



4th September 2026



Ighthenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

Welcome Back to Ighthenhill

A very warm welcome to all our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting school year at Ighthenhill Primary School. I hope everyone has enjoyed a happy and restful summer break and that our children are looking forward to the year ahead.

The start of a new school year is always a special time. New classrooms, new teachers, new friendships and new opportunities all bring a real sense of excitement to school. It has been wonderful to see our children returning through the gates, looking incredibly smart and ready to learn. We are also delighted to welcome those children and families who are joining the Ighthenhill community for the very first time.

This September, we are pleased to welcome four new teachers to our team: Mrs Ellis, Mrs Thompson, Mr Westwell and Mrs Naylor. I am sure that our children, parents and staff will help them quickly feel part of the Ighthenhill family, and we wish them every success and happiness in their new roles.

As always, there will be lots happening during the year ahead. Alongside the hard work that takes place in classrooms every day, we look forward to trips, visitors, sporting events, performances, celebrations and all the many experiences that make primary school life so memorable.

At the heart of everything we do remains our school mission statement: "To be the best that we can be." This applies to every member of our school community. We want our children to aim high, work hard, show kindness, embrace challenges and be proud of their achievements.

We know that children achieve their best when school and home work together, and we look forward to continuing our strong partnership with parents and carers throughout the year.

Here's to a happy, successful and rewarding year for everyone at Ighthenhill!

Mr S Crozier

Headteacher

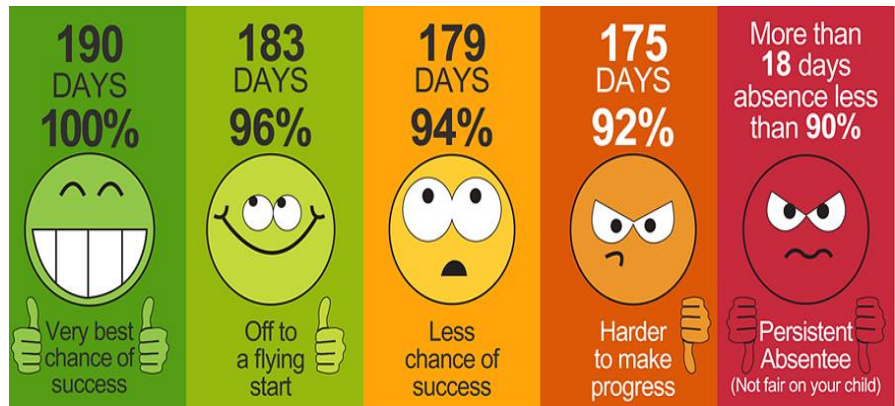
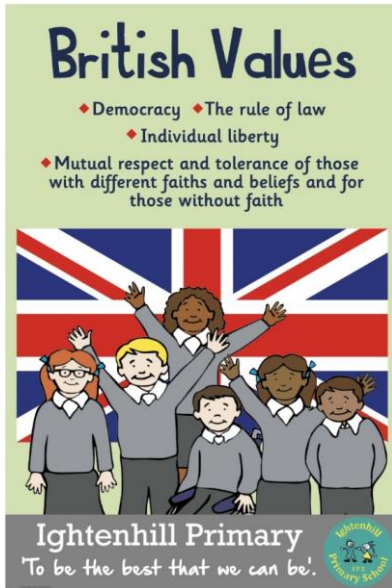


Communication with parents

At Ighthenhill our main form of communication with parents is through Class Dojo. If you require any support with accessing Class Dojo just contact the school office.

Our school website contains useful information such as term dates, curriculum information and school policies. Our website is in the process of being updated and relaunched. This will be completed in the next few weeks.

We also use Facebook to share information with parents as an additional form of communication.



TERM DATES

We close for half-term on on Friday 23rd October at 3.30 pm and reopen on Monday 2nd November at 8.50 am.



Happy birthday to you !

