



Welcome to our **March Newsletter**. We have another busy month planned, with lots of things to look forward to. This includes our Easter Service at St Mary's Church on Friday, 27th March. We hope you can join us there at 10.30am.

Before that, on Tuesday 17th March we have a 'Coffee and Cake' session for parents and carers who want to learn more about Inclusion and Special Education Needs. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and chat with other parents. The session runs from 9-9.45am at school and you can scan this QR code to register to join us.



We have our next Parent Consultations from 1.20pm on 26th March and you should have received your invite to book online a 10 minute appointment to discuss your child/ren's progress with their class teacher(s). This year we've have extended the session to enable as many parents as possible to meet with the teachers.

Finally, we want to say a huge "well done" to all of the Y3, 4, 5 and 6 children who took part in the Swimming Gala at Settle Pool, just before half-term. Everyone swam their very best and we are so proud of all those who took part. Below are the children patiently waiting poolside.



## Dates for Diaries 2025/26

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

<b>Tuesday 17th March</b>	Parent & Carers Coffee & Cake Inclusion & SEN session, 9-9.45am
<b>Wednesday 18th March</b>	Y6 Crucial Crew Event
<b>Sunday 22nd March</b>	Long Preston May Day King & Queen selection coffee morning 10am-12pm
<b>Thursday 26th March</b>	Parent Consultations 1.20-6pm
<b>Friday 27th March</b>	Easter Service at St Mary's Church at 10.30am. All welcome
<b>Friday 27th March</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for Easter holidays
<b>Monday 13th April</b>	School reopens for Summer term
<b>Friday 17th April</b>	Long Preston May Day races at 5.30pm
<b>Saturday 2nd May</b>	Long Preston May Day event from 12.30pm
<b>Monday 4th May</b>	School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May</b>	SATS Week for Y6
<b>Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th May</b>	Y6 Residential Trip to East Barnby
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
<b>Monday 1st June</b>	INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 2nd June</b>	School reopens
<b>Friday 19th June</b>	Class photos
<b>Wednesday 8th July</b>	Transfer evening at Settle College for Y6 parents and students
<b>Thursday 9th July</b>	Transfer day for Y6 students moving to Settle College

## FOLPS Wear Red Day, Cake Sale and Valentines Hamper Lottery:

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to FOLPS' Wear Red Day on the last day of last term and bought items from the cake stall held at pick-up that day. These two events, combined with the Valentines Hamper Lottery also run by FOLPS, raised an amazing: **£330**. The Bonus Ball for the Hamper was '14' and it was won by Kerry Foster.



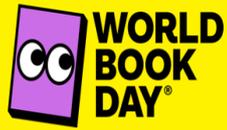
If you didn't have chance to make a £1 donation to Wear Red Day on SchoolMoney before half term, the payment will stay on your child/ren's account for the next few week to enable you to do so.

FOLPS is planning further fundraising events for this school year and we'll share details nearer the time for each of them.

## February 2026 — Whole School Attendance



Long Preston EVA Primary School:  
96.88%



**World Book Day:** As usual we all enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. There were lots of great outfits worn by both the children and the teaching staff; bringing to life their favourite fictional character, as well as some children looking very cosy in their pyjamas and onesies. During the afternoon our three classes came together with the older children being reading buddies for the younger ones.

Here are our class photos from the day, as well as our very own 'Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men' (aka Mrs Dakin and Miss Hodkinson)...which took some explaining to the children!!



Each child received a £1 book token, which we hope they will enjoy swapping for one of the 15 books available until 15th March 2026.

## 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 16th March 2026.

## **Safeguarding information: Long Preston EVA Primary School**

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:** Mrs Catherine Maddocks, Executive Headteacher

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:** Mr Andy Scott, Miss Rachel Houghton Mrs Claire Cawood 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—Long Preston Team**

### **SLT**

**Executive Headteacher:** Mrs Maddocks

**Assistant Head Teacher:** Miss Houghton

**Federation Business Manager:** Mrs Middleton

**Robins Class Teachers:** Miss Westwell & Mrs T. Jones (Tues pm) (Supported by Mrs Dakin)

**Starlings Class Teachers** Mr Scott & Mrs Mercer (Thurs am) (Supported by Mrs Coultherd and Mrs Hopkins)

**Owls Class Teachers:** Mrs Cawood & Miss Hodgkinson (Supported by Mrs Hopkins)

**SENCO:** Mrs McGregor

**School Administrator:** Mrs Middleton / Mrs Wearden

**School I.C.T Technician:** Mr Freytag

**School Cook:** Mrs. Vickery and Mrs Chadwick (Friday)

**Kitchen Assistant:** Mrs Chadwick

**School Cleaner:** Mrs. Franco

**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 Long Preston Endowed VA 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 Carers Coffee and Cake

All parent and carers across the federation are invited.

