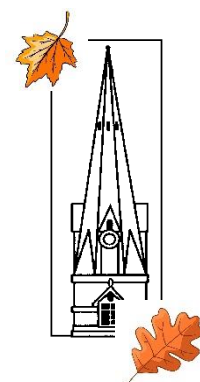


# Higher Walton C.E. Primary School

**'Life in all its fullness'**

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



September 2025

## Class News

### Explorers class:

Our children in Explorers class have settled in incredibly well and have adjusted to their new routines and environment. They have been reading the storybooks *'Lulu Loves Nursery'* and *'The Colour Monster'* and practising numbers and creating patterns. The children have enjoyed playing in the outdoor area, practising fundamental skills in PE lessons, riding on balance bikes and talking about their emotions too.

Let's talk: Can the children remember any of the different emotions and show them on their faces?

### Discoverers class:

Our children in Discoverers class have been reading *'The Naughty Bus'* in English and even received a visit from him during the night, to see what changes he had made to the classroom... They have also been looking at seasonal changes in science and made Tudor houses to link in with learning about the Great Fire of London.

Let's Talk: Can the children name all four of the seasons and talk about differences between them?

### Adventurers class:

Our children in Adventurers class completed an archaeology dig, as part of the introduction to their new story in English, *'Escape from Pompeii'*. They have also been learning about how volcanoes are formed in Geography and the different types of rock formations in science.

Let's Talk: Can the children name the different parts of a volcano and talk to you about what happens during an eruption?

### Navigators class:

Our children in Navigators class have been reading the book of *'Sir Gawain and the green knight'* and learning about how he was offered a new year's challenge... This is being used as a focus for their own writing based on their reading. Also, all of the children have taken part in a '500 word' story challenge that will be entered into a BBC story writing competition. In history the new learning unit is all about Henry VIII and his use of portraits.

Let's talk: Can the children name all of Henry VIII's wives and tell you what happened to them?

## School Worship

We have looked at three different Christian values this month including joy, peace and prayer. As a school we talked about ways in which we can live a 'fruitful life' and create opportunities to find joy in the smallest of things. Many of the children talked about their families, friends and hobbies that they liked to take part in which brought joy into their lives. We also learned that there are different ways to pray such as bowing, sitting, walking and even lying down and that this was an opportunity to reconnect with God, to bring peace into our lives when we needed it.

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### Open day

Our school open day is going to be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am, 2.30pm and 5.00pm and each session will begin with an introductory talk from Mrs Clarke. We are really looking forward to showing our wonderful school to new prospective Reception families for September 2026 or Nursery families for a January or April 2026 start. If you do know anyone who is looking for a school, please recommend us and pop into the school office for a leaflet.

### Harvest Service

We are holding our Harvest service at All Saints Church on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. All welcome. We will be collecting tins and packets of food in school during that week for the local food bank. If you would also like to donate to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, please send money in to school in an envelope.

### Curriculum meetings

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our school curriculum meetings, we hope that you found it useful and are now informed about what your children will be learning about in school and expectations for home learning. For those who were unable to attend, a paper copy of the information has been sent home with your child – if you did not receive this and would like another copy, please let us know.

### Football

Our boys' football team have been taking part in the Central Venue Football Competition on Thursdays from 3:45pm until 5:00pm at Withy Grove Park. The boys have played incredibly well representing our small school, and we really appreciate all of the parents and spectators that have come down to support us. It is the final next Thursday and we are very proud of all that you have achieved!

### Higher Walton's got talent

We have hosted the open auditions for 'Higher Walton's Got Talent', in school and thank you to Reverend Danny and Tash organising them. Please see the poster attached for more information.

### School admissions 2026 intake

Lancashire parents/carers can now apply for primary and secondary school places for children starting school in September 2026 at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools). Deadlines are as follows:-

Primary applications: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Secondary applications: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

We have nursery places available for children aged 3 before Christmas and Easter. Information available from the office.

### Weekly awards

Awards in September				
	Star of the week	Values VIP	Star reader	Times table rock star and Numbots
5.9.25	Thomas, Mason, Isaac and Cody	Explorers class, Teddy, Max and Sophia-Rose	-	-
12.9.25	Esmae, Zander, Erin F and Eddie	Myles, Nathaniel, Freya and Eva	Malacai, Delilah, Jimmy and Madyson	-
26.9.25	Lena, Zander, Jamie, Millie and Bella-Mae	Evie, Jorgie, Erin A and Theo	Hallie, Louie, Willow and Evie-May	-

## Attendance – September 2025

Week ending	Explorers 17 on roll	Discovers 13 on roll	Adventurers 26 on roll	Navigators 29 on roll
Attendance	91.90%	97.37%	89.57%	95.46%
Lates	3%	3%	2%	2%
<b>Well done to Discoverers class with the highest percentage attendance this month!</b>				

### This month's reminders

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.

**Communication from school:** Please could we ask for your support with the prompt response to any letters or forms sent to you either on ParentMail or as a paper copy. Most of these forms need further administrative work once returned and deadlines to meet.

**Leave requests:** Requests for leave should be made to school prior to booking any holidays. Forms are available from the office. Please do not use any blank forms you may have saved previously as the forms have now changed.

**Sickness and diarrhoea:** Please note that children need to be kept off school for a full 48 hours from the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea as per Health Protection Agency guidelines.

**Lost property:** Last call for lost property! There is a huge amount accumulating outside the office. Please come in and have a look if you are missing any items of uniform or coats. We will keep this available for one further week before uncollected items are disposed of.

### Newsletter attachments

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

- SEND roadshow flyer
- Barnardos Decider Life skills flyer
- Rocksteady band information
- School transport and admissions – Year 6 parents information

## Diary dates

You can now find all the diary dates and holiday lists on our website. Next month's reminders and updates are as follows:-

DATE	TIME	EVENT
30.9.25	All day	Heritage learning day in school
30.9.25	3.30pm	Football club
1.10.25	Morning	Tots on Tyres (Reception)
1.10.25	Afternoon	Bike Fix (Y6)
2.10.25	3.15pm	Boys football tournament final
7.10.25	3.30pm	Football club
8.10.25	All day	Bikeability (Y6)
9.10.25	10.30am, 2.30pm and 5pm	Open day – <b>please note change of date</b>
10.10.25	9.15am	Harvest service – All Saints Church – all welcome
13.10.25	All day	Y3-6 handball event in school – PE kits to be worn
14.10.25	3.30pm	Football club
14.10.25	1pm	Nasal flu vaccinations in school
15.10.25	All day	Bikeability (Y6)
15.10.25	9am	Reading workshop for parents
21.10.25	9am	Tempest Photography morning
21.10.25	3.30pm	Football club
23.10.25	9am	Year 3/4 class worship
24.10.25		Newsletter day
24.10.25	3.30pm	End of term
3.11.25	8.50am	School reopens for autumn term 2