



25th September 2026



Ightenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

A strong start

We are delighted to have made such a positive start to the new school year with our whole-school attendance currently standing at an excellent 97%. Thank you to all our families for helping children to attend school regularly and arrive ready to learn.

The challenge now is to keep it going!

Good attendance makes a real difference. Every day in school gives children opportunities to learn, practise important skills, spend time with friends and take part in the wider life of Ightenhill. Even occasional days of absence can quickly add up across the year.

Punctuality matters too. Arriving at school on time helps children to have a calm and settled start to their day. Being just ten minutes late each morning would mean missing almost an hour of learning every week.

We know that children will sometimes be genuinely too unwell to attend school, and we will always work with families when there are difficulties. However, whenever children are well enough to be in school, every day really does count.

A 97% start is something to celebrate.

Thank you for your continued support – let's keep aiming high.

Mr S Crosier

Headteacher



Benedict's law – Keeping children safe

From September 2026, new allergy safety requirements known as **Benedict's Law** are strengthening how schools protect children with allergies. The changes were introduced following the tragic death of five-year-old Benedict Blythe, who suffered a severe allergic reaction at school.

Schools must have clear allergy procedures, appropriate individual plans and ensure staff understand how to recognise and respond to a serious allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

This week, **all our school staff have received anaphylaxis awareness training**, including how to recognise the warning signs and respond quickly in an emergency.

We hope these measures provide additional reassurance to families that keeping every child safe remains one of our highest priorities.



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



Happy birthday to you !

Amelia, Alani-Rose,
Asher



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 Ighthenhill !

Well done to all of our shining stars.

Class	Star of the week	
EYFS	George, Ronnie, Ellis, Benas	
3	Esme	Aimee
4	Jude	Louie
5	Ronald	Sharfudeen
6	Ryder	Oakley
7	Ethan	Betsy
8	Theodore	Daisy
9	Daniel	Cyndi
10	Yusra	Charlie
11	Matilda	Evie
12	Violet	Mila
14	Alex	Mya
15	Ruby	Akifa

Allergy Aware School

Ighthenhill Primary School is an allergy aware 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.



**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

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.

Early Years Open Days – Autumn 2026

Is your child starting Reception in September 2027. Join us on one of our open days this term. These are taking place on :

Wed 30th September @ 6pm

Thu 8th October @ 1.30pm/2.30pm/4pm

Wed 11th November @ 1.30pm/2.30pm/4pm

Tue 1st December @ 1.30pm/2.30pm/4pm

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If your child is in Year 6 you can apply now for secondary school places for September 2027.

The closing date for applications is 31st
October 2026.

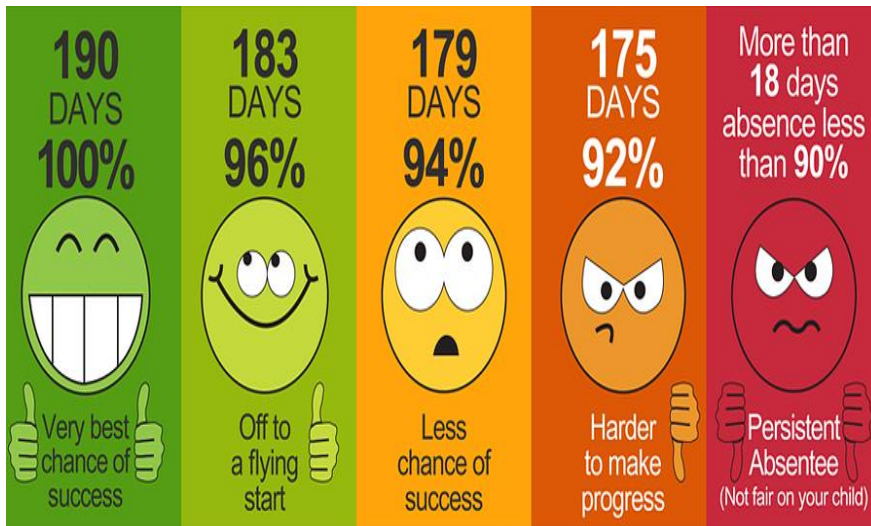
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Holidays during term-time

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 23rd October at 3.30pm and reopen on Monday 2nd November at 8.50am.



Daley and Connie are our attendance buddies. They spend the week in the class with the highest attendance.

We are here to learn !

Being in school every day, on time is the best way to ensure we succeed in school.

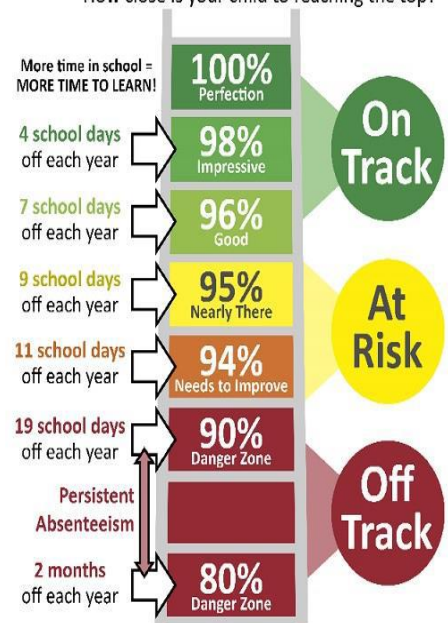
Our attendance target is an ambitious 96%.

This week 11 classes achieved 96%.

Class	Attendance
	This week
1	89
2	91
3	97.3
4	98.1
5	99.2
6	98.8
7	97.6
8	96.1
9	97.7
10	98.4
11	98.6
12	98
14	92
15	98.3

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.

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:

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3:30-4:30pm (Friday)