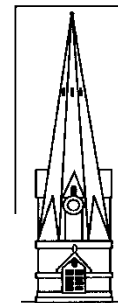


# Higher Walton C.E. Primary School

**'Life in all its fullness'**



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

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

## Head Teacher's Message

Good afternoon, thank you to everyone for another wonderful half-term. We have achieved so much over the last six weeks, learning lots of new things in the classrooms and working on our school value of 'courage' in whole school and class worships. We have celebrated lots of achievements and so many of our children have been out and about locally, representing school in various different events and competitions. We look forward to a new half-term and with spring, it brings new life and hope. We hope for more opportunities for fun and learning and continue to move forward with making our school the very best that it can be.

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Mrs. Clarke ☺

## Class News

**Explorers:** This half term, Explorers have been busy finding out all about the world around them. We have looked closely at the places around our school, using Google maps to help us identify what our local area looks like from the sky. We have investigated different ways of building and constructing, which culminated in us jointly creating our local area using Duplo, Sticklebricks, wooden train tracks, cars, animals, people, paper strips for roads and blue paper for rivers and lakes. We had a fantastic time and worked really well as a team.

Let's Talk: How do you come to school? What do you see along the way? Can you build something at home during the holiday?

**Discoverers:** Discoverers have been busy again finishing off all their artwork to display in an art gallery for the other children and members of staff to see. It was lovely to see all the children be so proud of what they have achieved. In maths the children have been working really hard on their multiplication and division skills. Even though it has been tricky they haven't given up even when halving odd numbers or dividing with remainders.

Let's talk: What were the five food groups we learnt about?

**Adventurers:** This week Adventurers have been working hard in their science and history lessons. In science, the class have been learning how to classify birds and even designed their own classification key. They also looked at animal habitats and how humans are destroying them. In history, we have been learning about how the Romans invaded Britain and why they did it. Our half term has ended with 2 days of art and creativity. Children have been exploring how to turn 2D into 3D. The children have worked collaboratively to produce some amazing artwork. Well done!

Let's talk: What were the pros and cons from the Romans invading Britain?

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**Navigators:** We have been working on reflection and translation in maths. The children have been focusing on accuracy and neatness when drawing shapes in a grid. In English we have been looking at using brackets in our sentences to add extra information. We have also finished off our 'Healthy Me' unit in PSHE by looking at food and how it is important to fuel our bodies with the right things.

Let's Talk: Name 3 of the main food groups.

**Pathfinders:** In Pathfinders, we have written some wonderful poems based on our class book which is called '*Windrush Child*'. The children have tried hard with their prepositional and adverbial phrases. We have been multiplying and dividing fractions in maths and using six figure grid references in geography.

Let's talk: Ask your child about eastings and northings and how they help us to read an Ordnance Survey map.

### Tennis Competition

On the 4th February, four children from Year 3/4 represented our school in the Active School Tennis Competition at South Ribble Tennis Centre. They played a series of games against different schools and finished a very impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Well done to all children involved.

### Athletics Event

Last week, a team of Year 5/6 children attended the Indoor Athletics Competition at Hutton Grammar School. Children competed in a variety of races including relays and obstacle courses. They then took part in several field events including long jump, javelin and speed bounce. All the children performed brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves.

### Valentines Disco

Thank you to our super PTFA for all of their efforts with the Valentine's Disco on Wednesday night. The children had a super time dancing to their own song choices and even took part in some arts and crafts activities too! School discos are definitely a time to see the children show their artistic skills of dancing and singing and the teachers even pulled out a few moves too! Thank you to the staff in school who also gave up their time to help out and support too.

### Safer Internet Day

This week, our school joined others nationwide to celebrate Safer Internet Day 2025, the largest global online safety campaign. This year's theme, 'Too good to be true?', 'Protecting yourself and others from scams online,' focuses on teaching children and young people how to identify and avoid scams. Children took part in a special assembly and then completed some activities in class.

