



12<sup>th</sup> December 2025



# Ighthenhill News

**'To be the best that we can be'**

## A time to reflect

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I want to take a moment to celebrate what has been a truly positive and productive few months at Ighthenhill.

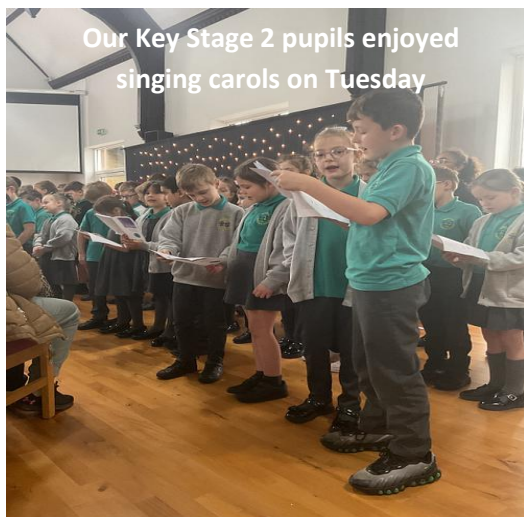
The children have shown tremendous enthusiasm, resilience, and curiosity in their learning, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow day by day. From settling into routines to embracing new challenges, they have given their very best, and we are incredibly proud of each one of them.

With just one more week of term to go, we look forward to finishing on a high note. The final days will give us a chance to reflect on our achievements this year and to enjoy our Christmas celebrations in school together.

A well-deserved rest is nearly here, and we hope the Christmas break brings plenty of joy, relaxation, and family time for all our school community.

**Mr S Croxier**

Headteacher



Our Key Stage 2 pupils enjoyed singing carols on Tuesday

## Free School Meal Vouchers

We have been informed that all children entitled to (benefits related) Free School Meals will receive vouchers for the Christmas Holiday.

All eligible pupils will receive a voucher worth £30. These will be sent in the usual way via email from a company called Edenred.

Vouchers will be sent to parents on **THURSDAY**  
18th December 2025



## British Values

- ♦ Democracy ♦ The rule of law
- ♦ Individual liberty
- ♦ Mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith



Ightenhill Primary  
"To be the best that we can be."



## Happy birthday to you !

Daisy, Ollie, Blanka,  
Nafisa, Louis, Matilda,  
Lyla, Rosie, Freya

## Star of the Week Winners

Teachers have been choosing pupils who have been working hard in school and displaying our school values. This is always a difficult task because we have so many fantastic learners here at Ightenhill !

Well done to all of our shining stars.

| Class | Star of the week           |         |
|-------|----------------------------|---------|
| EYFS  | Asher, Leo, Alfie, Elliana |         |
| 3     | Hunter                     | Kai     |
| 4     | Millie                     | Alana   |
| 5     | Edie                       | Tyler   |
| 6     | Harley Jo                  | Nojus   |
| 7     | Penelope                   | Herkus  |
| 8     | Scarlett                   | Amber   |
| 9     | Destiny Mae                | Cooper  |
| 10    | Raelynn                    | Lincoln |
| 11    | Lola                       | Leo     |
| 12    | Alex                       | Ruby    |
| 14    | Dawid                      | Sienna  |
| 15    | Harper                     | Maxx    |

## Nut-Free School

Ightenhill Primary School is a nut-free school. We have a number of pupils and staff who have severe nut allergies.

Please ensure children do not bring any food containing nuts or nut products into school in their packed lunches or as snacks.

THIS SCHOOL IS A



**Keeping  
children safe  
is everyone's  
responsibility**



## **Safeguarding children and families at Ightenhill**

**Keeping children safe in school is one of our key priorities.**

**Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are :**

**Mr S Crosier - Headteacher**

**Mrs E Brown - Inclusion manager and lead DSL**

**Mrs K Dunderdale - Deputy Headteacher**

**Miss J Thompson – Family Engagement and Attendance  
manager**

**If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact school**



## **OPERATION ENCOMPASS**

In every force. In every school. For every child.