Connor, Satyar, Harry, Alfie, Elliot, Miley Rae, Daisy, Ruby, Cooper, Raelynn, Tiana, Olivia, Kobie

Staffing profile – September 2026

EYFS

Miss C Sutcliffe (Assistant headteacher and EYFS/KS1 leader)
Mr W Burrows

Key Stage 1

Year 1

Mrs S Graham / Mrs K Temple (Friday)
Mrs J Taylor

Year 2

Mrs K Farnsworth / Mrs K Temple (Thursday)
Mrs R Ellis

Key Stage 2

Year 3

Miss E Grey
Mr N Westwell

Year 4

Mrs C Reynolds
Mrs E Thompson

Year 5

Mrs E Jones
Mrs E Jackson

Year 6

Mrs S Pearson
Mrs L Baron (Assistant headteacher and KS2 leader)

Mrs A Wilkinson – SENDCO Mrs J Naylor – SEND support
Mrs S Woodcock – MFL / PPA
Mrs K Dunderdale – Deputy Headteacher
Mr S Crosier - Headteacher



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

Mrs E Brown - Inclusion manager and lead DSL

Mrs K Dunderdale - Deputy Headteacher

Miss J Thompson – Family Engagement and Attendance manager

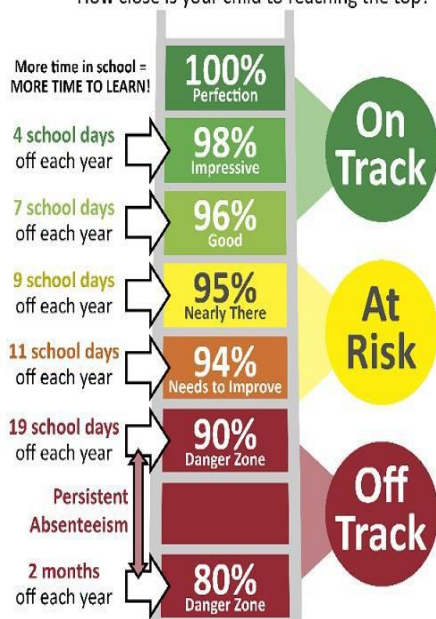
If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact school



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

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.

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.

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 and allergy aware 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!

THIS SCHOOL IS A



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.

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2026-2027**Autumn Term**

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Tuesday 1st September 2026 (School closed)

TERM STARTS: Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at 8.50am

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS: Monday 26th October 2025 to Friday 30th October 2026 (Inclusive)

TERM ENDS: Friday 18th December 2026 at 1.15 pm

Spring Term

TERM STARTS: Monday 4th January 2027 at 8.50am

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS: Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027 (Inclusive)

TERM ENDS: Thursday 25th March 2027 at 1.15 pm

Summer Term

TERM STARTS: Monday 12th April 2027 at 8.50am

BANK HOLIDAY MAY DAY: Monday 3rd May 2027 (School closed)

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS: Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027 (Inclusive)

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Monday 7th June 2027 (School closed)

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Tuesday 8th June 2027 (School closed)

TERM ENDS: Monday 19th July 2027 at 1.15 pm

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Tuesday 20th July 2027 (School closed)

TEACHER TRAINING DAY: Wednesday 21st July 2027 (School closed)

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OPEN DAYS



We are delighted to invite prospective pupils and their families to visit our warm and welcoming school.

At Ighthenhill, we are proud to provide a nurturing, inclusive environment where children are encouraged to achieve their very best. There is no better way to discover what makes Ighthenhill special than by experiencing our school for yourself.

We look forward to welcoming you!



***Wednesday 30th September – 6pm**
(booking is essential for this session)

Other tours take place at: 1:30pm, 2:30pm & 4pm on:

***Thursday 8th October**
***Wednesday 11th November**
***Tuesday 1st December**

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

Need another date? Just call us.



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We offer BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

Breakfast Club: 7:45am – 8:50am After School Club: 3:30 – 5:15pm (Monday -Thursday)
3:30-4:30pm (Friday)



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	
3	Elliott	Rex
4	Imani	Bjorn
5	Arlo	Tyler
6	Amelia	Oschean
7	Evie	Kiyan
8	Layton	Luella
9	Evelyn	Mark
10	Hunter	Wali
11	Lyla	Olivia
12	Morgan	Harrison
14	Esther	Alfie
15	Ollie	Saratu