



Hellifield Community Primary School Newsletter



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Dates for Diaries 2025/26

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

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| Tuesday 21st April | Y4 Hill Walk Y1 Multi-sports |
| Monday 4th May | School closed for May Day Bank Holiday |
| Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May | SATS Week for Y6 |
| Friday 15th May | Y3 Scramble and Walk |
| Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th May | Y6 Residential Trip to Bewerley Park Outdoor Centre |
| Tuesday 19th May | Y1 Scramble and Walk (more information to follow) |
| Friday 22nd May | School closes at 3.30pm for half term |
| Monday 1st June | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 2nd June | School reopens |
| Thursday 11th June | Sports Day |
| Friday 12th June | Y3 trip to Ilkley Tennis (more information to follow) |
| Monday 15th June | End of Year Production rehearsal at LP for all Federation Class 3 pupils |
| Thursday 18th June | Y5 & 6 Rounders Tournament (more information to follow) |
| Friday 19th June | Class photos |
| Wednesday 24th June | Y1 Wild Ingleborough trip (more information to follow) |
| Monday 29th June | Y1 & 2 Mini Olympics at Settle College (more information to follow) |
| Friday 3rd July | Acorn Class 1 Curriculum Assembly |
| 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 |



Welcome to our **April Newsletter**.

It is lovely to see that spring is here and that we have had some lovely sunny days over the last few weeks. We hope everyone had a restful Easter break and that the children are keen to continue their learning journey in the summer term.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who joined us for the Easter Service on the final day of last term and for making a contribution to the collection, which was in aid of the Skipton Food Bank.

As you can see from our Diary Dates, there is plenty happening until the end of term.



SATs Week:

Next month, our pupils will take part in SATs. Please make sure pupils have early nights during the week of SATs (11th to 14th May). Pupils in Year 6 are invited to arrive at 8.30 am to have a top up breakfast and well-being chat with Miss Sargison in the school hall.

Our advice is that if your child has any questions, talk about SATs with them and tell them not to worry. We have also been doing this and our team has been preparing our pupils for a smooth transition during the SATs process. It will make a bigger impact if we reassure our pupils together.

Children perform best when they are relaxed. We believe in all of our pupils and know they will do their very best during this period.

If this is your first time as a 'SATs parent', this link may be helpful: [Free interactive KS1 and KS2 SATs revision resources - BBC Bitesize](#)



March 2026 — Whole School Attendance

Hellifield Community Primary School:

97.24%

Craven Cross Country Event:

Well done to all our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6s who took part before half term in cross country races at Ingleton Primary School. They were competing against children from our other Federation schools and local primary schools. All of them tried their very best and a special congratulations to Eliza Dakin in Year 5, who qualified for the Craven Cross Country Finals, held at Skipton College on 26th March.

Accordion Lessons

Harry Hinchcliffe provided an accordion taster session to the school on Tuesday 14th April, where a lot of children seemed keen to have a try.

On Tuesday 28th April, Harry will provide a tuition workshop to any children who are interested in having accordion lessons.

Following, the tuition workshop on Tuesday 28th April, if you would like your child to learn the accordion, and take part in a series of 10 free lessons, please contact the school office, to register your interest. There will be no charge for these lessons and instruments will be provided. The free lessons will last for 15 minutes.



Please feel free to contact Harry at cravenschoolofmusic@hotmail.co.uk or on his mobile 07401 768356 (**PLEASE let the school office know of your child's interest going forward in order to release from their lessons for the fifteen minute tuition time allocated**).

The FRIENDS OF HELLIFIELD SCHOOL would like to express their sincere thanks to those who attended the Beetle Drive on Sunday 12th April 2026 –In total a sum of **£247** at that event.



Help you child stay safe online: Please use the link below to find practical information from trusted places to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>



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

Local Authority & Safeguarding Link Governor: Mrs Helen Monks

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 11th May 2026.

Safeguarding information: Hellifield Community Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Miss Rachel Houghton, Miss Laura Sargison, Mrs Rebecca Shaw 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—Hellifield Community Primary School

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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)

SAPLINGS Class Teacher: Mrs Shaw & Miss Johnson (supported by Mrs Fortune)

OAK Teacher: Miss Sargison (supported by Mrs Dawson)

SENCO: Mrs McGregor

School Administrator: Mrs Middleton / Ms Morton

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: Mark Bancroft

Site Supervisor : Mr 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 Hellifield Community Primary School, part of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools.

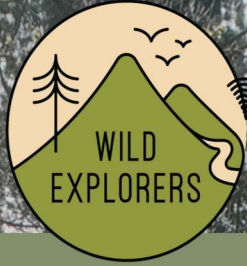


**Morecambe FC are bringing a
4 day football camp to Bridge End
this summer!**

**Mon 27th to Thurs 30th July 2026
10am till 3.30pm (drop off from 9.30am)
£25 per day, or £90 for all 4 days.**

**Please contact school for a
registration form**

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Wild Explorers

Where nature, fun and adventure collide!

A child-led, fun and nurturing holiday club set in beautiful woodland on the Broughton Estate.

We are an OFSTED registered outdoor holiday club where children can play, enjoy a campfire, woodland crafts, tools and much more!



Price

£35 per child per day
Childcare vouchers accepted

Age

Reception - Age 13

Upcoming Dates

26th - 29th May

Into The Wild (Year 6 upwards) is running 26th - 27th May
Click [here](#) for more info



Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

Location

Broughton Hall Estate



hello@wildexplorers.org.uk



www.wildexplorers.org.uk



TBFEVENTS

Join us for 2 weekends of family fun, with options for triathlon, runs, sportives and more



Skipton multisport FESTIVAL

23/24 MAY

- JUNIOR TRIATHLONS (8-18)
- YORKSHIRE JUNIOR SERIES
- MEDALS & TIMING
- POOL BASED SWIM
- JUNIOR TRAIL RUNS
- CLOSED ROAD SPORTIVE



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RIPON TRIATHLON FESTIVAL

11 JULY

- JUNIOR TRIATHLONS (8-18)
- YORKSHIRE JUNIOR SERIES
- MEDALS & TIMING
- OPEN WATER SWIM



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MAY HALF TERM ROCK CLIMBING



Holiday climbing sessions are an ideal way for kids to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Activities include climbing, abseiling and weaselling, an action-packed day.

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

Ilkley Cow & Calf: Tuesday-Friday, 9:30-16:30

Brimham Rocks: Tuesday or Friday, 9:30-16:30

Rock Skills Introduction (1-day) and Intermediate (2-day) Courses are also available

Childcare Vouchers accepted



Book online or contact us via email



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SUMMER HOLIDAY ROCK CLIMBING



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Following a great idea from a school, we are excited to announce that along with your monthly parent newsletter, we will now be sharing a short video each month aimed at parents/carers that you can share on social media or on your school website.

Our April video has the theme **Online Gaming**.

Description: This video provides a quick overview on how to keep your child safe whilst gaming online, outlining communication risks, in game spending, age ratings and reporting tools.

You can share it by:

Linking to our website or downloading a copy to use yourself (click on the three dots in the bottom right hand corner and then click download): [https://](https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Online-Gaming.mp4)

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You can use this embed code: <div style="padding:56.25% 0 0

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screen; picture-in-picture; clipboard-write; encrypted-media; web-share" referrerpolicy="strict-origin-when-cross-origin"

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We hope you find this new feature useful!