**Tuesday 17th March  
| Long Preston School**



9:00 – 9:45 am

Event Registration – Fill in  
form

Join us to meet other parents, enjoy friendly chats, and ask questions, and learn about Inclusion and Special Educational Needs supported by Mrs McGregor, Mrs Maddocks and Miss Houghton.

**Scan the QR code or click on the link above so we can gather numbers for catering. Thank you**

*Future Coffee and Cake slots will appear each term across Ribblesdale Federation*



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GOES TO MAY DAY  
THANKS FOR  
YOUR  
SUPPORT!

# BACON BUTTY MORNING

TOMBOLA | CAKES STALL | HANDICRAFTS | SWEETS | 10AM TIL 12PM

SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH  
LP VILLAGE HALL

2026 MAY QUEEN  
& MAY KING  
SELECTION

OPEN TO STUDENTS ATTENDING OR ATTENDED LONG PRESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
YEAR 4 - YEAR 8

£10 GIFT FOR EACH SELECTED ON THE DAY  
£50 EACH TOWARDS QUEEN & KING OUTFITS



# MAY DAY RACES



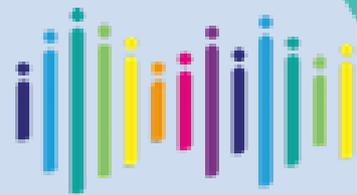
## FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**START TIME 5.30PM**    **PRIZES & REFRESHMENTS FOR RUNNERS**

- RACE 1 - RECEPTION & PRE SCHOOL | RACE TO END & BACK
- RACE 2 - YEAR 1 BOYS | RACE TO END & BACK
- RACE 3 - YEAR 1 GIRLS | RACE TO END & BACK
- RACE 4 - YEAR 2 BOYS | RACE TO END & BACK
- RACE 5 - YEAR 2 GIRLS | RACE TO END & BACK
- RACE 6 - YEAR 3 BOYS | ONCE AROUND THE FIELD
- RACE 7 - YEAR 3 GIRLS | ONCE AROUND THE FIELD
- RACE 8 - YEARS 4 & 5 BOYS | ONCE AROUND THE FIELD
- RACE 9 - YEARS 4 & 5 GIRLS | ONCE AROUND THE FIELD
- RACE 10 - YEARS 6,7 & 8 MIXED | UP TO THE RESERVOIR & BACK

**LONG PRESTON PLAYING FIELDS | STRICTLY NO DOGS**

# SEND Parent Carer Coffee & Chat



**parentcarervoices**  
NORTH YORKSHIRE  
WORKING TOGETHER FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

**Come along to our parent  
carers FREE coffee and chat!**

**Meet other parent carers,  
chat and get support**



**Thursday 19th March  
10:30am - 11:30am**



**GEM Café, Main Street  
Ingleton**

**No need to book, just turn up!**

For further info contact Janine Martin at:  
[ppocraven.pcv@gmail.com](mailto:ppocraven.pcv@gmail.com)

Who are we?

**Parent Carer Voice** are the recognised **Parent Carer Forum** for North Yorkshire, supporting families with children and young people (0-25 years) with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

**Parent Carer Voice** work to ensure that **lived experiences, voices and views of parent carers are represented** in decision making, service design and process improvement for SEND, Health and Social Care across our County.

What do we do?



*We can change lives*

[www.parentcarervoiceuk.org](http://www.parentcarervoiceuk.org)

We host face to face and virtual

- events
  - training
  - information &
  - wellbeing support
- to inform and empower Parent Carers.

See our social media and website for regional and national support, information and events.



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# Parent and Carer Support Group

From the Mental Health Support Team

Our online Parent and Carer Support Group offers 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:

Take Notice – Stress, Anxiety and Worry

This session will give parents and carers a greater understanding to what stress, anxiety and worry is for young people and share useful tools to support their young person at these times.

Date: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

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](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

# JUNIOR BAKE OFF

[WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](http://WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK)

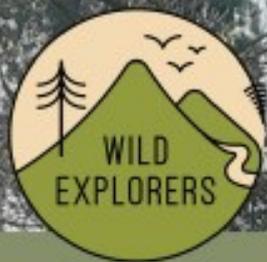
AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE  
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026





## 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

30<sup>th</sup> March - 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April



### Time

9.30am - 3.30pm

### Location

Broughton Hall Estate



[hello@wildexplorers.org.uk](mailto:hello@wildexplorers.org.uk)



[www.wildexplorers.org.uk](http://www.wildexplorers.org.uk)

ambitions  
gymnastics



# Easter Holiday Programmes

Cross Hills - Earby - Gargrave - Settle

