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# Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Welcome Back!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful and fun October half term! It has been wonderful to see the children return refreshed, smiling, and ready for an exciting new half term of learning. Over the coming weeks, we have lots to look forward to, including new classroom topics, seasonal celebrations, and opportunities for our pupils to shine.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Let's make this half term a positive and inspiring one for everyone!

## Parental Questionnaire

*As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that Waddington provides the best possible education and care for every child, we are inviting you to share your views by completing a Parental Questionnaire that was sent home with your child earlier in the week.*

*Your feedback is very important to us. It helps us to understand what we are doing well and to identify areas where we can improve. We value your opinions and take them into account when planning future developments within the school.*

*Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. Once completed, you can return it to the school office (or via your child's class teacher) by Monday 17th November 2025. All responses will be treated confidentially, and the information collected will be used to support school improvement and enhance the experiences of all our pupils.*

*Thank you very much for taking the time to share your thoughts and for your continued support of our school.*

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## Dates for Diaries – Autumn 2

Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Park Run Take Over at Castle Field 9am start
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 at STEM morning at Walker Park, Blackburn
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Armistice Day Year 4 Swimming Fire and Rescue safety talks for Year 2 and Year 6
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day – wear yellow and/or spotty
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 1 parent consultations
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 4 Rivers Trust visit to Clitheroe castle all morning Year 4 Swimming Year 3 & 5 parent consultations
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kate Taylor, SENCO, in school Year 2 and Year 4 parent consultations
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Reception and 6 parent consultations
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 4 Swimming
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 trip to Lancaster Castle
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Kate Taylor, SENCO, in school Non-Uniform day for the Christmas fair: KS1 Tombola items KS2 Jarola
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Rock Steady Concert – time to be confirmed by Arthur Year 4 Swimming (last one)
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Panto at The Grand all morning (Rec-Y6) Christmas Fair PM
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am – Year 1/2 Christmas Play 2pm – Year 1/2 Christmas Play
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir to sing at the Waddington Village Luncheon
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am – Choir to sing at the Alms Houses 2pm – Reception Christmas Stay and Play
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Santa Dash – whole school
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Kate Taylor, SENCO, in school
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am – Reception Nativity 2pm – Reception Nativity 6pm – KS2 Carols by Candlelight at Church
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Special Certificate Assembly
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Finish for Christmas

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## **Children in Need**

We will be participating in Children in Need on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Children can wear yellow and/or spotty non-uniform in exchange for a donation.

The theme for this year is “Challenge 25”. Each class will be doing a different challenge throughout the day.



**Donations can be made via Parentpay**

## **Parent Consultations – November 2025**

We will be holding face-to-face parent consultations during the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to talk to you about your child’s progress so far this year.

The dates for individual class consultations are as follows:

Reception	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 1	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 2	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 3	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 4	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 5	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 6	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November

The first appointment will be at 1pm and the last one will be at 6.30pm. If you can make an appointment during school hours we would very much appreciate it.

We are using an online booking system again for you to book a 10 minute slot to meet with your child’s class teacher.

An email has been sent out with a link for you to click to book the appointment. You will receive a separate email for each child if you have more than one child at WWB.

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## **Mad Science Club**

Mondays 3:20pm - 4:20pm

Dates: 05/01/2026 - 09/02/2026

6 weeks, £63.00 per child

Your deadline date to register is: 11/11/2025

Max 23 per club, first come, first served! Thank you!



### **Moving Motion**

Learn about the science of movement. Your mad scientist will show you amazing forces. Learn about gravity with a trick you can try at home! Acids and Bases Shine pennies, balance acids and learn all about indicators with lots of fun experiments. Learn to test pH with indicators and paper. Wow your friends about the PH levels of the things in your own kitchen.

### **Energy Burst**

Ever wondered where energy comes from? Well, you will soon find out! We will race rubber band cars, play with catapults and bouncing toy activity! Space...The Final Frontier Fly off into space with this exciting look at our solar system. Learn about planets, stars and what happens when meteorites strike the Earth! Name a galaxy of your making!

### **Light Fantastic**

Do you know what LASER stands for? in this brilliant session you can bend light, see a laser light show, explore UV light and view diffracted light through our diffraction glasses! Matter of Fact Take a look at everything around you and see what it's made of! Constructing & deconstructing molecules to make polymers!

Go to [northengland.madscience.org](http://northengland.madscience.org)

The BOOK HERE button is on our homepage!

If you want to spread the cost, choose PAYMENT PLAN (pay half now and half when the programme starts) at the Checkout!

