



5th September 2025



Ightenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

Welcome back !

As we start the new school year at Ightenhill, we are excited to look ahead to another successful year of learning and growth within our school community.

It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes this week, creating a fantastic buzz of learning and enthusiasm throughout the school.

We are already preparing dates for our Autumn term parents' evening. However, if there is anything you would like to discuss before then, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

If you haven't yet signed up to Class Dojo, we encourage you to do so, as this is our main platform for communication.

Finally, please let us know if any of your contact details—such as address or telephone number—have changed, so we can ensure our records remain up to date.

Mr S Crosier

Headteacher

A reminder about jewellery

At the start of term we would like to remind our families about our uniform and jewellery policy (which is available on the school website).

For Health and Safety reasons, jewellery (ear-rings, necklaces, rings, bracelets etc) are not permitted in school.

The only exception is plain studded ear-studs.



To be the best that we can be

As we start a new school year, we have been reflecting on our previous successful Ofsted inspection that recognises that Ightenhill is a good school.

As we strive to continue **to be the best that we can be**, we have been identifying our next school improvement priorities.

Our focus for the new school year includes:

- Continuing to improve pupil attendance rates and reducing persistent absence.
- Reviewing our school curriculum to ensure it remains relevant, engaging and purposeful.
- To ensure teaching and learning is consistently effective to ensure all groups of pupils make good progress.



Welcome to the team

A very warm Ightenhill welcome to the newest members of our school team who joined us this week.

We are delighted to welcome **Miss Grey** and **Miss Woodford** to our teaching team, **Mrs Pedder** to our inclusion team, and **Miss Aspin, Miss Hurst, and Miss Whittle** to our support staff team.

Happy birthday to you !

Connor, Satyar,
Alfie, Elliot

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	
3	Kaidie Lea	Ralph
4	Leon	Tyler
5	Kiyan	Nafisa
6	Musfira	Lucas
7	Charlie	Freya
8	Ashton	Eva
9	Kailey	Oliver
10	Brenden	Matilda
11	Mya	Kian
12	Lundon	Lily Grace
14	Safwat	Millie
15	Harry	Autumn

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.

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**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.

Holidays during term-time

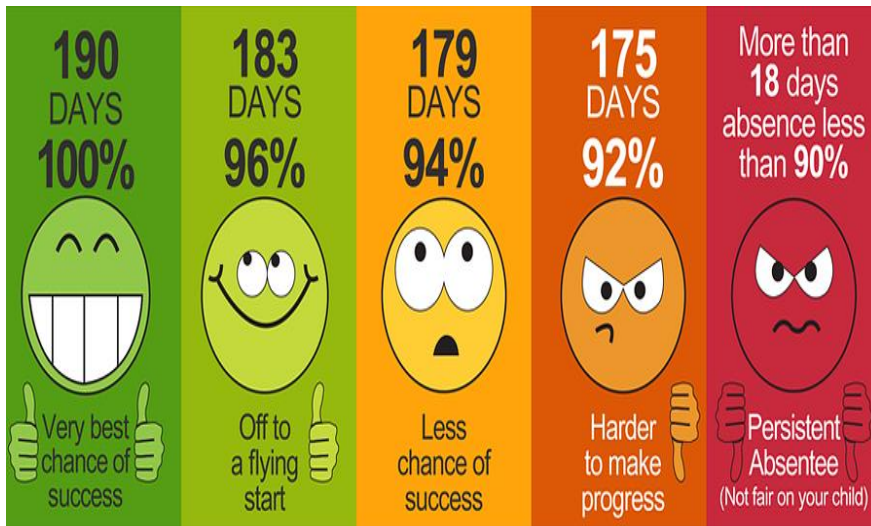
We would like to remind you that we are not allowed to authorise holiday requests during term-time.

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

Buildings update

We have been busy during the Summer getting ready for as new school year. We have had a major heating project ongoing through the holiday as well as other areas of improvement and decoration.





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%.

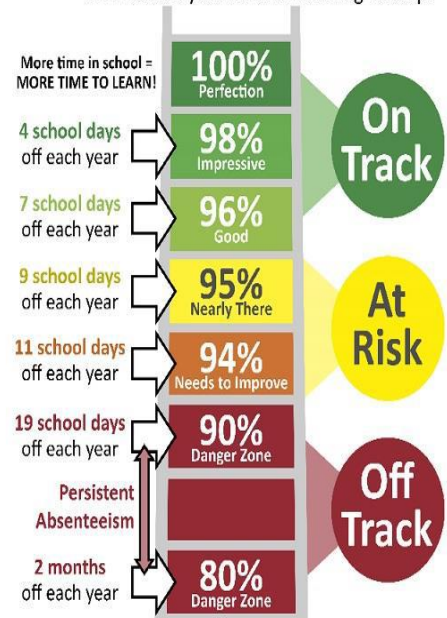
This week 9 classes achieved 96%.

Class	Attendance
	This week
1	100
2	100
3	93.8
4	99.3
5	96.8
6	96.3
7	98.6
8	86.5
9	97.7
10	94.6
11	88.8
12	98.8
14	100
15	94.2

Daley and Connie are our attendance buddies.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?



A SCHOOL WITH VALUES AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO

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

Attendance and punctuality:

Where does your child sit on the attendance ladder?



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.

IGHTENHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Is your child starting school in September 2026?




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 organisation 2025-2026

Teaching staff

EYFS – Miss C Sutcliffe (EYFS and KS1 leader) + Mr W Burrows

Year 1– Mrs S Graham

Year 1 – Mrs J Taylor

Year 2 – Miss S Woodford

Year 2 - Mrs A Howard

Year 3 – Mrs K Farnsworth

Year 3 – Miss E Grey

Year 4 – Mrs C Reynolds

Year 4 – Mr M Farrar

Year 5 – Mrs E Jones

Year 5 – Mrs E Jackson

Year 6 – Mrs S Pearson

Year 6 – Mrs L Baron (KS2 leader)

Year 6 - Miss H Davies

Modern Foreign Languages (French) – Mrs S Woodcock

SENDCO – Mrs A Wilkinson

Deputy Headteacher – Mrs K Dunderdale

Headteacher – Mr S Crosier