



15th May 2026



Ightenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

VALUES AT THE HEART

At Ightenhill Primary School, we are proud to celebrate the diversity that makes our school community such a special place to learn and grow.

We believe that everyone should feel welcomed, valued and respected, regardless of their background, beliefs or experiences. Our children demonstrate this each day through the positive relationships they build and the kindness they show towards one another.

Our seven school values are at the heart of everything we do and help guide our children to become thoughtful, respectful and responsible members of the community.

During our recent teacher interviews, visitors were incredibly impressed by how confidently and passionately the children spoke about these values. They explained why the values are important to them and shared examples of how they are lived out every day across school.

It was wonderful to hear our pupils speak so proudly about inclusion, respect and teamwork. Their maturity and understanding reflected the caring environment we strive to create at Ightenhill Primary School.

We are extremely proud of our children for continuing to make our school a place where everyone feels they belong and can succeed.

Mr S Crosier

Headteacher



Resilience rocks

Our Year 6 children have shown fantastic resilience, determination and positivity during this year's KS2 SATs week.

We are incredibly pleased by the mature attitude they demonstrated throughout the tests, supporting one another and trying their very best each day.

SATs can be challenging, but the children approached the week with confidence and perseverance, reflecting all the hard work they have put in throughout the year. A huge thank you also goes to parents and carers for your continued encouragement and support at home.

Well done, Year 6 — you should all be extremely proud of yourselves and everything you have achieved!



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 !

Lucy, Gold, Albie-James,
Alistair, Danuli, Alexis,
Esme, Pricilla

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	Stars of the week	
EYFS	Isobel, Thorin	
3	Arlo	Leila
4	Harriet	Lucy
5	Samuel	Jackson
6	Seb	Ethan
7	Connor	Charlie
8	Pricilla	Eva
9	Morgan	Violet
10	Arthur	Olivia
11	Bertie	Jasmine
12	Jacob	Mia May
14	All Class 14	
15	All Class 15	

Clarification of why schools are banning 'squishy' toys.

I would like to explain why Ightenhill and other schools are taking this action.

Skin Irritation and Chemical Burns: Gel-filled toys can break or pop, releasing fillings that cause severe skin irritation, rashes, and peeling. Some products have been found to contain acidic compounds, such as in the case of the Nee-Doh Original Groovy Glob, which had a pH level low enough to cause chemical burns on contact.

Toxic Chemical Exposure: Studies have found that many squishies emit harmful volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including toluene, styrene, and dimethylformamide. These chemicals can lead to headaches, breathing issues, and potential long-term damage to the liver, kidneys, and nervous system.

Choking Hazards: Small or broken pieces of foam/gel toys present a significant choking risk for younger children.

Distraction and Behavioral Issues: Beyond physical danger, these toys can cause distractions in classrooms and have been banned by some schools due to the risk of them "bursting" and creating a sticky, hard-to-clean mess. In addition to this, some toys have caused arguments between students with children taking them off each other.

We recognise that some children with additional needs may benefit from a 'fidget' type toy in the classroom.

If this is the case, parents can liaise with our SENDCO, Mrs Wilkinson and we are able to source and provide safe, approved fidget equipment to be used in school.

If required, we can add this to your child's support plan to ensure that any staff working with your child are aware of this.



**Keeping children safe in school is one of our key priorities.
Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are :**

Mrs K Dunderdale - Deputy Headteacher

Miss J Thompson – Family Engagement and Attendance manager

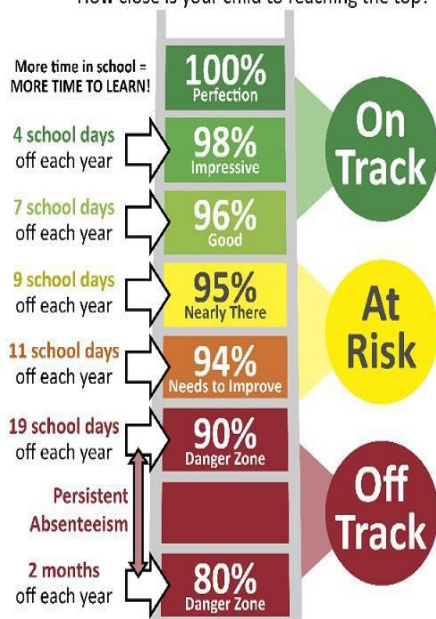
If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact school



In every force. In every school. For every child.

Operation Compass 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.