First come first served!

Problem? - call 01772 628844 or email [office@madsciencenw.com](mailto:office@madsciencenw.com)

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## **We are a PARK RUN School**

Our WWB Parkrun Takeover is nearly here!

**Where?** Clitheroe Castle Field- meet at the Band Stand.

**When?** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am.

**What?** a 2km run/skip/jog/walk (3 laps) round the Castle field.

**Who?** Aimed at children aged 4-14 years. The children can run on their own or parents are able to run with them if you like. School staff will also be there cheering the children along.

**Why?** As a school, we believe that being active is so important for both physical and mental wellbeing. Parkrun is a free, welcoming and inclusive community and we have signed up as a Parkrun school to encourage as many children as possible to take part over the next year. Parkrun takes place every Sunday and once you have registered your child, they can take part in junior Park runs any Sunday all over the country and their participation and time will be logged.

We have set a target of completing at least 600 Parkruns over the course of this year. If your child is registered, every time they complete a run, it will contribute towards our target. We will keep you updated with how we are getting on throughout the year!

**How?** You can register for parkrun for free here - [www.parkrun.org.uk/register/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/) or scan the QR code below.

Join the Clitheroe Castle Junior Parkrun.

Once you have registered your child, you can log in to their account and select 'Groups' then join the 'Waddy Runners' group so we can keep track of how many runs have been completed.

We appreciate that many of you will have other commitments but would love to see as many children and families as possible on Sunday morning!



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## **Remembrance Services**

### **St Helen's Church – Waddington – 9<sup>th</sup> November**

Join us as we come together as a community to honour those who gave their lives in service.

10.45am - St Helen's Parish Eucharist for Remembrance

Join us at St Helen's Church for a reflective service of remembrance and thanksgiving.

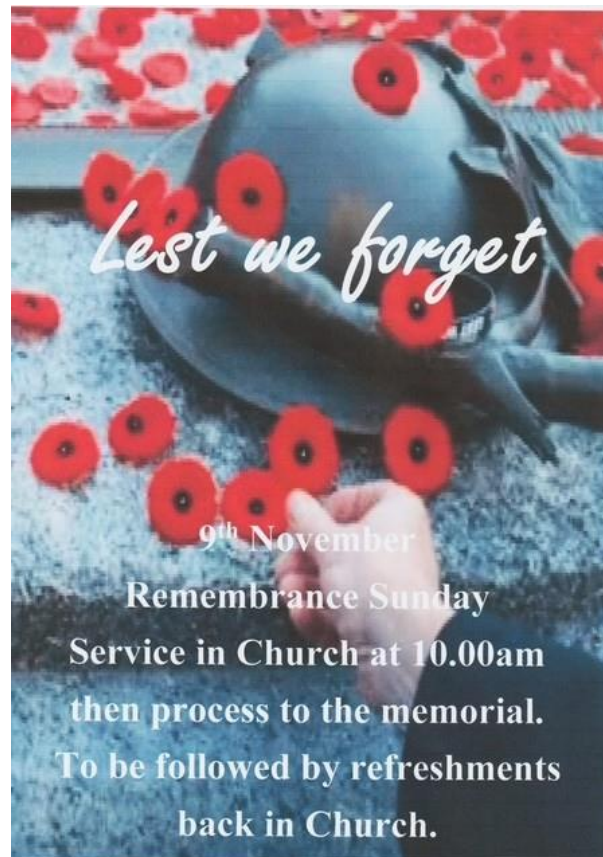
11.45am - Act of Remembrance & Wreath Laying

Following the service, we will move to the Waddington War Memorial Cross for the village's Act of Remembrance and Wreath Laying.

Let us stand together in gratitude and remembrance.

"We will remember them."

### **St Catherine's Church – West Bradford**



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## **SENCO**



Mrs Kate Taylor is our Special Educational Needs Coordinator.

Mrs Harrington is now also the 'back-up' SENCO in school and can help parents when Mrs Taylor is not on site. She can be contacted via the school office.

Mrs Taylor will be in school on the dates below this term but can also be contacted via email on [senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

## **Attendance**

Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

**We are aiming for every child/class to have at least 96% attendance**

Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	94.3%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	92.5%

## **CONTACT US**



Please always request to speak to your child's class teacher as first point of contact if you have a query or concern. If it cannot be resolved with the teacher, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will aim to make themselves available to you as soon as possible.

School contact details: 01200 422915 or [bursar@wwb.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@wwb.lancs.sch.uk)

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