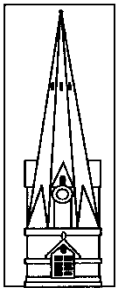


Higher Walton C.E. Primary School



'Life in all its fullness'

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

Friday 26th June 2026 2026

Head Teacher's Message

June has been a fantastic month at school, with our children continuing to work incredibly hard, showing enthusiasm and determination in all they do. It has been wonderful to see their progress and excitement as we begin to look forward to our upcoming summer events and celebrations. We would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support with our recent school activities - it is greatly appreciated and helps make these experiences so special for our children. As we head into the final three weeks of the school year, we are looking forward to plenty more fun, learning and memorable moments together. Let's finish the year with the same positive energy and commitment that has made June such a success! We hope to see many of you at the Summer Fair and BBQ next Wednesday, see the PTFA posters for more information. Have a lovely weekend, Mrs. Clarke 😊

Whole school worship

In our whole-school worship this month, we have continued to explore the Christian values of forgiveness and truthfulness. Together, we reflected on the story of Achan and the importance of being honest, learning about the consequences that can arise when we choose to tell lies or hide the truth. The children engaged thoughtfully in discussions and took time to reflect on how this story can help guide their own choices and actions. We hope these important messages encourage all of our pupils to show honesty, take responsibility for their actions and understand the value of forgiveness in their everyday lives.

Class News

Explorers: We have had a very busy and exciting few weeks in Nursery and Reception! Reception have been enjoying the rhyming story '*Oi Frog*' and have shown fantastic creativity by making their very own rhyming books. Nursery have become Jungle Explorers while reading '*Rumble in the Jungle*' and have loved drawing pictures of their favourite animals. In Maths, Reception children have been developing their understanding of ordinal numbers and creating repeating patterns. In Science, we have been learning all about animal habitats and exploring the fascinating world of rock pools. We have also had an action-packed few weeks with our Golf morning and Sports Day. The children have been amazing throughout, showing enthusiasm, teamwork and excellent effort.

Discoverers: Our KS1 class has had a fantastic term of learning across the curriculum. In Science, the children have been exploring the wonders of the ocean, learning about rock pools as microhabitats and investigating the life cycles of a variety of ocean animals. In English, they enjoyed reading '*The Dragon Machine*' by Helen Ward and were inspired to write their own imaginative versions of the story, using exciting vocabulary and creative ideas. In Geography, the children have been learning about the seas and oceans that surround the United Kingdom, developing their understanding of maps and the world around them. We are very proud of their enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work throughout this topic. Can your child name all the seas and oceans around the UK?

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Adventurers: This term in Year 3/4, we have been exploring the fascinating world of the Ancient Maya in History, learning about their achievements, daily life and the lasting impact of this remarkable civilisation. In English, we have continued reading '*FarTHER*' by Grahame Baker-Smith, using the inspiring story as a stimulus to write our own imaginative narratives, with a particular focus on creating descriptive settings and developing interesting characters. We have also been practicing our recorder pieces and are looking forward to showcasing our hard work in next week's concert. In swimming, the children have been learning important water safety skills, helping them understand how to stay safe in and around water while building their confidence in the pool. It has been another busy and enjoyable term, and we are proud of the enthusiasm and effort the children have shown across all areas of their learning.

Navigators: Navigators have been very busy practising for the '*Olivia*' production and are doing a fantastic job of learning their lines and the songs. **Please can costumes be brought in next week.** They also enjoyed their golf lesson on Wednesday. We are reading '*The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*' by Tom Angleberger and the class are trying to decide if Dwight is really using the force or if he is making everything up. In art the children are creating digital artwork based on photos we took of our own art.

Whole school attendance

Improving school attendance remains one of our key priorities, and we need your continued support to help us achieve this. At present, our overall attendance is below the national average, and time away from school during term time, along with pupils arriving late, is having a significant impact on children's learning and our whole-school attendance figures. Every school day provides valuable opportunities for learning, building friendships and developing confidence, and even small amounts of missed time can quickly add up. We ask all families to help us by ensuring children attend school every day whenever they are well enough to do so, arrive on time and avoid taking holidays during term time wherever possible. By working together, we can improve attendance and ensure every child has the very best opportunity to succeed and enjoy all that school has to offer.

