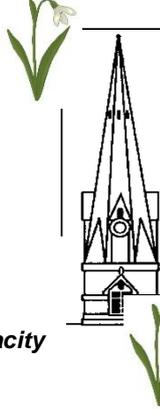


Higher Walton C.E. Primary School



'Life in all its fullness'

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

26th February 2026

I hope you have all had a good half-term break. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and to see how quickly the children have settled into their new exciting learning. Classrooms are already buzzing with creativity and enthusiasm as new topics begin and fresh challenges are embraced. There is a real sense of energy around school, helped by the first signs of spring in the air – lighter mornings, brighter afternoons and bulbs beginning to bloom. We are looking forward to a busy and successful half term filled with growth, both in our learning and all around us.

Mrs. Clarke ☺

Class News

Explorers: This term, our Reception children have been exploring the topic “Who Can Help Me?” through the story ‘*A Superhero Like You*’, where they have been discussing what makes a real-life hero and how people can help others in their community. The children have been developing their literacy skills by practicing writing simple words and captions related to heroes. Meanwhile, our Nursery children have been enjoying ‘*Whose Hat Is This?*’, learning to identify different community helpers and their roles, and joining in with repeated phrases and rhymes to build early reading skills. Both classes have been learning about shapes in maths, spotting them in the classroom, and in our play. We have also begun talking about Easter and Lent and to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the children had fun making and tasting pancakes.

Discoverers: This term, our Discoverers class have been busy exploring the wonderful story ‘*Yeti and the Bird*’ by Nadia Shireen. The children created their very own imaginative stories, full of adventurous characters and exciting challenges to overcome. In Science, we have been learning about life cycles and what humans need for survival and growth. Meanwhile, in History, we travelled back in time to explore the fascinating history of toys, comparing toys from the past with those we enjoy today. We ended the last half term with a teddy bears picnic.

Time to talk- Can you retell one of the stories of Jesus' miracles?

Adventurers: Welcome back to the second Spring term! I hope you had a relaxing half term. Adventurers class have had a great start and have already been starting work on the Easter performance of 'The Tale of Three Trees', which we can't wait for you to see.

This half term we are starting work on Egyptians in History and are busy creating a website, in computing, all about Ancient Egypt. In English, we have started our new text '*The Lion and the Unicorn*' which is a fantastic story about World War 2 and the children evacuees.

We are still continuing with our reading 'Star Books' draw each Friday, please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes each day and make sure their reading diary is signed to ensure they have an entry into the draw.

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Navigators: This week Navigators have started to read their new class novel which is called '*The Good Thieves*' by Katherin Rundell. We really enjoyed her other novel '*The Explorer*', so we are hoping this one is just as good. In maths, Y6 have been completing fraction problems and Y5 have been finding missing angles. We have also had fun playing Tag Rugby with our sports coaches and talking about our hopes and dreams for the future in PSHE. SATS booster classes have begun and the Y6 children really tried hard with their revision.

Why not ask your child about the biomes of the natural world that they will be able to tell you about? Hopefully, they will be able to tell you the names of the six we learnt about this week!

School worship

In the weeks leading up to Easter, we will be coming together for special times of worship and reflection as we journey through Lent. Children across all classes will learn about the meaning of this important Christian season, exploring themes of hope, forgiveness, sacrifice and new life. Through stories from the Bible, thoughtful prayers, reflective activities and class discussions, we will share our understanding of why Lent is a time of preparation and how Easter brings a message of joy and celebration. It has been wonderful to see the children engage so respectfully this week, sharing their ideas with maturity and making meaningful connections to our school values in their daily lives.

Parent's evening

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school for our upcoming Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 4th March**. Appointment slips have been sent home today. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress and next steps, and strengthen the important partnership between home and school. When we work together, children feel supported, confident and motivated to do their very best. Parents' Evening also gives you the chance to ask questions, share insights and gain a clear understanding of how you can help your child at home. We strongly encourage all families to attend and look forward to seeing you in school.

Mother's Day service

We are delighted to invite all families and friends to join us for our Mother's Day Service at All Saints Church on **Friday 13th March at 9.15am**. This special service is a wonderful opportunity for our children to celebrate and give thanks for the special women in their lives through readings, prayers and songs. We look forward to welcoming you as we come together as a school community to mark this meaningful occasion. All are very welcome to attend.

