrs Williams (Supported by Mrs Rawsthorne & Mrs Dugdale)

SAPLING Class Teachers: Mrs Shaw & Miss Preston (Supported By Mrs Fortune)

OAK Class Teachers: Miss Sargison (Supported by Mrs Dawson)

PPA Cover Teacher: Mrs Tracey Jones

SENCO: Mrs McGregor

Midday Supervisors (MSA) Mrs Dawson & Mrs Dugdale

School Administrators: Mrs Middleton / Ms Morton

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: Mrs Eggleston

SENCO: Mrs McGregor

School Supervisor: Mr M Atkinson



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 Long Preston EVA 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



**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@ydmmt.org or call on 01524 251002

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:
GARGRAVE10
to: admin@ambitionsgymnastics.com

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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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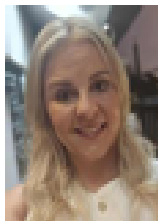
Friends of Hellifield Primary School

Who we are and how you can get involved

Who are the Friends of Hellifield Primary School (PTA)

We're a group of super friendly, approachable, fun parents and staff volunteers who give their time to create better learning experiences for our children. As well as raising much needed funds that improve our school, the social events we run brings the whole community together.

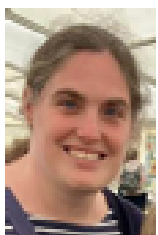
Meet the committee



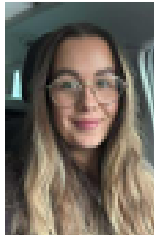
Lauren
Popay
(Joint Chair)



Laura
Knowles
(Joint Chair)



Victoria
Richardson
(Secretary)



Niamh
Forster
(Treasurer)

DID YOU KNOW
Throughout the country,
3.9 million children
benefit from having a
PTA in their school



In 2024/2025 we raised **£5463.76 (gross total)** through grants from the Hellifield Beer Festival and fundraising events including: Family fun day, coffee mornings, Freezer Fridays, Christmas tea towels, Raffles and Easyfundraising.

This has funded

1. Pantomime trip
2. Wildlife cameras and bird/hedgehog boxes
3. Cricut machine
4. Outdoor shelving for acorn class
5. Christmas tree, plus presents and crackers for each child
6. Book and PE bags for every new starter
7. Leaver's hoodies, party and parents' gift

Not to mention some of the non-profit events that the children have been involved in over the last academic year, organised by the PTA: Halloween film night and carol singing at Hellifield House.

Why not get involved?

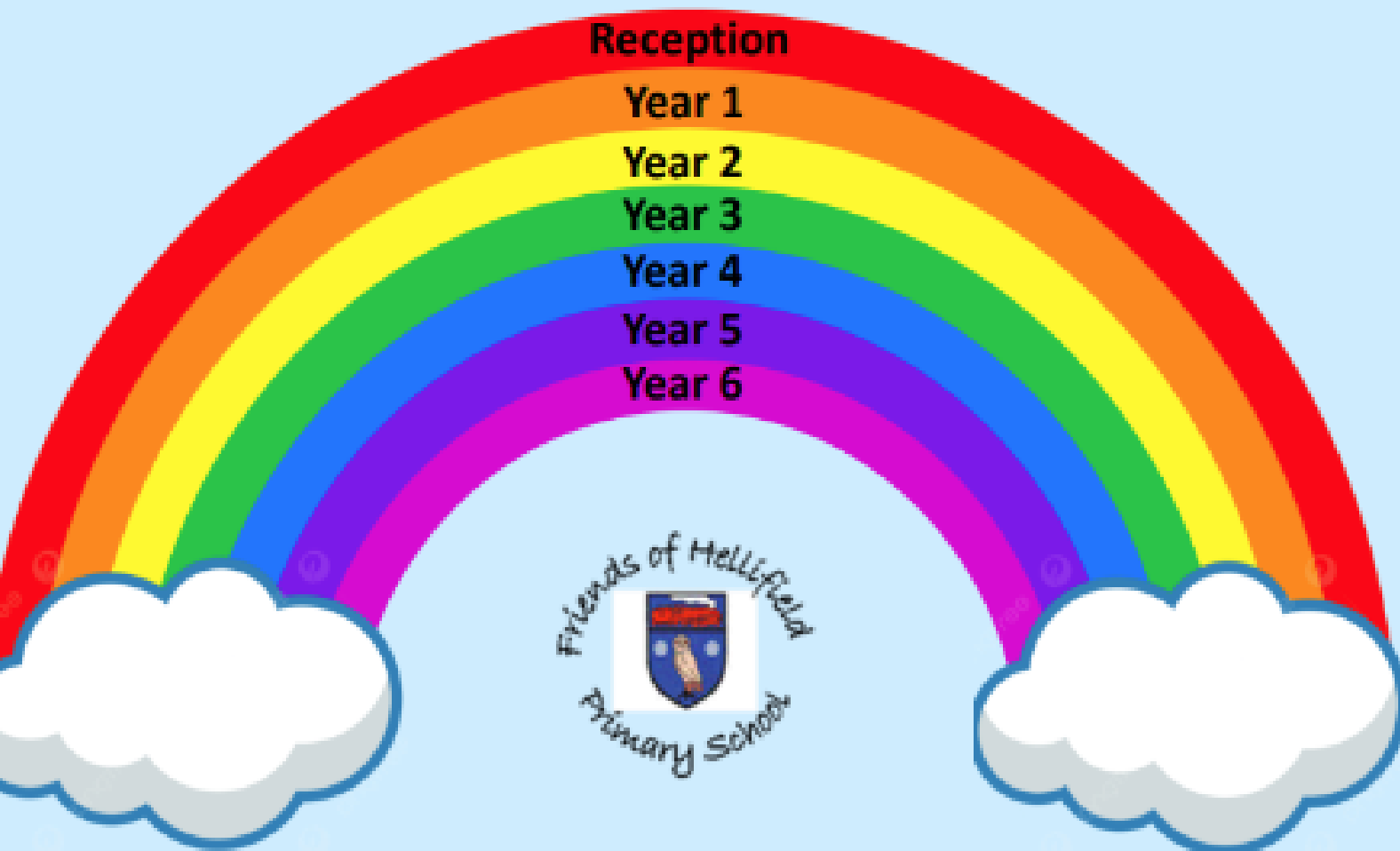
Don't be put off if you feel you can't give your time, haven't been asked or are unsure of what's involved.

