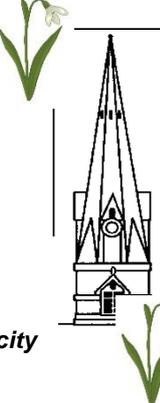


# Higher Walton C.E. Primary School

**'Life in all its fullness'**

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



27<sup>th</sup> March 2026



We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our children, staff and families for a fantastic half term filled with hard work, exciting new learning and plenty of fun along the way. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and commitment shown across the school. We are already looking forward to the summer term, with lots of exciting events ahead, including Sports Day and our Summer Fair. As we break for the Easter holidays, we wish all of our families a restful and joyful time, and hope that everyone takes a moment to reflect on Jesus and the powerful message of hope and new life that the resurrection brings.

Have a wonderful break, Mrs. Clarke ☺

## Class News

**Explorers:** This term, our Reception and Nursery children have continued exploring the topic '*People Who Help Us*,' learning about the fire service, police, doctors, and dentists, and how they help us in our community. In Reception, our literacy work has been inspired by '*The Lion Inside*' with children developing their reading and writing through captions and simple sentences. In maths, they have been learning about doubling and sharing using practical activities. Meanwhile, Nursery children have been reading '*Supertato*', where they have been developing their early reading and writing skills by recognising logos and creating their own characters. In maths, Nursery have been focusing on cardinality and counting, building confidence through songs, games, and hands-on learning. In RE, both classes have been learning about the Easter story and its meaning and have enjoyed designing their own Easter decoration.

**Discoverers:** We have had a fantastic end to the term, with the children showing great enthusiasm and creativity across all subjects. In English, we explored the beautiful book '*Dear Earth*' by Isobel Otter and Clara Anganuzzi, which inspired the class to write vivid and imaginative poems about being explorers. In Geography, we focused on weather, learning how to observe and measure wind direction like real meteorologists. In Science, we have begun our topic on plants, and the children are already showing great curiosity—we look forward to continuing our learning about plant growth next term. Ask your child about one of the places they would explore and what they would see?

**Adventurers:** It has been a very busy 5-week term in Adventurers class. We have also completed two books in English, '*The Lion and the Unicorn*' and '*Cinderella of the Nile*' and the children produced amazing newspaper reports, letters and a non-chronological report about the Land Girls in World War 2. We particularly loved learning all about Ancient Egypt and the importance of the River Nile in the Ancient Civilization. We have also been busy practicing our performance of 'The Three Trees' and the children did an amazing job on Wednesday, they sang so beautifully and spoke so clearly! Well done, Adventurers!

The children look wonderful today for Higher Walton Book Day, and they have been busy creating PowerPoint presentations about their chosen inspirational person and then presented them to the class. Have a relaxing and wonderful Easter break and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

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**Navigators:** Navigators have been reading '*The Unforgotten Coat*' by Frank Cottrell Boyce which is a fantastic novel about friendship. We have used our research to write interesting non-chronological reports about Mongolia and the children have learnt a lot about the country. In maths, we have been learning about finding area of shapes and using data to solve problems. Our geography topic has been finding out about life in a desert and in science we have been exploring the solar system. Y6 have been working hard with their preparation for SATS and should be very proud of the effort they have shown

### School worship

Over the past few weeks, our whole school worship has focused on the Easter story, helping the children to understand its meaning and significance. Through storytelling, reflection and discussion, we have explored the themes of community and forgiveness, thinking about how these values are shown in the actions of others and how we can live them out in our own daily lives. The children have engaged thoughtfully, sharing ideas about supporting one another, showing kindness and resolving differences in a positive way. It has been a special time for us to come together as a school family, reflecting on how we can continue to build a caring and inclusive community for all.

### Swimming

Swimming lessons start on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April for all children in Year 3/4 at Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre. Lessons start at 11.15am until 12 noon and will run for the whole of the summer term with the 8<sup>th</sup> July being their last session. Children will need to bring their swimming kit, consisting of a one piece swimming costume or close fitting trunks, a towel and a swimming hat (these are a compulsory requirement by the leisure centre). Any queries, please speak to Mrs Porter.

### Parent's evening

We were delighted to see such a strong turnout at Parents' Evening, with attendance reaching an impressive 98%. Thank you to all families who made the time to attend and engage in these important conversations about your child's learning and progress. Your support makes a real difference, helping to strengthen the partnership between home and school and ensuring every child can thrive. For the small number of families who were unable to attend, please do get in touch with the school office to arrange an alternative appointment so we can continue working together to support your child's success.

### Mother's Day service

Our special Mother's Day service was a lovely celebration. The children represented the school beautifully, sharing thoughtful readings, prayers and songs that celebrated the importance of love, care and family. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and family members join us in such a special setting, and the children were incredibly proud to share this time with them. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the service memorable and a genuine thank you to the mother's Union at church for their gift of flowers.

