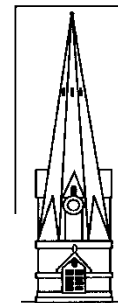


# Higher Walton C.E. Primary School

**'Life in all its fullness'**



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

18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Head Teacher's Message

And that's a wrap for another year! A heartfelt thank you to all of our children, families and staff for the hard work and dedication that has gone into another year at Higher Walton. We hope that you have enjoyed the year, with many fond memories and achievements to look back on and we wish everyone the very best summer break! We say 'see you later' to our fantastic Year 6 children and wish them all the very best for their journey to secondary school and to the families that are also leaving us – thank you for all of your support. I say this all the time, but it never needs to be a 'goodbye' you will always be a part of the 'Higher Walton' school family.

Have a wonderful summer holiday. I hope that the sun shines and that you all find some time for fun, peace and rest too. Mrs. Clarke ☺

## Class News

**Explorers:** We are so proud of how the children in Explorers have grown and developed this year. They have learned so many new skills and a great deal of knowledge. They are all ready for the challenges ahead next year in Reception and Year 1. Wishing all our families an enjoyable summer holiday. Love Mrs Greening, Miss Marsden and Mrs Brayshaw.

**Discoverers:** As we come to the end of the school year, it's a great time to look back on how much everyone has grown. Our Year 1s and Year 2s have worked hard, had fun, and made some lovely memories along the way. We're super proud of the Year 2s who are getting ready for the next big step into Key Stage 2, and we know our Year 1s will be fantastic role models next year. It's been a brilliant year together – well done, everyone!

**Adventurers:** As the year comes to a close, our Adventurers can look back with pride on all they've achieved. You've shown incredible progress—growing not just in knowledge, but in confidence, kindness, and maturity. It's been a wonderful year filled with growth, learning, and unforgettable moments. We're excited to see the amazing things you'll go on to accomplish in the future. Enjoy your summer—you've earned it! And always remember: the best thing you can be is *you*!

**Navigators:** What a fantastic end to the year! The year 5/6 production of '*Pirates of the Curry Bean*' was a huge success – the children were incredible and did us all proud. This week, we've been reflecting on everything we've learned and thinking about what we want to achieve next year. Thank you so much to all our families for your support throughout the year. I'm sad not to be teaching Navigators next year, but I can't wait to see all the amazing things they go on to do. Wishing you all a safe and lovely summer!

**Pathfinders:** What a week we have had in Y6! We have had non-stop fun, much laughter and a few tears. The children really enjoyed their visit to Gusto's and the park on Wednesday. Today was very special as we held our Leavers Service in church and came back to a teddy bears picnic with EYFS. I hope Y6 have an amazing summer, they all deserve it!

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## School Uniform Reminder

The transition to our new branded school uniform has now come to an end. Any branded school uniform from September should be of the new design (new smaller embroidered school badge on the left hand side of school uniform items). Polo shirts should now be light yellow and a plain white polo shirt or crew neck t-shirt for PE. Full school uniform is now to be worn in Reception apart from on PE days when PE uniform can be worn.

## End of term events

It has been a very busy week for events and celebrations. Please visit our school Facebook page to see all the exciting and special things we have been up to!

## Welcome back to school picnic

We will be hosting the annual 'Welcome back to school' picnic on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am in school with All Saint's Church. The service will be led by Reverend Hannah and Reverend Danny and we extend a warm invite to all of our school families to join us for that service and then a picnic on the school field afterwards. Please spread the word and it would be lovely to see lots of our families there too!

## Thank You

A big thank you for all the wonderful gifts, treats and flowers that have been sent into school. They are very much appreciated.

## Weekly awards

Week ending 11.7.25		
	Star of the Week	VIP
Explorers	Nathaniel	Eligh
Discoverers	Whole class	Raine
Adventurers	Billy & Max	Cody
Navigators	Whole class	
Pathfinders	Whole class	

End of Year Service – achievement awards		
Explorers	Academic Achievement	Noah
	Personal Development and Effort	Louie
Discoverers	Academic Achievement	Dylan
	Personal Development and Effort	Blake
Adventurers	Academic Achievement	Ava
	Personal Development and Effort	Olivia
Navigators	Academic Achievement	Chloe
	Personal Development and Effort	Ella-Mae
Pathfinders	Academic Achievement	Poppy
	Personal Development and Effort	Mia

End of Year Service - Year 6 awards	
Sue Dean Writing Award	Scott
School Values Award	Nicole
TJ Award for Fortitude	Isaac
Inspiration Award 'Life in all its fullness'	Teddy
JJ Morgan Award 'Contribution to school life'	Emily-Sue

## Attendance

Good school attendance is of vital importance in order for children to be able to thrive and flourish in school. Good school attendance is **96%** and above and our school policy is in line with government guidance to help us achieve this target for our children at Higher Walton. If your child is struggling to come to school for any reason please do speak to us in school and we will do what we can to help and assist.

Week ending 11.7.25	Explorers 12 on roll	Discovers 19 on roll	Adventurers 27 on roll	Navigators 20 on roll	Pathfinders 17 on roll
Attendance	89%	86%	91%	89%	96%
Lates	3.7%	1.5%	2%	0%	1.7%
<b>Well done Pathfinders class with the highest percentage attendance this week!</b>					

Week ending	Explorers 12 on roll	Discovers 19 on roll	Adventurers 27 on roll	Navigators 20 on roll	Pathfinders 17 on roll
Attendance	83%	89%	96%	93%	96%
Lates	6.6%	1.5%	1.4%	1%	1%
<b>Well done Adventurers and Pathfinders classes 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.

- If you have not already done so, please ensure that all accounts for breakfast club, nursery, after school club and school meals are brought up to date by 9am on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Thank you.
- There are still a large number of forms outstanding. Please ensure that these are returned to school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

## Newsletter attachments

There are too many attachments for the newsletter this week so the following information has been uploaded to our school website 'latest news' instead!

- HAF holiday activities poster
- Lancashire Police letter and e-bike flyer
- Cuerden Valley Park events posters (explorers, bat and moth night. Forest camp and wildlife week)
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue posters (water safety, float to live, water safety code and wild fires)
- All Saints Church holiday club poster
- Family Hubs Network What's On!

## Diary dates

These are the term dates and proposed events for the autumn term.  
You can now find all the diary dates and holiday lists on our website.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
<b>2025</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	-	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	8.50am	School reopens for autumn term 1
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September		Welcome picnic – details above
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September		Curriculum evening for parents – details to follow
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September		Phonics workshop – details to follow
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October		Open evening for prospective parents – details to follow
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October		Reading workshop – details to follow
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	9am	Tempest photography – individual photos
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	9am	Year 3/4 class worship – details to follow
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	School closes for the half term break
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	8.50am	School reopens for autumn term 2
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November		Autumn disco – details to follow
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	1.30pm	Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November		Parents evening – details to follow
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas fair – details to follow
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am & 4pm	Nativity performance – details to follow
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December		Christingle service – details to follow
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December		Wellbeing day and Santa Dash – details to follow
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30pm	School closes for the Christmas break
<b>2026</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	-	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	8.50am	School re-opens for spring term 1
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm	School closes for the half term break
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	8.50am	School reopens for spring term 2