- We have parents who work full-time and part-time. Any time you give is welcome.
- Having your child at the school means your automatically part of the PTA but we encourage you to join us, we can use any skills or connections you have & you might learn new ones.
- Being involved is a great way to get to know the teachers and other parents.
- Events for the Friends of Hellifield School are posted on the 'Hellifield primary school PARENTS' Facebook page.
- You can also raise funds for the school whilst you shop online or now instore through our easy fundraising page (don't forget to set up donation reminder).
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-hellifield-community-primary-school/>

For more information

Please email Victoria Richardson
Friends.Hellifield@outlook.com

This Christmas the Friends of Hellifield School are looking to run a rainbow raffle to raise money for the annual pantomime trip.



Wear what you want day

Friday 21st November

In return we are asking parents to donate coloured items/gifts you would like to see in a hamper based on the year your child is in (see the year and colours below). Example items could include: food & drink items (please make sure best before dates are after 25th December), smellies, gift sets, books, anything you would like to receive in a hamper.

Please make sure the colour of the item is based on your child's year.

Reception: Red gifts/items

Year 1: Orange gifts/items

Year 2: Yellow gifts/items

Year 3: Green gifts/items

Year 4: Blue gifts/items

Year 5: Purple gifts/items

Year 6: Pink gifts/items

FAO Parents of nursery age children

This information is for parents with children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.

You can now apply for a primary school place for them to start school in Reception in September 2026 and the deadline to apply is **15 January 2026**.

Applying couldn't be easier.

Online	Smartphone
The quickest and easiest way to apply for a primary school place is online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/NYC-PRIML	

Application Process in North Yorkshire:

- You only need to submit one application, and this should be done through the Local Authority where you live (i.e. where you pay your council tax).
- You can list up to five schools on your North Yorkshire application, please note that applying to just one school will not improve your chances of getting a place there.
- You can apply to any school or academy in North Yorkshire and if you want to apply for a school in another Local Authority area, list it on your application and the council will liaise with them.

Information:

- Before completing your application form, we highly recommend reviewing the important information available on our school admissions and home to school transport pages. The information will answer many of your questions and help you navigate the process.
- School admissions web page can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions
- There have been changes in eligibility to free home to school travel, more information on this and a 'Find my nearest school' distance calculator can be found on home to school transport web page www.northyorks.gov.uk/schooltransport
- We strongly encourage you to include your nearest school as one of your preferences. Not doing so might result in your child being allocated a place at a school farther away, and you would be responsible for any transport arrangements and costs.
- If you are thinking of delaying your child's entry into school more information and what you need to consider can be found here www.northyorks.gov.uk/making a request for admission out of the normal age group

Submitting Your Application:

- Once you've submitted your application online, you'll receive an acknowledgment email.

Allocation of school places:

- 16 April 2026 is National Offer Day when school places are allocated.
- For online applications, you'll receive an email with a secure link to view your child's school place offer. Be sure to keep your login details safe as you will need them again to access this information.
- If you have completed a paper application, then your offer of a school place will be sent out in the post.
- Remember to save all emails and confirmation messages from us in case you need them in the future.

Should you need any of this information in another language or format, or a paper copy of the application form, please call us.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to contact us.

Business Support, School Admissions Transport & Free School Meals

Postal address: Racecourse Lane, County Hall

Northallerton, DL7 8AE

Website: www.northyorks.gov.uk

Email: schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk

Telephone: 01609 533679

Phone lines are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 10.00 – 15.00 and Wednesday 08.30 – 12.00.

Free resources and advice are available for all residents to support you and your child as they begin school.

For parents of children moving up to a new school	 https://inourplace.co.uk/moving-up
BBC Tiny Happy People	https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people