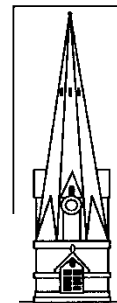


Higher Walton C.E. Primary School

'Life in all its fullness'



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

Friday 4th July 2025

Head Teacher's Message

Good afternoon. We have had another couple of busy weeks in school with many things to celebrate. We were able to say 'congratulations' to Reverend Danny on his ordination on Wednesday and we are very pleased that he is going to continue with us in school, sharing in worship and supporting with other events too.

In whole school worship we have been learning all about 'confidence' and how we can not only build up confidence in ourselves but in others too. We listened to a girl talk about her disability of dwarfism, who overcame challenges with her confidence and learned to let her dancing skills do the talking for her. This brought up good conversations around differences and what we can do to support one another when we feel left out for something that is different about ourselves. The children shared insightful thoughts, maturity and respect when discussing this too.

With only two weeks to go until the summer holidays, please check the diary to make sure you have all of the important dates coming up.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs. Clarke ☺

Class News

Explorers: This week we have enjoyed having the new Reception children visiting our classroom every afternoon. We have made lots of new friends and enjoyed learning some new games. In Literacy, we have started new books: '*And Tango Makes Three*' in Reception and '*The Train Ride*' in Nursery. In Maths, we have learned about patterning, time and capacity. In Phonics, Reception are busy revising all the sounds they have learned so far and writing words containing digraphs such as: ur, or, and ar. They are doing amazingly well.

Let's talk: What have you got better at this year? What are you looking forwards to learning in your next class?

Discoverers: Discoverers class have been busy investigating recycled products in science. We tested different materials and have chosen the strongest and most eco-friendly materials to be make flowerpots out of. In English we have started our new text '*last stop on market street*'. We were very good at listing different modes of transport and thought about the sights, smells, sounds and textures on them. We also worked hard in DT where we had to create a chair out of paper that was strong, stable and stiff enough to hold a teddy. Not all of them worked but that helped us to create our evaluations!

Let's Talk: What does stable mean?

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Adventurers: Adventurers class have embarked on a new class read, '*How to Train Your Dragon*'. They have been introduced to the main characters and have enjoyed designing their own dragons. In Computing, they researched how dragons could be trained and shared key information with the class. Meanwhile, their rounders skills have shown great improvement, especially in fielding, with several impressive catches resulting in players being caught out.

Let's Talk: What happen in the first step of the Dragon Initiation Test?

Navigators: This week in Navigators, excitement has been building as we prepare for next week's production. The children have been busy learning their lines and fine-tuning their acting skills—it's all coming together brilliantly! In history, we've continued our exploration of the transatlantic slave trade, focusing on Lancashire's involvement and life on the plantations. In science, we investigated how plants use forces in their growth and survival. Meanwhile, in computing, the children have started creating their own animations—an exciting new challenge!

Pathfinders: Last week, Pathfinders have been learning about the Transatlantic Triangle and how enslaved people were transported from Africa to America. We looked at artefacts that gave us clues about the harsh treatment they received. We have been working hard on our production of '*The Pirates of the Curry Bean*' and getting very excited about the performances next week.

Let's talk: Ask your child which nations were involved in the Transatlantic Triangle and why?

Parents to lunch

Thank you to all of the families that joined us on Wednesday for our 'Parent's to lunch' event. It was fantastic to see everyone sitting outside and enjoying lunch together, listening to music and playing games. We are looking forward to this being an annual event and hopefully we can rely on the same sunny weather each year!

UCLAN Sports Finals

Our children had a brilliant day at the Lancashire School Games Finals at the end of June. Eight of our children represented us with pride, competing against other schools in foot golf, orienteering and team building challenges. We're thrilled to share that the team finished an impressive 3rd place in foot golf and an amazing 2nd place in orienteering. The day ended on a high with a fun party in the park to celebrate everyone's efforts and achievements. Well done to all who took part, you did us proud!

PTFA Summer Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our summer fair, organised by our PTFA. Thank you to the staff and children who ran stalls, the visiting stall holders who joined us and to our families who generously donated prizes, through a number of fun non-uniform days, which were used for stalls, tombola and raffle.

Our PTFA work very hard to support our school with their fundraising events and we can't thank them enough! If you would like to join the team, please contact them through their Facebook page – Friends of Higher Walton School – PTFA or send an email to higherwaltonpfta@gmail.com.

Dance from the Heart Roadshow

We held our annual Dance from the Heart Roadshow on Friday last week. The children had been practising the routine for the past few months and absolutely smashed it with their energy and enthusiasm! We were thrilled to welcome the coaches from South Ribble Active Schools — and thankfully, the rain stayed away! To top it all off, we had a surprise visit from Taz, who amazed the children with a brilliant magic show.

Adventurers class visit

Adventurers had at great day at Cuerden Valley Park for their river studies visit. They explored the river — measuring its depth, calculating the speed of the flow, and getting stuck into some real hands-on learning. They also enjoyed panning for different types of rocks and searching for invertebrates and microorganisms in the water. So much excitement and curiosity on display! We were very lucky with the weather too — the sun stayed out just long enough to make it a perfect day for outdoor learning. A great trip all round!

Year 5/6 summer performance

Our Year 5 and 6 children have been practising very hard for their summer performance and we look forward to welcoming their families on Thursday next week. If you have not already done so, the deadline for booking seats is 9am Monday 7th July.

Year 6 Leavers Service

Our leavers' service takes place at 9.30am on Friday 18th July at All Saints Church. We look forward to welcoming our families to give our Year 6 children a send off to remember.

Weekly awards

Week ending 27 th June 2025		
	Star of the Week	VIP
Explorers	Elsie	Jack
Discoverers	Teddy	Dylan
Adventurers	Skylar	Theon
Navigators	Lilith	Llorena
Pathfinders	Heidi	Poppy

Week ending 4 th July 2025		
	Star of the Week	VIP
Explorers	Thomas	Bobby-Jo
Discoverers	Isaac	Jimmy
Adventurers	Whole class Mischa	Whole class
Navigators	Eddie & George	Bella-Mae
Pathfinders	Mia	Teddy

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 27 th June 2025	Explorers 12 on roll	Discovers 19 on roll	Adventurers 27 on roll	Navigators 20 on roll	Pathfinders 17 on roll
Attendance	97%	98%	98%	95%	90%
Lates	6%	3%	2%	0.5%	0%
Well done to Discoverers and Adventurers classes with the highest percentage attendance this week!					

Week ending 4 th July 2025	Explorers 12 on roll	Discovers 19 on roll	Adventurers 27 on roll	Navigators 20 on roll	Pathfinders 17 on roll
Attendance	100%	99%	98%	90%	89%
Lates	3%	1%	0.74%	0%	0.59%
Well done Explorers class with the highest percentage attendance this week!					

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.

FORMS: Please remember to get your completed data collection forms pack back to school on Monday if you have not already done so. These are important documents to ensure all our children's records and permissions are up to date and entered on our admin system ready for September.

Diary dates to the end of the year

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

Wednesday 9th July 2025	School reports sent home
Thursday 10th July 2025	Year 5/6 performance
NEW – 15th July 2025	Drop in parents evening (report discussions only) 3.45pm-4.15pm
Thursday 17th July 2025	EYFS class worship – parents welcome
Thursday 17th July 2025	Rocksteady summer concert 2.45pm – parents welcome
Friday 18th July 2025	Year 6 leavers service 9.30am All Saints Church
Friday 18th July 2025	School closes for the summer break