### Year 5/6 class worship

This week Pathfinders and Navigators led worship and shared some of their learning from the Autumn and Spring terms. This included a Viking timeline and showing their impressive pieces of creative homework such as longboats and shields.

We shared some beautiful pieces of art and waistcoats that the children had made for their teddy bears in Design and Technology. We expressed our likes and dislikes in French about pizza, shopping and snakes!

During worship, some children read stories, diary extracts and descriptions linked to their class novels and we finished with a very catchy Blues song called the '*Moanin Lisa Blues*' which the audience enjoyed.

### Discoverers Art Gallery

Discoverer's class loved showing their artwork to the other children and staff in school this week. It was very exciting to see all their hard work displayed in an art gallery. Look out for photos on our Facebook page over the weekend!

## Weekly awards

Week ending: 7.2.25		
	Star of the Week	VIP
<b>Explorers</b>	Thomas & Jack	-
<b>Discoverers</b>	Isobel	Eli F
<b>Adventurers</b>	Mischa	Olivia
<b>Navigators</b>	Arthur	Kayleigh
<b>Pathfinders</b>	Heidi & Rhiona	Poppy

Week ending: 14.2.25		
	Star of the Week	VIP
<b>Explorers</b>	Hallie	Olivia
<b>Discoverers</b>	Amelia & Autumn	-
<b>Adventurers</b>	Cooper	Evie
<b>Navigators</b>	Tilly	Reeva
<b>Pathfinders</b>	Molly	Nicole

## Attendance

Week ending: <b>7.2.25</b>	Explorers 12 on roll	Discovers 21 on roll	Adventurers 26 on roll	Navigators 20 on roll	Pathfinders 17 on roll
Attendance	94%	86%	94%	96%	96%
Lates	7%	3%	3%	1%	0.5%
<b>Well done to both Navigators and Pathfinders classes with the highest percentage attendance this week!</b>					

Week ending: <b>14.2.25</b>	Explorers 12 on roll	Discovers 21 on roll	Adventurers 26 on roll	Navigators 20 on roll	Pathfinders 17 on roll
Attendance	91%	82%	95%	90%	94%
Lates	7%	3%	3%	0.5%	0.5%
<b>Well done Adventurers class with the highest percentage attendance this week!</b>					

## This week's reminder

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.

**School communication:** Where communications are sent out from school which require a reply, either by ParentMail or paper copy/letter, please ensure that these are completed and returned in a timely manner.

## Newsletter attachments

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

- PTFA poster
- Swim Odyssey flyer – free trial
- South Ribble Borough Council February half term activities flyer

## Diary dates to the end of the academic year

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

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Year 5 and Year 6 class worship – 9am - parents welcome
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	School closes for half term break
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	School re-opens – spring term 2
NEW: Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Girls football event – invited children – invites sent
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parents Evening – details to follow
NEW: Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Let's Go Sing concert, Blackpool Winter Gardens
NEW: Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Y1-6 cricket workshops in school – Children to wear PE kits to school
NEW: Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	PTFA Easter Bingo – details to follow
NEW: Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Mothers' Day Service – details to follow
NEW: Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Easter performance – details to follow
NEW: Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Rocksteady Concert 2.45pm – parents welcome
NEW: Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Higher Walton Book Day – details to follow
NEW: Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	End of term
NEW: Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Summer term 1 begins
NEW: Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	PTFA movie night – details to follow
NEW: Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Sports Day – details to follow
NEW: Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2023	School closes for half term break
NEW: Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Summer term 2 begins
NEW: Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Sports day reserve date
NEW: Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Tempest – class photos
NEW: Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Year 1/2 class worship – parents welcome
NEW: Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Fathers' Day breakfast – details to follow
NEW: Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Borwick Hall residential – children not taking part should attend school as normal
NEW: Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Dance from the Heart roadshow – details to follow
NEW: Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Parents' lunch – details to follow
NEW: Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	School reports sent home
NEW: Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Year 5/6 performance – details to follow
NEW: Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	EYFS class worship – parents welcome
NEW: Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	9.30am – Year 6 leavers service – details to follow
NEW: Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	School closes for the summer break
NEW: Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Autumn term 1 begins