



Giggleswick Primary School Newsletter



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A member of The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools – 'Do everything in love' (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Welcome to our April newsletter. It is lovely to see that spring is here and that we enjoyed some lovely warm weather over the last few weeks. We hope everyone had a restful Easter break and are keen to continue their learning journey in the summer term.



As you can see from our Diary Dates, there is plenty happening.

We would like to welcome Stewart Culley to our Federation as our interim SENDCo. We wished Mrs Erin Jones a fond farewell at the end of last term and we will be recruiting for her permanent replacement in the coming months. If you need to raise any SENDCo related matters this term, please contact the school office in the first instance.

We would also like to welcome those children who are joining our new Breakfast Club, from either 8am or 8.15am. Although it has only been running for a few days, it appears to be going well, with the children enjoying their healthy breakfast and the activities. Please use SchoolMoney to book a place if you would like your child/ren to attend.

Swimming sessions: Our little swimmers (Tems Class) start their swimming tuition this term and we know they will all have a lovely time with the Settle Pool team. We hope their confidence will grow and grow as their swimming sessions progress through the summer term.



Transition Days —September 25: If your child is transferring to Year 7 in September 2025, you will be contacted directly by the school who has offered your child a place. We hope everyone is happy with the individual offers which have been made.



Dates for Diaries 2025

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

Tuesday 22nd April	Start of term for pupils
Thursday 24th April	Swimming lessons start for Tems Class
Friday 25th April	Johnny Walker Tag Rugby Festival at Settle College Y3/4 & Y5/6
Monday 5th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 8th May	80th anniversary of VE Day celebrations
W/c Monday 12th May	Y6 SATS Week
Friday 16th May	Y3/4 Girls Cricket Competition
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st May	Residential trip to East Barnby for Y6 pupils
Tuesday 20th May	Y1 visit to Norber Erratics & Reception pupils at Long Preston for Forest Day (more information to follow)
Wednesday 21st May	Kwik Cricket Festival Y3/4 & Y5/6 at Settle Cricket Club
Friday 23rd May	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 2nd June	School opens to pupils
Tuesday 3rd June	Wild Ingleborough trip for Harrison Class (more information to follow)
Friday 6th June	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Competition
Monday 9th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 17th June	School photos
Thursday 19th June	Y5/6 Rounders Tournament at Ingleton PS
Monday 23rd June	Y5 Federation event at Settle College
Monday 30th June	Y1/2 Mini Olympics at Settle College

SATs Week: Next month, our pupils will take part in SATs. Please make sure pupils have early nights during the week of SATs (12th - 16th May). We will be offering a healthy top up breakfast to our Year 6 pupils from 8.15am, during this week, so please book their place on the free Breakfast Club for this.

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 2024 - Whole School Attendance

Giggleswick Primary School: 96.1%



Crucial Crew 2025: Our Year 6 children enjoyed their Craven Crucial Crew afternoon last month. They were joined by their peers from Long Preston and Hellifield Primary Schools for an interesting and informative afternoon at Eshton Grange, Gargrave.

The children took part in a series of workshops aimed at encouraging good citizenship and to assist in reducing accidents, injuries, anti-social behaviour and crime, as well as protecting them through education and awareness.

Crucial Crew is a great way of preparing our young people for their transition into secondary education.

*Always walk
through life as
if you have
something new
to learn and
you will.*

The Ribblesdale Federation Governing Board

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Catherine Maddocks:

Chair of the Governing Board: Mr Andrew Bradley

Vice Chair: Rev Sue McWhinney (Co-opted)

Foundation Governors: Mrs Emmy Hodgson & Mrs Christine Padley

Parent Governors: Miss Laura Boyd & Mrs Ruth Taylor

Staff Governor: Mrs Paula Clay

Co-opted Governor and SEND Link Governor: Mr Carl Shuttleworth

Safeguarding and Attendance Link Governor: Rev Sue McWhinney

EYFS Link Governor: Mrs Christine Padley

Health and Safety Link Governor: Mr Andrew Bradley

Pupil and Staff Wellbeing: Miss Laura Boyd



The next meeting of the Federation Governing Board will be held on 12th May 2025.

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator: Mr Stewart Culley

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 Mr Culley, via the school office. All correspondence will be treated confidentially.

Safeguarding information: Giggleswick Primary School

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Haynes, Miss Rachel Mounsey & Miss Rachel Houghton.

The Ribblesdale Federation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of the children who attend our three schools.

Staffing 24/25 The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools : Giggleswick Primary School

SLT

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Maddocks

Assistant Head Teachers: Miss Mounsey & Miss Houghton

Federation Business Manager: Mrs Middleton

Tems Class Teacher: Miss Mounsey & Miss Preston (Supported by Miss Bousfield)

Alkelda Class Teacher: Mrs Leach (Supported by Mrs Greaves & Mrs Clay)

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

PE: Mrs Mercer

Midday Supervisor (MSA): Mrs Jarrom

School I.C.T Technician: Mr Freytag

School Cook: Miss Knowles **Kitchen Assistant:** Vacant

School Cleaner: Mr Tindale





Community Creative Day

Saturday May 10th | 10:30 - 16:00

The Folly Museum, Settle

Family-friendly activity-packed day, with drop-in crafts and films, in addition to bookable sessions

FREE DROP IN SESSIONS:
 badge making • art exhibition • short films • make a nature journal • grow our blanket bog • weave a mini hay meadow • balancing birds



TICKETED EVENTS:

- song session (age 3-7)
- make a wild puppet (age 8+)
- craft a 3D nest (all ages welcome)



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www.ywt.org.uk/events/ground-nest-fest

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Rural Unit Provision – Women’s Service

Liberty Links is a converted transit van bringing multi-agency support to women in rural communities.

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Links*

Settle Market Place Tuesday Mornings 9.30am-12.30
Bentham Fire Station Tuesday Afternoon's 1pm-3pm
Skipton Market Place Friday Mornings 9.30am – 12.30
Grassington National Park Car Park Friday Afternoon's 1pm-3pm

Women will be offered tea, coffee, and snacks whilst being able to chat and access support, advice and guidance on a range of issues.



Please email libertylinksinfo@stgilestrust.org.uk to refer a female into the service or for any further information.

Alternatively, contact Kelly, Rural Area Women's Wellbeing Coach on 07380502419.



This is what we've been getting up to:

