



24th October 2025



Ightenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

A super start

At Ightenhill we recognise the importance of regular school attendance to enable our children to reach their full potential in school.

As we approach the end of a long half term we have an amazing 136 children who have 100% attendance for the first eight weeks of the school year. We celebrated this achievement in Thursday's assembly.

We would like to wish all of our families a happy and restful half term holiday.

Mr S Crosier

Headteacher



NOVEMBER 2025	
Monday 3 rd November	School re-opens after half-term
6 th , 7 th and 13 th November	Tots on Tyres – EYFS children
Monday 10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 10 th November	Year3 trip to Outdoor Elements
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 13 th November	OPEN DAY for 2026 school starters
Thursday 13 th November	Class 10 trip to Finsley Gate Wharf
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need
Thursday 20 th November	Class 9 trip to Finsley Gate Wharf
Thursday 20 th November	Year trip to BFC
Monday 24 th November	Year 1 trip to Gawthorpe Hall – A Victorian Christmas
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 2 trip to Gawthorpe Hall – A Victorian Christmas

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 !

Joseph, Scarlett, Teddy,
Esme, Emily, Arthur John,
Layton, Mila, Logan, Adeel,
Eva, Lucas, Carter, Ralph,
Leon, Cleo

Book Prize 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	Bjorn and Scarlett
3	Arthur
4	Orla
5	Rosie
6	Miley Rae
7	Emmie Rae
8	Wali
9	Morgan
10	Harper
11	Lucas
12	Blanka
14	Arlo
15	Faith

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.



School values in action at Hothersall
lodge. Challenging ourselves and
demonstrating resilience.

Operation Encompass

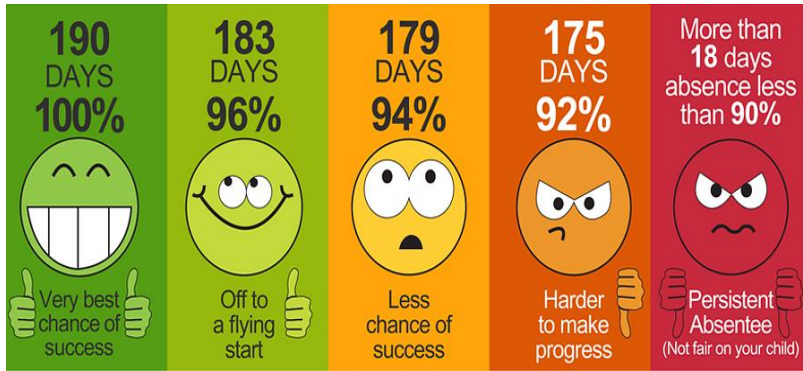
Operation Encompass has been adopted within Lancashire to provide early reporting to schools, such as ours, about all domestic abuse incidents that occur outside school hours which a young person attending Ightenhill Primary has been exposed to, and which might then have an impact on their schooling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

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The closing date for applications for secondary school places for September 2026 is 31st October 2025.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

If you need any support with this please contact Miss Thompson in school.



TERM DATES

We close for the October half-term holiday on Friday 24th October at 3.30pm and reopen on Monday 3rd November at 8.50am.

We are here to learn !

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

This week 8 classes achieved 96%.
Well done classes 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 14.
You have won a Halloween treat.

Class	Attendance
	This week
1	97.5
2	80
3	90.8
4	98.8
5	98.5
6	93.4
7	97
8	93.7
9	93.2
10	97.1
11	96.3
12	96
14	97.2
15	92.9



Daley and Connie are our attendance buddies.

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



Year 5 visited Hothersall Lodge outdoor centre for a day of adventure and fun.

We enjoyed the zip wire, climbing, caving, kayaking and problem solving.

A SCHOOL WITH VALUES AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO

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

New Attendance Rules!



There are new rules for unauthorised absences, whether this is due to holiday, irregular attendance, or otherwise. Don't get caught out!

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for 5 days.

Make sure you use the absence request form before you book anything. Your holiday will not be authorised. As your child will miss 5 school days, you'll be given a penalty notice fine. See section 2, too!



For each child a penalty is given...

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

1 parent & 1 child = £160

Reduced to £80 if paid in 21 days

1 parent & 4 children = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

For a family of 2 parents & 4 children

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160
£1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

What happens if school suspects children are actually on holiday?

Photos on Facebook?
Foreign mobile dial tone?
Other children talking about your holiday?
Amazing sun tan?
Home visit shows no-one at home?



Please don't be offended if we ask for evidence or mention these questions to you. We're required to do this to ensure a fair system!

2

What about subsequent absences? Is it still the same penalty amount?

No, not anymore. If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised, then...

2nd TIME
e.g. 1 parent and...
1 child = £160
2 children = £320
3 children = £480
4 children = £640

NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT

3rd TIME

A penalty notice fine **will not** be given. Instead, your case may be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents and 4 children = £20,000

3

What about irregular attendance? Could I get a penalty notice?

YES

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, then the school is required to consider penalty notices / prosecution.



So, half a day here and a day there could all add up to 10 sessions in 10 weeks. If unauthorised, then it would be a penalty notice. Remember, 1 day is 2 sessions (morning and afternoon).

4

What are typical reasons given that won't be authorised?

Examples of unauthorised absences

A family member's birthday
Shopping for uniforms
Inadequate clothing for school
Child being used as a carer
Problems with transport

Sickness of parent or sibling
Sibling's school closed
Refusing to attend, but able to
Poor family organisation
Family holidays
No absence request completed

Where attendance is irregular, or historically poor, sickness absences may be unauthorised unless medical confirmation by a medical professional is given.



Lancashire County Council use the income generated from the fines to take legal action against those who do not pay the fine or repeat offenders, the school never receives any of this money.

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.

Do you have a child who is starting school in September 2026 ?

We have open days at Ightenhill this term – come along and have a look at our amazing Early Years department.

A promotional poster for Ightenhill Primary School. The top section has a blue background with the school's name in white. Below this is a green horizontal bar. The main image shows a group of young children in school uniforms sitting on a wooden play structure outdoors. In the top right corner of the image area is the Ofsted 'Good School' logo. The bottom section of the poster has a dark blue background with white text for 'OPEN DAYS' and contact information. The text is arranged in two columns, with dates on the left and contact details on the right.

IGHTENHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Is your child starting school in September 2026?

Ofsted
Good School

OPEN DAYS

Call or email the school to book a tour – or just turn up!

Tours take place at 1:30pm, 2:30pm and 4pm on:

Tuesday 7th October 2025

Thursday 13th November 2025

Wednesday 3rd December 2025

call:
01282 428246
email:
office@ighthenhill.lancs.sch.uk

Need another date?
Not a problem, please call us.