Ofsted Report

We hope you enjoyed reading our recent Ofsted report and celebrating the many strengths and achievements recognised within it. We are incredibly proud of what our pupils, staff and wider school community have accomplished together. While it is important to celebrate our successes, we are equally committed to continuous improvement. As we move forward, we will be focusing on key priorities identified through our school improvement work, including raising standards in writing, improving attendance and further developing children's understanding of protected characteristics. By working together with our families, we are confident that we can continue to build on our successes and make our school an even better place for every child to learn, grow and thrive.

Online safety workshop

A big thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our recent Online Safety Workshop. Your support and engagement are invaluable in helping us work together to keep our children safe both in school and online. These workshops provide practical advice, up-to-date guidance and opportunities to discuss the challenges that children may face in the digital world. We hope everyone who attended found the session useful, and we encourage even more families to join us at our next workshop so that, together, we can continue to support our children in becoming safe, responsible and confident users of technology.

Summer weather

Please ensure your child has a hat, sun cream and a water bottle with them every day. Children who suffer with hayfever should also have their medication before school.

Sports day

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who joined us for what was a fantastic Sports Day! It was wonderful to see so many families cheering on the children and helping to create such a positive and exciting atmosphere. A special thank you to everyone who took part in the parents' race — you certainly added plenty of fun and laughter to the day! We hope the children also enjoyed watching the teachers' race, as well as the surprise non-uniform day that followed as a reward for their excellent effort, sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

Father's Day Breakfast

A huge thank you to all of the dads, grandads and other male relatives who joined us for our Father's Day Breakfast. It was wonderful to see so many families spending quality time together, enjoying tea, toast and a range of games with the children. The smiles, laughter and conversations made it a very special morning, and we are so grateful to everyone who took the time to attend. We hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did.

Finance

As we approach the summer holidays, please could we ask that all payments for breakfast and after school club, nursery and school meals are up to date by 9am Wednesday 15th July ready for our academic year end processes.

From September 2026 it will be necessary to implement a small price increase to our fees for nursery, breakfast and after school club. The school catering service have also increased the cost of school meals. Please see the email attachment for further details.

Weekly awards

Awards - June 2026				
Week ending	Star of the week	Values VIP	Star reader	Times Table Rock Star and Numbots
5.6.26	Malacai, Jorgie, Luna and Cody	Noah, Raine, Mason and Llorena	Billy, Teddy, Charlie and Ellie	-
12.6.26	Esmee, Nathaniel, Autumn and Evie-May	Myles, Phonics group, Erin and all Year 5/6	Nora, Zander and Henry	-
19.6.26	Jack, Bobby-Jo, Dylan and Mischa	Olivia, Discoverers class, Theon and Bella-Mae	Nicholas, Jack, Amelia and Reeve	-
26.6.26	Isaac, Louie, Dylan and Chloe	Lena, Bobby-Jo, Adam and Eddie	Thomas, Mason and Oliver	

Attendance

Attendance June 2026	Explorers 18 on roll	Discovers 13 on roll	Adventurers 22 on roll	Navigators 28 on roll	Whole School 81 on roll
Attendance	91%	84%	92%	92%	91%
Lates	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%
Well done Adventurers and Navigators classes with the highest percentage attendance this month!					

This month's reminder

To make things easier to receive and respond to school communications, **please ensure your ParentMail notifications or alerts are switched on** so you don't miss any important updates.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Newsletter attachments

The following documents have been sent with the newsletter this month:-

- School price increases (school meals, nursery, before and after school club)
- Beat the Heat – UK Health Security Agency guidance
- Forest of Bowland species event poster
- Families First poster

Diary dates

You can now find all the diary dates and holiday lists on our website. Reminders and updates are as follows:-

DATE	TIME	EVENT
29.6.26 to 3.7.26	1.30pm until 3.25pm	New intake afternoon sessions
30.6.26	2.30pm	Year 3/4 recorder concert supported by our choir – parents welcome
1.7.26	11am	Y3/4 swimming
1.7.26	3.40pm	PTFA summer fair – See posters sent home by email for details
8.7.26	11am	Y3/4 swimming – last session
8.7.26		School reports out
9.7.26	2pm and 5pm	Y5/6 performance – ParentMail form to follow
14.7.26	3.40pm	Drop in parents evening for parents who have any questions about school reports
15.7.26		Transition day in school
16.7.26	9am	Explorers class worship and Nursery graduation – parents welcome
16.7.26	2.40pm	Rocksteady Concert – parents welcome
17.7.26	9.30am	Leavers Service – All Saints Church – all welcome
17.7.26	3.30pm	School closes for the summer break
1.9.26		INSET day – school closed for pupils
2.9.26	8.50am	School re-opens for autumn term 1