



Higher Walton C.E. Primary School



'Life in all its fullness'

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

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Class News

Explorers: Explorers class have had a wonderful time learning about different celebrations from around the world, including Bonfire Night, Shichi-Go-San, Loy Krathong and St Andrew's Day. Reception have enjoyed read '*Ning and the night spirits*' and had a night spirit parade. Nursery have loved learning about colours and how to mix them.

Discoverers: We've officially started our Nativity rehearsals, and they are going well with the children singing beautifully. We look forward to seeing all our families on Thursday 11th at 9:30am or 3.45pm.

In English, we have started our new book '*Beegu*' and have been enjoying predicting what will happen next and using our descriptive language to describe Beegu's home planet. In our maths lessons, we have been working on fractions, especially looking at halves and quarters and identifying what this looks like in a group of objects. In science, we have been looking at animal habitats and identifying what animals live there and why.

We've also launched our 'Star Books' home reading reward this week. Every time a child reads at home, they will receive a ticket into the draw. The draw will take place on a Friday, and the 3 lucky winners will receive a hot chocolate or hot juice. This is proving to be very popular with Discoverers class and I'm sure they will be telling you all about it!

Adventurers: Our Adventurers have been busy learners this half term! In science, the children have explored the human skeleton, investigating different types of joints and discovering how our muscles work together to help us move. In history, they have begun learning about the Lancashire cotton trade and the important role our local area played during the Industrial Revolution. We are also really enjoying our class text, '*Arthur and the Golden Rope*', which has inspired lots of discussion and imagination. In R.E., the children have been exploring the idea of prophets and what it means to be called by God. It's been a fantastic start to the half term, with lots more exciting learning still to come!

Navigators: In Year 5 and Year 6, our pupils have been busy exploring a wide range of exciting learning experiences! In English, they have been captivated by '*The Explorer*' by Katherine Rundell, diving into adventure and developing their reading comprehension skills. They have really enjoyed the text and would recommend it to others. In geography, they researched mountains and confidently presented their findings to the class, building their speaking and teamwork skills. They also compared our local area of Higher Walton to Innsbruck in Austria. In technology, the children have been designing and creating motorised bots, bringing their ideas to life through hands-on learning. In French, they have been practising how to describe appearances, expanding their vocabulary and communication skills. Meanwhile, in mathematics, they have been mastering a variety of calculations, strengthening their problem-solving abilities and number fluency. It's been a term full of creativity, curiosity, and achievement!

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School worship

In whole-school worship, we have been exploring the themes of resilience, love and peace. Children reflected on what it means to keep going when things feel challenging, and how small acts of love can make a big difference in our school community. We also thought about the importance of finding moments of peace - both in our hearts and in the way we treat others. Through stories, discussion and prayer, pupils were encouraged to live out these values in their daily choices, helping to make our school a calm, caring and supportive place for everyone.

Positive Parenting Workshop

We will be offering the 'Positive Parenting Workshop' again in the New Year. We were a little disappointed with the turnout for our recent Positive Parenting Workshop, especially as several families had signed up but were unable to attend on the day. However, the session proved incredibly valuable for the parents who were able to join us, offering practical ideas, reassurance and plenty of helpful discussion. We know how busy family life can be, but we encourage parents to come along to future workshops if they can - they really do provide fantastic support and strategies to help at home.

School website

This month we have been very busy updating our new website. We have added some curriculum information, spruced up some pages to make them easier to navigate, added further information to the top menus, updated some policies and added three new boxes on the home page for attendance, newsletters & parent information and diary dates. The calendar has been updated with next year's term dates too.

If you have any comments on the website, or any information you think we should be sharing via the website then, please do let us know.

Educational Visits

We kindly ask all parents and carers to make prompt payments for school trips whenever possible. Timely payments and completion of forms really helps us to confirm bookings, organise transport and ensure that every child can take part without last-minute complications. We completely understand that things can get busy, so if you ever need support or a little more time, please just let us know - we're always here to help. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us provide such valuable experiences for the children.