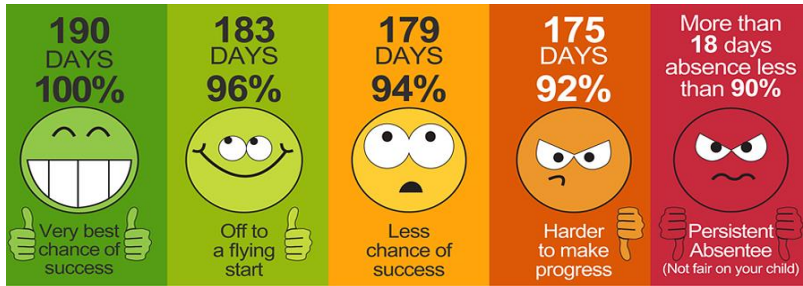
### **Operation Encompass**

Operation Encompass has been adopted within Lancashire to provide early reporting to schools, such as ours, about all domestic abuse incidents that occur outside school hours which a young person attending Ightenhill Primary has been exposed to, and which might then have an impact on their schooling the following day. This information is shared throughout the year, including school holidays and the weekends.



### **Safeguarding matters**





**100% attendance winners: Edwin, Burhaan, Lilly, Charley, Harper, Toby, Lena**

## We are here to learn !

Being in school every day, on time is the best way to ensure we succeed in school.

**This week 5 classes achieved 96%.**

| Class | Attendance |
|-------|------------|
|       | This week  |
| 1     | 92.8       |
| 2     | 95.1       |
| 3     | 96         |
| 4     | 88         |
| 5     | 97.2       |
| 6     | 92.6       |
| 7     | 96.8       |
| 8     | 94.1       |
| 9     | 91         |
| 10    | 96.5       |
| 11    | 94         |
| 12    | 95.3       |
| 14    | 97.2       |
| 15    | 94.8       |

## TERM DATES

We close for the Christmas holiday on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15 pm** and reopen on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8.50am.**



**Daley and Connie are our attendance buddies.**

**They spend the week in the class with the highest attendance.**

## Staffing news

Miss Davies who has been working with us in Year 6 and EYFS is leaving Ightenhill at the end of next week to start a new adventure in Yorkshire.

*Good Luck!*  


# A SCHOOL WITH VALUES AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO

★AMBITION★ ★CO-OPERATION★ ★HONESTY★ ★KINDNESS★ ★RESILIENCE★  
 ★RESPECT★ ★RESPONSIBILITY★

## NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE PLAYGROUND

Please can we remind you that parents and carers are not permitted to bring dogs onto the school playground.



## Mobile Phones

We do not allow children to have a mobile phone in school, this is an important rule that protects all of our pupils.

We do make an exception – only for our older children (Year 5 and Year 6 ) who walk to/from school on their own. If your child needs their phone in school for this reason, you must sign a permission slip (available from your child's teacher).

Any mobile phones brought into school will be turned off and given to the teacher. We do not allow children to use their mobile phone whilst on the school premises.

If a pupil is found to be using a phone on the school premises, this is a serious matter and will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy



### **SAFEGUARDING AT IGHTENHILL**

As the roads around school are so busy at the start and the end of the day, we ask that children do not travel to school on their bikes.

This is to keep our children safe.



### **Breakfast and after-school club provision**

We currently offer a before and after school club provision which is delivered by school staff.

The hours of operation are :

Breakfast club : 7.45am-8.50am    After-school club : 3.30pm-5.15pm (4.30pm on Friday)

Places are limited and need to be booked in advance using ParentPay.

It is important that children are collected promptly at the end of the after-school session, late collection may result in a late penalty fee of £10 added to your account and could prevent you from using the facility in the future.

If you have any questions about our before and after-school clubs, please contact the school office.



The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2026 is 15 January 2026.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>



If you have not yet made a decision about your preferred school and would like to visit our school for a tour of our EYFS unit, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

## SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2025-2026

### Autumn Term

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 (School closed)

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 (School closed)

**TERM STARTS:** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at 8.50am

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 (Inclusive)

**TERM ENDS:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 1.15 pm

### Spring Term

**TERM STARTS:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8.50am

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (Inclusive)

**TERM ENDS:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 1.15 pm

### Summer Term

**TERM STARTS:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 8.50am

BANK HOLIDAY MAY DAY: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (School closed)

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (Inclusive)

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 (School closed)

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 (School closed)

**TERM ENDS:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 1.15 pm

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 (School closed)

Term dates and holiday dates for 2026 2027 are now available on the  
school website