



17<sup>th</sup> October 2025



# Ightenhill News

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

## Celebration assembly

Following parental feedback, we are going to invite parents into our half-termly book prize assemblies. We are going to hold these on Thursday 23rd October at 9.15am (KS1) and 9.45am (KS2).

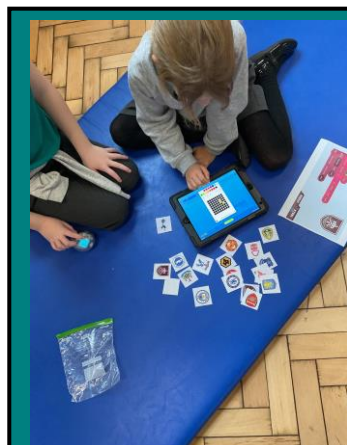
The focus for this half-term's prize winner are children who are consistently a role model for our school values.

Next week, we will message parents directly inviting them into the assembly and asking them to keep it a secret from their child as we would like it to be a celebration and a surprise.

We look forward to welcoming parents into school to share your child's successes.

*Mr S Croxier*

Headteacher



On Monday we enjoyed a STEM day as we worked with Burnley FC.

We enjoyed programming the Indy robots.





### Happy birthday to you !

Sklya T, Kyran, Hunter T,  
Kalina, Jeremiah, Alex,  
Saffiyah, Oakley B, Samuel.  
Arthur Mc, Alice

### Stars of the Week

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  | Giovanni, Albie James, Calis, Thorin |            |
| 3     | Khaya                                | Reenie     |
| 4     | Hunter C                             | Cody       |
| 5     | Jackson                              | Rory       |
| 6     | Harley Jo                            | Ryan F     |
| 7     | Melody Rose                          | Mouniith   |
| 8     | Urte                                 | Tim        |
| 9     | Violet S                             | Arthur J   |
| 10    | Isla                                 | Lucas      |
| 11    | Darcie                               | Bertie     |
| 12    | Arora                                | Toby       |
| 14    | Bailey                               | Layla Rose |
| 15    | Delilah                              | Zoe        |

### 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.



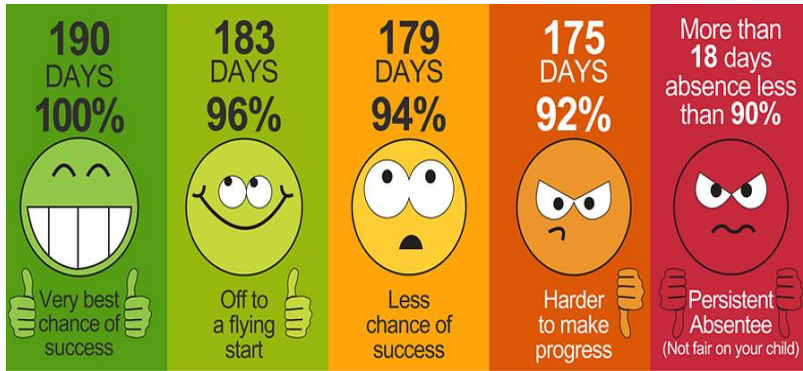
### SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://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 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm and reopen on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Our attendance target is an ambitious 96%.

This week 5 classes achieved 96%.

| Class | Attendance |
|-------|------------|
|       | This week  |
| 1     | 90.5       |
| 2     | 92.6       |
| 3     | 97.9       |
| 4     | 99.2       |
| 5     | 83.3       |
| 6     | 94.7       |
| 7     | 92         |
| 8     | 97.8       |
| 9     | 97.1       |
| 10    | 99.2       |
| 11    | 91.3       |
| 12    | 97.3       |
| 14    | 89.5       |
| 15    | 94.4       |



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> leave of absence OR pattern of irregular attendance, which is unauthorised, then...

**2<sup>nd</sup> TIME**  
e.g. 1 parent and...  
1 child = £160  
2 children = £320  
3 children = £480  
4 children = £640

**NO DISCOUNT FOR EARLY PAYMENT**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 right side of the bottom section has a green background with white text for contact details and a note about alternative dates.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025

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

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





Fundraising for

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**RIGHT THERE WITH YOU**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
October**

**8.30am – 9.30am**

Join us for our bacon butty morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support at Ightenhill Primary School (KS1 Hall Oak Street entrance)

Doors will open at 8.30am and children, accompanied by an adult, are welcome.

Bacon butties available on a first come first served basis (£2.00 each) and toast with jam and butter will also be available for 50p (2 slices).



At 8.50am children will be directed to class.

We hope adults will stay and join us for coffee and cake.

There will also be a chance to look around the school at 9.30am