Christmas through the Keyhole at church

Our children have been invited to visit to All Saints Church to explore 'Christmas through the Keyhole.' This interactive experience will allow them to discover the story of Christmas in a fun and memorable way seeing, hearing, and even touching elements of the nativity story. It will be wonderful to watch the children's curiosity and excitement as they learn about the traditions and meaning of Christmas, making the visit both educational and magical.

Infant Nativity Show

We are delighted to invite families to our Infant Nativity Play on **Thursday 11th December**, with **two performances at 9.15am and 3.45pm**. Each family will be allocated **three tickets per performance**. For the evening performance, children will remain in school from **3.30pm** so they are ready to perform at **3.45pm**, and can be collected at the end of the show. **Please complete the ParentMail form by 9am Friday 5th December so that we know how many people to expect.**

Further details will be shared closer to the date, and we look forward to welcoming you to celebrate the children's fantastic performance!

Christingle service in church

We are excited to invite all our families to our annual **Christingle Service** at **All Saints Church** on **Wednesday 17th December at 1.30pm**. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us as we celebrate this special festive tradition. We would be grateful for any volunteers who can help walk the children down to the church safely, please come to school for 1.00pm at the school office. It promises to be a joyful afternoon, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Winter weather

Please ensure that your child has a coat in school each day as playtimes and lunchtimes outside still continue during the winter months.

Weekly awards

Awards in November				
	Star of the week	Values VIP	Star reader	Times Table Rock Star and Numbots
7.11.25	Elsie, Filip, Charlie and Oliver	Hallie, Jack, Vanessa and Nicole	Isaac, Nathaniel, Imogen and Eva	Erin F and Nathaniel
14.11.25	Kian, Arlo and Erin A	Jack, Louie, Luna, Sofia and Sophia-Rose	Evie, Nathaniel, Erin F and Jennifer	Imogen and Noah F
21.11.25	Isaac, Zander, Max and Ava	Hallie, Delilah, Autumn and Lily	Myles, Bobby-Jo, Henry and Ellie	Bella-Mae and Delilah
28.11.25	Thomas, Teddy, Jimmy and Nicole	Nicholas, Filip, Eli and Sofia	Billy, Nathaniel, Amelia and Madyson	Theon, Bella-Mae, Delilah and Louie

Attendance

Attendance November 2025	Explorers 16 on roll	Discovers 12 on roll	Adventurers 23 on roll	Navigators 29 on roll
Attendance	92.12%	90.60%	82.05%	88.42%
Lates	4%	6%	3%	2%
Well done Explorers 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.

We get many enquiries regarding school activities and events – when, where and which class. Please ensure you keep your diaries up to date. You can find a full year events calendar and a list version of forthcoming events on the diary dates page on our website – follow the link from the home page. We include reminders on the newsletter and there is also the calendar on our website which you can subscribe to in order to synchronise this to your phone calendar.

Newsletter attachments

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

- Letter from Mrs Clarke to parents
- Lancashire SEND roadshows poster
- Lancashire childcare survey poster
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue fun run poster

The following documents will be sent in a separate email to the newsletter:-

- PTFA Christmas Fair poster
- Brownedge St Marys High School Christmas Market poster
- Lancashire County Council Christmas Holiday Activities and Food poster
- South Ribble Borough Council Christmas Holiday Activities and Food 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
2.12.25	-	Multi skills event
3.12.25	3.30pm	PTFA Christmas Fair
4.12.25	-	Christmas at Church visits
9.12.25	12 noon	Pantomime trip
11.12.25	9am	EYFS and Year 1/2 Nativity 9.15am and 3.45pm
17.12.25	1.30pm	Christingle Service – All Saints Church. Parents welcome
18.12.25	2.45pm	Rocksteady Concert – parents welcome
19.12.25	2.30pm	PTFA Santa Dash event
19.12.25	3.30pm	School closes for the Christmas break
5.1.26	-	INSET DAY – closed for pupils
6.1.26	8.50am	School re-opens - Spring term 1
13.1.26	-	Chester Zoo trip
15.1.26		Y5-6 Crucial Crew visit
15.1.26	-	Final day for primary applications – Reception 2026