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Newsletter 10th October 2025

Thank you for taking the time to read last week's newsletter and for continuing the conversation at home about being respectful and kind in school. It's been wonderful to hear the children sharing what they've discussed with you — some even created thoughtful posters to display around school! Your support in reinforcing these important values really makes a difference, so thank you.

Next week marks our final full week of this half term, as we finish for the break on **Tuesday 21st October**. We have a busy and exciting few days ahead, and we look forward to ending the half term on a positive note together.

Warm regards,
Mrs White

Dates for Diaries – Autumn 1

Mon 13 th Oct	Individual school photos
Tues 14 th Oct	Year 4 swimming
Wed 15 th Oct	Harvest Service in church at 2pm. We will walk the children there and parents can take them home after.
Mon 20 th Oct	Rainbow Afternoon
Tues 21 st Oct	School closes at normal time for half term
Wed 22 nd – Fri 24 th Oct	Inset Days
Mon 3 rd Nov	School re-opens for Autumn 2

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Harvest

This year our Harvest Festival will take place on Wednesday 15th October at 2pm at St Helen's Church in Waddington. An email was sent out earlier this week with information about which classes will be performing and about pick up at the end of the day. Please check you have received this. **A reminder that pick up at the end of the day is from Church in Waddington.**

Any donations to our collection for Clitheroe Food Bank would be gratefully received.



Further to this, we are also supporting Bishop Philip's Harvest Appeal. More information can be found here: [Bishop's Harvest Appeal 2025 | The Diocese of Blackburn](#)

As part of his fundraising efforts, Bishop Philip is organising a 'Pedal-along'.

On Friday, 17 October, he will be going on a bike ride around the entire Diocese during which he will visit and pray in one school or church in every single one of our 14 Deaneries.

Each Deanery will give the Bishop a special prayer to read and take to hand on to the next one as he travels across the County.




Donations can be made via the link above.




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Year 6 Author Visit at Bowland High

On Monday, Year 6 were invited up to Bowland High to meet and listen to children's author, Piers Torday.

He told the children all about how his journey in writing started and the research that goes into writing his books, including his travels to Transylvania and encounters with bears and wolves which formed some of his main characters in his new book. They got the opportunity to purchase signed copies of his new books   

Thank you to Bowland High for inviting us 



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Cross Country

Well done to the children who participated in the cross-country event after school on Monday 🏃🏃

You were all incredible, finishing with smiles and lots of cheering each other on



Clara and Saylor qualified in the top 25 girls and Josh, Bruce and Bear qualified in the top 25 boys so they will compete in the next round in the summer.

We are so proud of each and every one of you who took part!

Thank you to Mrs Hartley and Miss Bennett for going along and running with the children each week 🏃🏃



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Working together in Partnership

Over the coming year, we are excited to be working even more closely with our neighbouring primary schools in and around Clitheroe:

Brennand's Endowed Primary – our collaboration school

Grindleton Primary

Bolton-by-Bowland Primary

Pendle Primary

St Michael's and St John's RC Primary

Brookside Primary

Ribblesdale Primary

St James' Primary

Together, we are developing stronger links to share training and professional development, exchange good practice, and create exciting joint events and opportunities for our pupils. By collaborating and supporting one another, we aim to build a more consistent and high-quality educational experience for all children across Clitheroe and the surrounding villages.



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Year 5's Viking Adventure!

On Thursday, Year 5 had a fabulous enrichment experience when a real-life Viking visited our school! The children were transported back in time as they explored what life was like in the Viking Age. They handled replica artefacts, learned about Viking crafts and battles, and even took part in some lively role-play. It was a fantastic, hands-on day that really brought their history topic to life — a big thank you to our special visitor for making learning such an exciting adventure!



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World Mental Health Day

Today, we celebrated **World Mental Health Day** by coming together to show our support and raise awareness. The whole school was a sea of **yellow** as pupils and staff dressed in bright colours to promote positivity and kindness.

Throughout the day, each class took part in activities and discussions about **wellbeing, kindness, and looking after our mental health**. Children also created beautiful **artwork inspired by happiness and hope**, which will be proudly displayed around the school to remind us all of the importance of caring for ourselves and each other.

It was a wonderful day filled with colour, creativity, and compassion! 



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Reminder: No Dogs on School Grounds 🐾

We'd like to remind all families that dogs are **not permitted on the school site**, including the playground and paths within the gates. While we understand many of our families are dog lovers, this rule helps keep our school a **safe and comfortable environment** for all children, staff and families. Some pupils may feel anxious around animals, and even the friendliest dogs can behave unpredictably in busy, noisy settings.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and at ease by leaving dogs at home or waiting with them outside the school gates.



We are a PARK RUN School

We have signed up as a Park Run school! 🏃🏃🏃

We will be doing a Park Run Take Over on Sunday 9th November so please keep this date free and we'll send more information nearer the time.



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The Foundation for Ribble Valley Families

<https://frvf.co.uk/>



DID YOU KNOW?

We offer **FREE** online therapeutic coaching sessions to people struggling with low mood and emotional overwhelm.

Visit <https://frvf.co.uk/self-referral-tool/>

- Please note FRVF can only support young people from Year 6 upwards.



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Email: connect@frvf.co.uk

Listening That Changes Everything...



This free workshop is for parents, grandparents and carers

An afternoon packed full of information on active listening skills to help reduce conflict, support problem-solving, build deeper connections and boost resilience.

This is a great chance for the families of young people in the Ribble Valley to improve inter-family communication.

When? Thursday
October 16
12.45pm - 4pm



Where? Trinity Hub

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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

Monday 3rd November

Monday 17th November

Monday 1st December

Monday 15th December

Attendance

Week commencing 6th October 2025

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

Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	100%
Year 1	98.9%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	95.8%

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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

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