



16th October 2026



Ighthenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

The 96% club

At Ighthenhill Primary School, we know that every school day matters!

To celebrate and reward good attendance, we are excited to launch our brand-new 96% Club!

At the end of every half-term, all children who have achieved at least 96% attendance during that half-term will be entered into a fantastic prize draw.

And the prizes? They're brilliant! Our very own pupil parliament has been busy choosing a wonderful selection of exciting prizes, including:

🚗 Remote control cars 🛴 Scooters

🧱 LEGO sets 📺 And lots of other fantastic surprises!

Our first 96% Club prize draw will take place on Friday 23rd October, just before the half-term holiday. We can't wait to see who our first lucky winners will be!

Of course, we understand that children sometimes become unwell and need to stay at home, so we will be resetting every child's % at the start of each new half-term.

The 96% Club is about encouraging excellent attendance, celebrating achievement and helping everyone develop positive habits.

Mr S Croxier

Headteacher



Toast and Talk

Our new Talk and Toast initiative has got off to a fantastic start this week.

Feedback from pupils has been really positive, with children enjoying a calmer, more relaxed start to their school day.

Talk and Toast provides a welcoming opportunity for children to settle into school, enjoy some reading and take part in valuable wellbeing check-ins with staff.

These conversations help us understand how children are feeling and ensure everyone feels happy, safe and ready to learn.

It's been lovely to see children embracing this new routine, helping us make every morning at Ighthenhill a positive one!

Toast is available free of charge between 8.50 am and 9.00 am.



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 !

Marchall, Jude, Skyla,
Kyrán, Hunter, Kalina,
Jeremiah, Alex, Saffiyah,
Oakley, Samuel, Arthur



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	Alias Neco, Olivia, Arizona, Eli	
3	Razi	Jasper
4	Thorin	Finn
5	Florence	McKinley
6	Reuben	Leon
7	Kyle	Amelia
8	Miley Rae	Logan
9	Hunter George	Penelope
10	Willow	Pricilla
11	Khalid	Isla
12	Oliver	Noah
14	Alice	Seb
15	Nancy	Marshall

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 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.

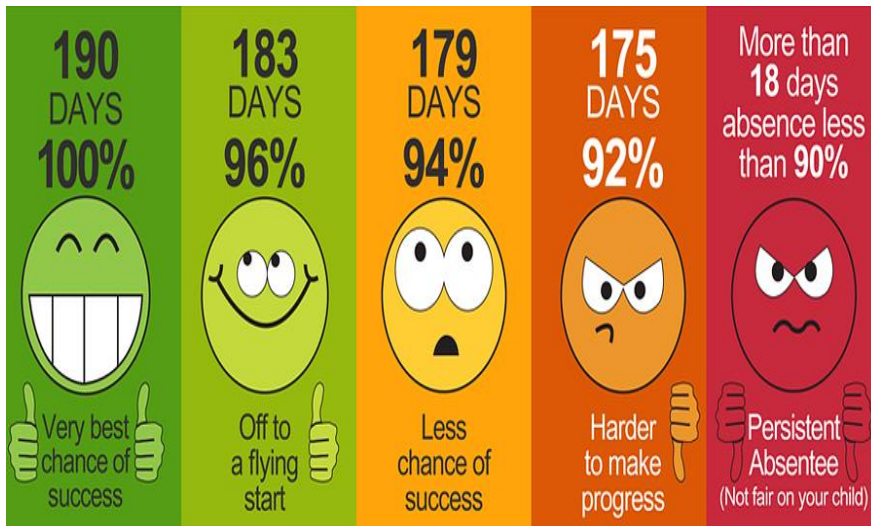
www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

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.

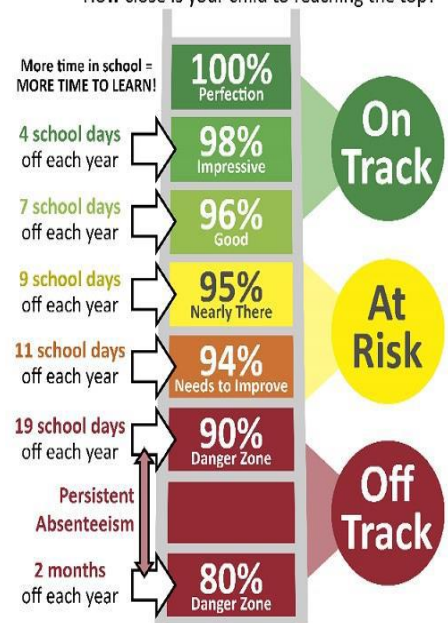
Our attendance target is an ambitious 96%.

This week 7 classes achieved 96%.

Class	Attendance
	This week
1	92.6
2	89.5
3	96.5
4	90
5	98.8
6	98.8
7	97.1
8	94.5
9	95.5
10	95.5
11	97.9
12	94.6
14	96.3
15	98

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)