How close is your child to reaching the top?



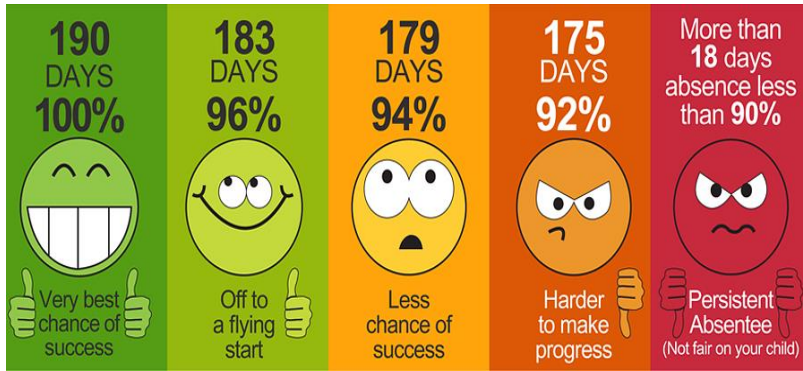
Lots of courses available right through the year
including

Supporting your child to regulate,

Navigating bereavement and loss,

Anxiety, Protecting your child from the Digital world and so much more.

Please call or text 07877 714693 to book a place.



TERM DATES

We close for half term on Friday 22nd May at 3.30 pm and reopen on Wednesday 3rd June 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	97.7
2	90.4
3	94.8
4	92
5	97.7
6	92.8
7	94.4
8	93
9	93
10	96.2
11	91.3
12	94.3
14	98.6
15	97.5



Daley and Connie are our attendance buddies.

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



A SCHOOL WITH VALUES AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO

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

14:52 Thu 7 May

100%

Close

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FREE SWIMMING CRASH COURSES

Burnley Council are funding Burnley Leisure and Culture to deliver FREE children's swimming crash courses during school holidays for families who would otherwise struggle to attend swimming lessons.

These intensive crash-course swimming lessons, will be delivered by qualified instructors in a supportive and inclusive environment where they'll be able to build water confidence and develop essential life-saving skills which will support them to learn to swim.

The next opportunity to attend will be:

From 26th - 29th May 2026

In 30-minute slots from 9.30am - 12.30pm each day

At St Peter's and Padiham Leisure Centres

Please note that referrals will only be accepted from our partner organisations.



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WHAT'S ON MAY Guide

Join us at New Era and out in the community

FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

Cuppa Club

- Mon 11th, 18th 1.30 - 3pm

Annexe Outdoors - Wellbeing Space

- Mon Tue & Wed 12.30 - 2.00pm

Activity Day

- Every Tuesday 1 - 2.30pm

Creative Arts Health

- Wed 6th, 20th 1 - 2.30pm

Reading Club

- Fri 29th 10.30 - 12pm

HEALTH & WELLBEING

ADHD - Family Matters

- Wed 6th 13th 20th 27th 9.45-11.45am

Primary Years - Family Matters

- Wed 6th, 13th 20th 27th 12.00 - 3pm

TRAINING & EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS

Paediatric First Aid

- 9th, 22nd 8.45 - 4.30pm

Emergency First Aid at Work

- 14th 8.45 - 4.30pm

Safeguarding

- 8th 9 - 1pm

Money Matters Course

- Coming soon

Digital Skills Course

- Coming soon

NEW ERA OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

New Era Nursery @ Sion Church

Chitter Chatter Stay & Play

- Mon 11th, 18th 12 - 1.30pm

New Era @ Down Town

Community Wellbeing

- Every Wednesday 10 - 12pm

The Parenting Hub @ Tay Street

Family Hub-

Emotionally Based School Avoidance

- Friday 15th May 9.15-10.30am

Emotional Regulation

- Tue 26th May 9.15 - 10.30am

Connect with us



For more details and updates about these events,
please visit our website or follow us on social media

Call or text 07877 714693 | info@neweraburnley.co.uk

New Era, Chapel Annexe, Chapel Place
Hammerton Street, Burnley BB11 1LE



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



Nut-Free School

At Ightenhill Primary School, the safety and well-being of our children and staff is very important. We have several pupils and staff with severe nut allergies, so we are a nut-free school.

We kindly ask that all children's packed lunches and snacks are free from nuts or nut-based ingredients. This small step helps keep our school community safe and ensures everyone can enjoy their day worry-free.

Thank you for helping us look after each other!



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.