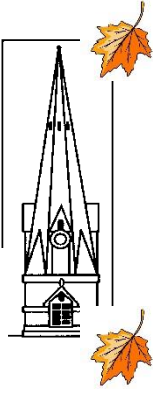


Higher Walton C.E. Primary School



'Life in all its fullness'

Friendship ● Forgiveness ● Creativity ● Courage ● Respect ● Responsibility ● Trust ● Tenacity

October 2025

Class News

Explorers class: This month in Explorers, we have been learning all about our senses! We went on a sound walk, smelled mystery cups to describe different scents, and explored lots of textures with our hands. We have also been observing the changes of autumn, watching our special tree and noticing how its leaves are changing colour. In maths, Reception have been exploring numbers to 5 in lots of fun ways, while Nursery have been busy sorting and matching different objects. We have really enjoyed exploring our text *'Shark in the park'* and reciting the story from memory.

Discoverers class: This half term in Discoverers class, we have been enjoying reading *'The Journey Home'* by Frann Preston-Gannon. The children have been learning about the animals' journey across the sea and why climate change forced them to complete this dangerous journey. We have also been learning all about the Dodo and why it became extinct. In Science, we have been finishing off our unit about the weather and observing changes in the environment i.e. trees and the animals we can and can't see and why. In Maths, we have completed our unit on 3D shapes and recapped our knowledge of faces, vertices and edges. We have also been practicing applying our knowledge of partitioning numbers to solve number problems. In History, the children loved learning about the Great Fire of London and can talk confidently about how and why the fire started in 1666! Finally, we have completed the mammoth spider sculpture which took us nearly 4 hours to assemble, sculpt and paint. The children loved this process and now we just need to find the right place to proudly display this in our classroom!

Adventurers class: This half term, Adventurers have been busy exploring a range of exciting topics! In English, the children became reporters, writing detailed news reports about the tragic events of Pompeii. In geography and science, they discovered how volcanoes are formed and discussed the pros and cons of living near one, as well as investigating different types of rocks. In maths, they have been developing their understanding of perimeter and shape, applying their knowledge to solve real-life problems. The children have also enjoyed learning how to play handball in P.E., showing great teamwork and enthusiasm on the court!

Navigators class: This week, Navigators have had lots of fun taking their learning outside. We developed our team building skills when we went worm charming on the field. One group charmed 34 worms! We made stick creatures, using wool and natural materials and then we wrote character profiles for them in English. We also made shelters using the den building equipment and re-created *'The Tempest'* outdoors in our willow dome. Why not ask the children what they enjoyed the best?

School worship

In whole school worship we have been learning all about living life 'fruitfully'... The children talked about different things that allowed them to become the best version of a fruit, for example - the best, big, red shiny apple on the tree. Many of them commented on friendship and family, which was lovely to hear and the different activities that they take part in both in and out of school. Next term we will be teaching more about the stories in the Bible that lead up to Christmas as well as continuing our work on British Values and any news items both local and nationally that we can discuss together in school.

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Parent's evening

On Wednesday 12th November, we will be holding our first Parent's evening of the school year. This will be an opportunity to talk about how your children have settled into their new class and how well they are achieving so far this year. We will also be giving out a school report card which shares with you the progress that your children are making and areas in which you can support with at home. **Your attendance at these meetings is really important and we hope that you are able to join us.**

Communication with teachers

Please speak to your child's class teacher about any concerns that you may have regarding your child – we are always here to listen and help. If you are not able to drop your child off at or collect them from school to speak the teacher at the classroom door, please get in touch with the office and the teacher you want to speak to will contact you to make a meeting at a mutually convenient time. If the matter then cannot be resolved and you want further help, you can contact either Mrs. Noblet the school's Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo, or in the final instance, Mrs. Clarke the Headteacher.

New Website

Please have a look at our lovely new school website! There will be more information added to it over the coming weeks but we are really pleased with the way it looks and how it gives information about our school.

Tempest Photographs

Proofs of the photographs taken on Tuesday this week have been sent home today. Please follow the online ordering instructions by scanning the QR code.

Remembrance in school

Royal British Legion poppies will be available after the half term break for a minimum donation of 20p.

School admissions 2026 intake

Lancashire parents/carers can now apply for primary and secondary school places for children starting school in September 2026 at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. Deadlines are as follows:-

Primary applications: 15th January 2026

DEADLINE APPROACHING - Secondary applications: 31st October 2025

We have nursery places available for children aged 3 before Christmas and Easter. Information available from the office.

Weekly awards

Awards in October				
	Star of the week	Values VIP	Star reader	Times Table Rock Star and Numbots
3.10.25	Elsie, Raine, Amelia and Chloe	Thomas, Noah, Isabella, and George	Olivia, Bobby-Jo, Freya, Oliver	-
10.10.25	Myles, Bobby-Jo, Lochlan, Ellie and Willow	Laura, Noah, Evie and Kayleigh	Lena, Arlo, Eli and Ella-Mae	Autumn and Mason
17.10.25	Noah, Louie, Henry and Olivia	Kian, Zander, Blake and Jennifer	Nicholas, Jack, Adam, Chloe and Sofia	Louie and Dylan
24.10.25	Myles, Raine, Autumn and Llorena	Nora, Jorgie, Imogen, Bella and Arthur	Esmae, Delilah, Jamie and Kayleigh	Max and Jorgie

Attendance – October 2025

	Explorers 17 on roll	Discovers 12 on roll	Adventurers 23 on roll	Navigators 29 on roll
Attendance	94.25%	91.40%	91.52%	92.07%
Lates	4%	6%	2.5%	2%
Well done Explorers class with the highest percentage attendance this week!				

This month's reminders

On each newsletter we will now focus on a specific reminder which is having an impact on school or our children, and would ask for your support in helping with the smooth running of our school.

Communication from school: Please could we ask for your support with the prompt response to any letters or forms sent to you either on ParentMail or as a paper copy. Most of these forms need further administrative work once returned and deadlines to meet.

Newsletter attachments

The following documents have been included in the newsletter email:-

- PTFA table top sale poster
- School meals new autumn/winter menu
- Holiday Activity and Food Programme – Winter 2025

Diary dates

You can now find all the diary dates and holiday lists on our website. Next month's reminders and updates are as follows:-

Further information on events will be sent home once details confirmed.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
3.11.25	8.50am	School reopens for autumn term 2
4.11.25	1.30pm	Lancashire Fire and Rescue safety talks Y1/2 and Y5/6
5.11.25	3.30pm – 4.30pm – Nursery to Year 3 4.45pm – 5.45pm – Years 4 - 6	PTFA autumn disco
w/c 10.11.25	-	Anti-Bullying Week
10.11.25	All day	World Science Day
11.11.25	3.45pm	Dodgeball competition – invited children
11.11.25	1.30pm	Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks Year 6 Health assessments
12.11.25	3.40pm onwards	Parents Evening
21.11.25	9am	Maths Workshops
26.11.25	9am	Ethos Group worship
2.12.25	-	Multi skills event
3.12.25	3.30pm	PTFA Christmas Fair
9.12.25	12 noon	Pantomime trip
11.12.25	9am and 4pm	EYFS and Year 1/2 Nativity
17.12.25	1.30pm	Christingle Service – All Saints Church
18.12.25	2.45pm	Rocksteady Concert
19.12.25	2.30pm	PTFA Santa Dash event
19.12.25	3.30pm	School closes for the Christmas break
6.1.26	8.50am	School re-opens - Spring term 1