Adventurers Class Easter performance

Adventurers Class are delighted to invite you to their Easter Celebration, which will take place on **Wednesday 25th March at 1.30pm** at All Saints Church. The children will begin rehearsals over the next couple of weeks and are already very excited about preparing this special performance. They are looking forward to sharing the Easter story through songs, readings and reflections, and we hope families will be able to join us for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon.

Higher Walton Book Day

We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating Book Day **on the final day of term, Friday 27th March**. This year's theme is 'Little People, BIG DREAMS', inspired by the wonderful Little People, BIG DREAMS collection. Throughout the day, children will enjoy reading and learning about a range of inspiring individuals who have achieved incredible things. We would love to invite all children to come dressed as their favourite person from a Little People, BIG DREAMS book. We can't wait to see our school filled with inspirational characters and to celebrate a shared love of reading together!

Parent's workshop – Online safety and using devices at home

We are pleased to be holding a Parenting Workshop on **Tuesday 17th March at 9.00am**, focused on supporting children with online safety and the responsible use of devices at home. With children increasingly accessing games, apps and online platforms at a younger age, it is more important than ever that we work together to ensure they stay safe. During the session, we will share practical advice on setting parental controls, managing screen time, understanding age ratings, and having open conversations about their experiences. The workshop will also signpost to useful guidance from organisations such as NSPCC and Childnet. We hope you will join us for this informative and supportive session as we continue to work in partnership to keep our children safe, confident and responsible online users. **Please complete the form on ParentMail by 9am on Friday 13th March** so we know how many people to expect.

Website

We continue to add new content to our website and we hope you find this useful. The calendar and diary date summary have been updated for this term.

Weekly awards

Awards in January				
	Star of the week	Values VIP	Star reader	Times Table Rock Star and Numbots
6.2.26	Esmee, Raine and Autumn	Myles, Teddy, Evie, Madyson, Kayleigh, Chloe and Jessica	Isaac, Bobby-Jo and Freya	Nathaniel (Numbots)
13.2.26	Hallie, Jorgie, Adam and Eva	Olivia, Jorgie and Louie	Billy, Raine, max and Olivia	Llorena Arlo
27.2.26	Lena, Noah, Evie, Lily and Evie-May	Noah, Jack, Charlie and Ava	Evie, Nathaniel, Mason and Oliver	Charlie (TT Rock Star)

Attendance

Attendance February 2026	Explorers 17 on roll	Discoverers 12 on roll	Adventurers 23 on roll	Navigators 29 on roll
Attendance	90%	93%	87%	89%
Lates	5%	6%	3%	3%
Well done Discoverers class with the highest percentage attendance this month!				

This month's reminder

On each newsletter we will 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.

- Please ensure that you respond to any forms, payment requests or other communication sent out via ParentMail in a timely manner to avoid additional work being placed on the office staff in chasing these up.

Newsletter attachments

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

- Home Start flyer
- MIND Bounce Forward Club poster
- Lancashire Family Hubs Network Parent and Carer Peer Support 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
4.3.26		Parents Evening – rearranged from 11th March
13.3.26	9.15am	Mother's Day Service, All Saints Church – see newsletter for details
17.3.26	9am	Parents Workshop – online safety – see newsletter for details
17.3.26	9am	Cheerleading Event – invited children
18.3.26		Wellbeing Festival in school – led by Active Health Team
18.3.26	6pm	Let's Go Sing Concert – Blackburn Ice Arena
18.3.26		PTFA Easter Bingo – Cancelled due to Let's Go Sing concert. A new date will be released soon.
25.3.26	1.30pm	Y3/4 Easter Performance – see newsletter for details
25.3.26		Easter Bingo fundraiser (part of the school day)
26.3.26	2.45pm	Rocksteady Concert – all welcome
27.3.26		Higher Walton Book Day – see newsletter for details
27.3.26	3.30pm	School closes for the Easter break
13.4.26	9 am	School re-opens – Summer term 1
15.4.26		Y3/4 swimming starts – details to follow