### Adventurers Class Easter performance

We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 and 4 children for their fantastic performance of 'The Three Trees'. Despite a last-minute change of venue to the school hall, the children rose to the occasion with confidence, enthusiasm and professionalism. Their singing, acting and storytelling were truly wonderful, and it was clear how much effort and dedication had gone into preparing for the production. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and it was a joy to see the children shine on stage—well done to everyone involved!

### Higher Walton Book Day

Our recent Higher Walton Book Day was a lovely event for the school, with many children and families making a great effort to take part. It was nice to see such a variety of inspirational characters, with lots of thoughtful and creative costumes on display. Events like this help to promote a love of reading and bring books to life for our children. Thank you to all families and our school staff for your continued support.

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

The re-arranged Parenting Workshop is now on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 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 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April** 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 March				
	Star of the week	Values VIP	Star reader	Times Table Rock Star and Numbots
6.3.26	Alex, Evie and Arthur	Elsie, Jack, Jimmy and Oliver	Kian, Isobel and Nicole	Autumn and Louie
13.3.26	Libby, Jorgie, Freya and George	Esmee, Teddy, Isobel and Llorena	Hallie, Eli and Jessica	Vanessa and Delilah
20.3.26	Isaac, Alex, Theon, Ellie and Willow	Thomas, Noah, Jamie and Evie-May	Myles, Filip, Eli and Mischa	-
27.3.26	Billy, Louie, Adventurers class and Bella	Olivia, Raine, Imogen and Lily	Lena, Alex and Issy	-

### Attendance

Attendance March 2026	<b>Explorers</b> 18 on roll	<b>Discovers</b> 13 on roll	<b>Adventurers</b> 22 on roll	<b>Navigators</b> 28 on roll	<b>Whole school</b> 81 on roll
Attendance	92%	95%	94%	95%	94%
Lates	3%	3%	2%	2%	2.5%
<b>Well done Discoverers and Navigators classes with the highest percentage attendance this month!</b>					

### 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.

- Timely responses to forms, payment requests or other communication sent out via ParentMail continues to be an issue and leads to additional work being placed on the office staff in chasing these up. Please ensure you have notifications/alerts set on ParentMail so you do not miss anything we send out. Thank you.

### Newsletter attachments

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

- Health information – stay strong, get vaccinated information
- Health information – Stay one step ahead of diarrhoea and vomiting

## 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
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 – <a href="#">details in the newsletter.</a>
15.4.26	9am	Y4, 5 & 6 Lancashire Police Pol-Ed workshop – <a href="#">forms on ParentMail</a>
16.4.26		Primary offer day for September reception starters
17.4.26		Year 5/6 Golf day in school – <a href="#">PE kits to be worn</a>
17.4.26	3.40pm	PTFA clothing sale <b>CANCELLED</b>
22.4.26		Y3/4 swimming
29.4.26		Y3/4 swimming
29.4.26	3.40pm	PTFA bingo event
5.5.26	9am	Parent workshop – online safety and safe use of devices
6.5.26		Y3/4 swimming
7.5.26	9am	Year 1/2 class worship – <a href="#">parents welcome</a>
13.5.26		Y3/4 swimming
20.5.26		Y3/4 swimming
21.5.26		Sports Day – <a href="#">details to follow</a>
22.5.26		School closes for the May half term break
1.6.26		INSET day – <a href="#">school closed for pupils</a>
2.6.26		INSET day – <a href="#">school closed for pupils</a>
3.6.26		Y3/4 swimming
4.6.26		Sports Day - <a href="#">reserve date</a>
10.6.26		Y3/4 swimming
11.6.26		Y5/6 adventure day – <a href="#">forms now on ParentMail</a>
16.6.26	4.30pm	New intake evening – <a href="#">details to follow</a>
17.6.26		Y3/4 swimming
19.6.26	8.30am	Fathers Day breakfast – <a href="#">details to follow</a>
24.6.26		Y3/4 swimming
24.6.26		Parents to Lunch day – <a href="#">details to follow</a>
26.6.26		Dance from the Heart roadshow – <a href="#">details to follow</a>
29.6.26 to 3.7.26	PM	New intake afternoon sessions – <a href="#">details to follow</a>
1.7.26		Y3/4 swimming
1.7.26	3.40pm	PTFA summer fair – <a href="#">details to follow</a>
8.7.26		Y3/4 swimming – <a href="#">last session</a>
8.7.26		School reports out
9.7.26		Y5/6 performance – <a href="#">details to follow</a>
14.7.26	3.40pm	Drop in parents evening – <a href="#">details to follow</a>
15.7.26		Transition day in school
16.7.26	2.40pm	Rocksteady Concert – <a href="#">parents welcome</a>
17.7.26	9.30am	Leavers Service – All Saints Church – all welcome – <a href="#">details to follow</a>
17.7.26		School closes for the summer break
1.9.26		INSET day – <a href="#">school closed for pupils</a>
2.9.26		School re-opens for autumn term 1