



10th October 2025



Ighthenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

Engagement and enrichment

At Ighthenhill, we're excited to share that this year we are planning more school trips and welcoming a range of visitors into school to bring learning to life!

Educational visits and guest workshops enrich our curriculum by helping pupils make real-world connections with what they learn in class. Whether exploring museums and nature reserves, or hearing from inspiring visitors such as authors, artists, and community experts, these experiences spark curiosity, build confidence, and encourage a lifelong love of learning.

We will be sharing some of our exciting experiences through class dojo and our school facebook pages.

We look forward to a year full of memorable adventures both inside and outside the classroom.

Mr S Crozier

Headteacher



Parent - teacher meetings

You are invited to make appointments for the school's next parent-teacher meetings.

The parent-teacher meetings are on 20th Oct 2025 and 22nd Oct 2025.

<https://parents-booking.co.uk/ighthenhillprimary>

To login just type your email address into the login web page and press Login. You will be emailed a magic login link, which you can then click on to login (without requiring a username and password).

Appointments will be available to book from 18:00 on 9th Oct 2025 until 09:00 on 17th Oct 2025.

After you have made your appointments you can choose to print or e-mail confirmation.



Mr Burrow's class enjoyed posing for a photo.



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 !

Luka, Mia May,
Elliana, Md Akib,
Yaroub, Marshall

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	Razi, Ali, Rex, Ronnie	
3	Amelia	Skyla
4	Lucy	Emmie
5	Hajra	Theodore
6	Miley Louise	Sebastian
7	Marley	Willow
8	Daniel	Danuli
9	Destiny Mae	Mila
10	Ivy	Raees
11	Arthur	Jasmine
12	Summer	Marshall
14	Connor	Sienna
15	Autumn, Leighton, Myla	

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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is in Year 6 you can apply now for
secondary school places for September 2026.

The closing date for applications is 31st
October 2025.

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

OPEN DAYS

Burnley High School - Saturday 18th October 9.30-
1.30

Shuttleworth College - Thursday 25th September
5.30pm

Unity College - Thursday 2nd October 5.30-7.30pm

Blessed Trinity - Thursday 9th October 6-8pm

Sir John Thursby - Thursday 16th October time to be
confirmed



Operation Encompass

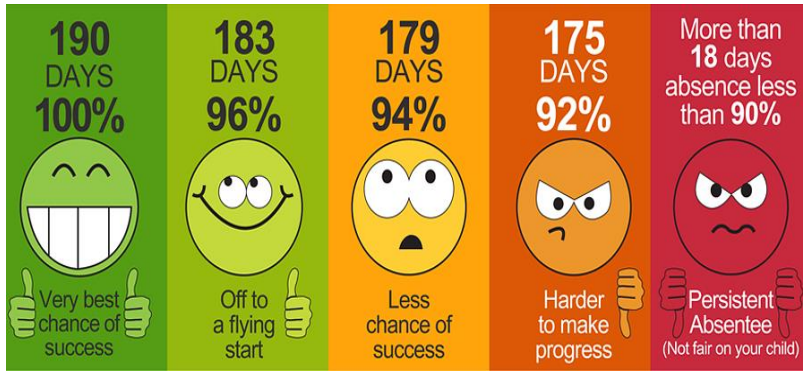
Operation Encompass has been adopted within Lancashire to provide early reporting to schools, such as ours, about all domestic abuse incidents that occur outside school hours which a young person attending Ightenhill Primary has been exposed to, and which might then have an impact on their schooling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

Holidays during term-time

We would like to remind you that we are not allowed to authorise holiday requests during term-time.

Holidays taken during term-time may result in the Local Authority issuing Fixed Penalty Notices.





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.

Our attendance target is an ambitious 96%.

This week 4 classes achieved 96%.

Class	Attendance
	This week
1	94.7
2	93.6
3	95
4	93
5	95
6	94.7
7	94.1
8	94.7
9	96
10	97
11	94
12	96.3
14	91.3
15	96.9



Daley and Connie are our attendance buddies.

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



It's been another super week for our sporting stars!

It was the turn of our older children tonight competing in the cross country event down at Towneley Park. Having to run approximately 1.5km, these children showed fantastic resilience, strategic racing and were an excellent support for one another.

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 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 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.

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)