



13th March 2026



Ighthenhill News

'To be the best that we can be'

The end of an era

After a staggering 39 years of dedicated service, our wonderful caretaker, Mr Byrne, will be hanging up his keys for the final time on 20th March 2026.

Mr Byrne has been the heart and soul of our school since the 1980s. For nearly four decades, he has been the first person here to open the gates and the last to leave. Whether he was fixing a leaky tap, rescuing footballs from the roof, or keeping our school safe, he did it all with a smile. He has seen thousands of students pass through our school – including some of our current parents!

To celebrate his incredible career, the children will be saying their goodbyes at a special assembly on Friday morning. It will be a chance for the whole school community to share memories and show our appreciation for everything he has done.

We want to say a massive thank you to Mr Byrne for his legendary commitment. While we are sad to see him go, we wish him a long, relaxing, and very well-deserved retirement.

Mr S Crosier

Headteacher



Safeguarding

To improve site safety and security we have installed a new entry system in the main entrance area. The doors will be locked between 9.15am and 3.15pm and visitors will need to ring the buzzer before a member of staff lets them in.

We have also installed additional cctv cameras around the school site to help keep our school community safe.

Parents evening dates for your diary

Our Spring term parents evening meetings are being held on Monday 23rd March and Wednesday 25th March 3.45pm - 5.45 pm.

We are looking forward to talking to parents about the progress that your child has made this academic year and targets for the second half of the school year.





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



Ightenhill Primary
"To be the best that we can be."

Happy birthday to you !

George, Millie C, Harper,
Maizie, Luella, Charlie

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	Noah, Louie, Bjorn, Amelia	
3	Kai	Reenie
4	Skyla	Emmie Mae
5	Evie	Mohammed
6	Betsy	Kyle
7	Konnor	Izzy
8	Amber	Scarlett
9	Sonny	Morgan
10	Evie	Lucas
11	Alex	Alice
12	Summer	Blanka
14	Poppy	Sunvika
15	Elyse	Amelia

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!

THIS SCHOOL IS A



School dinner price increases

After the Easter holidays, Lancashire County Council are increasing the price of school dinners.

From Monday 13th April, prices will increase to £3 per day (£15 per week).

Parent governor election

We will be sending out nomination forms for a new parent governor.

If you are interested and would like to know more about the role, please speak to Mr Crosier or Mrs Dunderdale.

**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

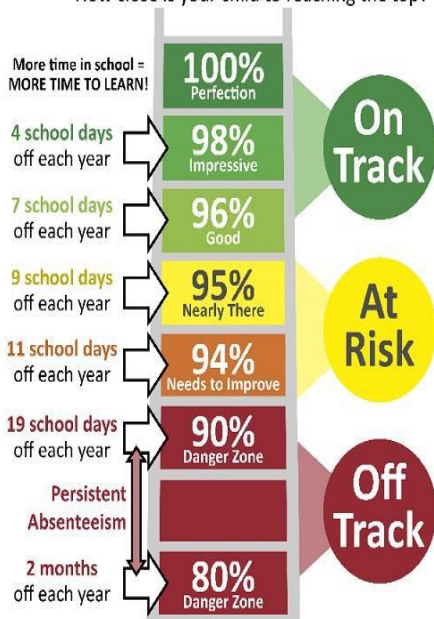
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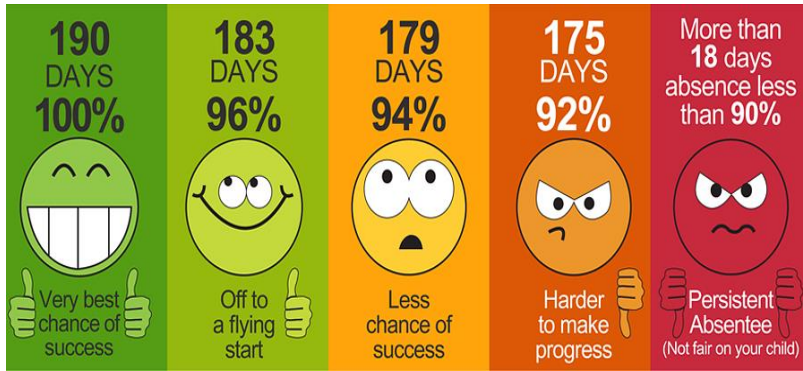
Operation Encompass

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?





TERM DATES

We close for Easter on Friday 27th March at 1.15 pm and reopens on Monday 13th April 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 7 classes achieved 96%.

Class	Attendance
	This week
1	96.3
2	94.2
3	97.8
4	92.6
5	95
6	96.1
7	95.3
8	97.2
9	92
10	87.1
11	98
12	96.6
14	96.8
15	86.6



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*

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



Enhancing School Safety: New CCTV Installation

At Ightenhill the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, staff, and visitors are our highest priorities. We are committed to maintaining a secure environment where children feel safe to learn and play. To support this, we are currently enhancing our site security with an updated CCTV system.

CCTV serves as a powerful tool in modern school management. Firstly, it acts as a strong deterrent against unauthorised visitors or anti-social behaviour on our grounds outside of school hours. By monitoring key entry points and communal areas, we can ensure that only those with a legitimate reason to be on-site are present. Secondly, it provides peace of mind. In a busy school environment, cameras help us quickly resolve any site-related incidents and ensure our safeguarding protocols are as robust as possible.

Please be assured that all footage is managed in strict accordance with GDPR and data protection laws, with cameras positioned only in public areas to respect the privacy of our school community.



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.