



11th September 2026



Ighthenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

The importance of reading.

Reading is at the heart of our school curriculum. We recognise that reading is a key skill that will enable our children to be effective learners.

As well as teaching children how to read, we aim to encourage our children to read for pleasure and to develop their own preferences and passions related to different genres and favourite authors.

Parents will often ask teachers 'How can we help our children learn at home?' Research has shown that the most effective way parents can help is by reading with their child. This can be listening to your child read, sharing a story together, talking about what they have read, asking questions such as 'What happened? What might happen next?'

Check out this article on the importance of reading.

<https://youngreadersfoundation.org/importance-of-reading/>

Mr S Crosier

Headteacher



Values, values, values

At Ighthenhill our **seven school values** are at the heart of everything we do.

We want our school values of ambition, cooperation, honesty, kindness, resilience, respect and responsibility to be visible in and around school.

We want these to be **living values** not just words on the wall.

This week we have been talking about **ambition**.

Take some time to **talk to your children about what our school values** mean to them.

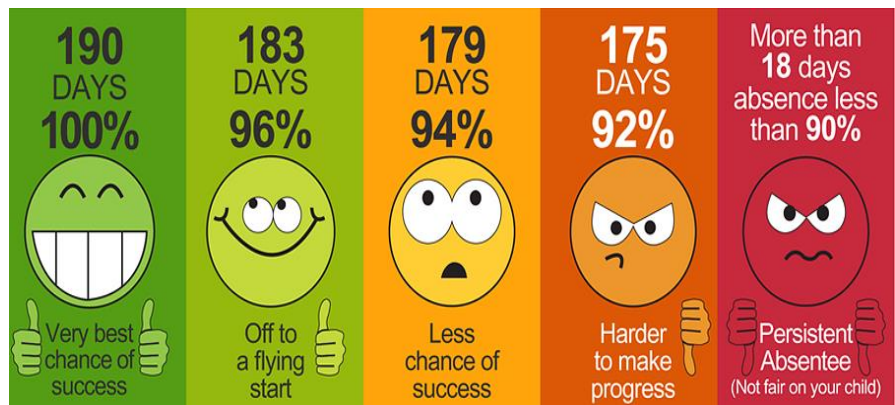
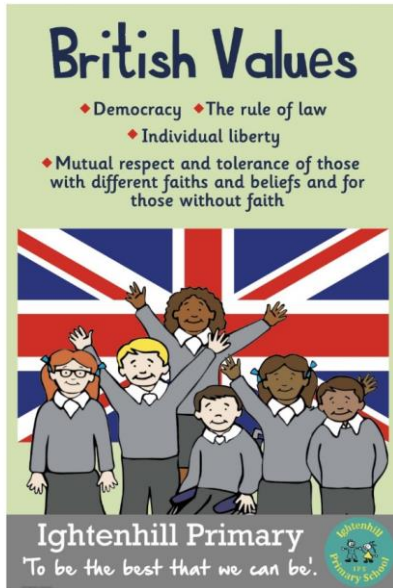
Parking around school

We would like to remind everybody about with parking around the school site – this is a major concern in terms of pupil safety.

The zig-zag lines should not be parked on or stopped on during the day.



Thank you for helping us to keep our school community safe.



Happy birthday to you !

Lydia, Oscean, Layton,
Darcie, Holly Mae, Naomi,
Freya, Thalia, Sean

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.



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
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

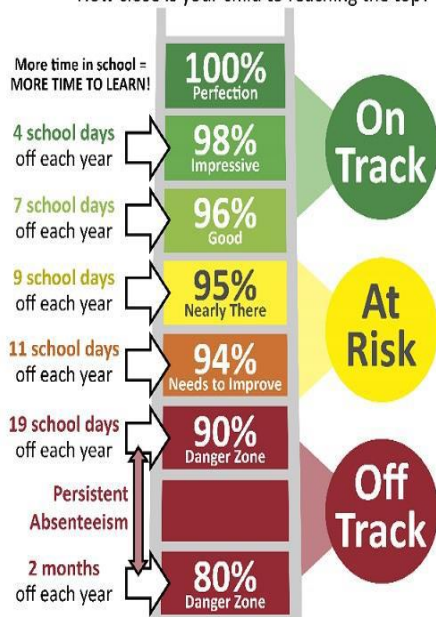
In every force. In every school. For every child.

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.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to reaching the top?



WOW – Walk to school challenge

The WOW walk to school challenge starts again next week.

Pupils are encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride to school and record how they got in on the interactive, award-winning WOW Travel Tracker

Children who make two sustainable journeys to school each week will receive a badge.



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



We are an 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.

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.

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)

IGHTENHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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	
EYFS	Hattie, Kodi, Corah, Layne	
3	Isabella	Sepehr
4	Elliana	Noah
5	Hunter	Ralph
6	Burhaan	Hunter
7	Samuel	Kyran
8	Eliyus	Evie
9	Melody Rose	Alistair
10	Reniah	Joel
11	Isabella	Eamonn
12	Lincoln	Maria
14	Cleo	Lucas
15	Jacob	Evie