



5th December 2025



Ighthenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

Christmas at Ighthenhill

We are looking forward to the final two weeks of a busy Autumn term.

The children have made fantastic progress in their learning throughout 2025 and every day they continue to impress me with their resilience and ambition.

We have a fun programme of activities planned for the remainder of term, including craft days, theatre visits, film nights and our Christmas performances.

Thank you all for your continued support in what has been another rewarding year at Ighthenhill.

Mr S Crosier

Headteacher



Enriching the school curriculum

One of our aims this year is to provide more enrichment through the curriculum and to engage and motivate our children by providing more visits and experiences for them.

We will continue to plan more exciting activities for our pupils as we move into the new year.

Any feedback on our curriculum offer is always welcome.



Our Reception children enjoyed a festive visit to Thornton Hall farm

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



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Happy birthday to you !

Mia, Theo H, Isobel,
 Isabella, Sonny,
 Mohammed, Violet H

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	Aime, Md Akib, Kelton, Rex	
3	Coby	Florence
4	Layton	Burhaan
5	Hajra	Evie
6	Sebastian	Darcie
7	Luka	Arlo
8	Elliot	Wali
9	Cayla	Harrison
10	Freya	Khalid
11	Esther	Manahil
12	Evie	Harry
14	Arlo	Elliott
15	Chayton	Elyse

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.

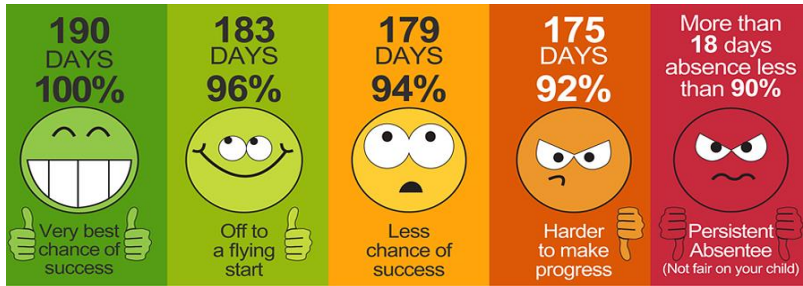
Operation Encompass

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 are Noah, Emily, Kiyan, Melody Rose, Oliver, Kevin, Harper

We are here to learn !

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

This week 2 classes achieved 96%.

Class	Attendance
	This week
1	93.3
2	97.1
3	94.1
4	95.3
5	94.7
6	93.4
7	91.6
8	95
9	91
10	93.1
11	87.6
12	97.3
14	92.3
15	92.8

TERM DATES

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



Daley and Connie are our attendance buddies.

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

CHAMPIONS

Our girls football team are now the champions of Burnley after winning the primary schools football competition last week.



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 1st September 2025 (School closed)

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Tuesday 2nd September 2025 (School closed)

TERM STARTS: Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 8.50am

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

TERM ENDS: Friday 19th December 2025 at 1.15 pm

Spring Term

TERM STARTS: Monday 5th January 2026 at 8.50am

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026 (Inclusive)

TERM ENDS: Friday 27th March 2026 at 1.15 pm

Summer Term

TERM STARTS: Monday 13th April 2026 at 8.50am

BANK HOLIDAY MAY DAY: Monday 4th May 2026 (School closed)

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026 (Inclusive)

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Monday 1st June 2026 (School closed)

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Tuesday 2nd June 2026 (School closed)

TERM ENDS: Friday 17th July 2026 at 1.15 pm

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Monday 20th July 2026 (School closed)

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