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Issue

Lightcliffe C of E Primary School Newsletter

This term's Christian Value is:

Thankfulness

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Attendance

Attendance this week: 98%

10 classes this week have had 97+% attendance

Whole school attendance to date: 97.4%

This academic year our target is 97%



Lightcliffe 100 – this week's words have been: **cease, combine, community**



Harvest Festival Thankfulness

Today, our KS1 and KS2 children celebrated the Harvest Festival with joyful services held both in school and at church. The children sang beautifully, shared reflections on harvest traditions, and took part in blessing the generous food donations.

We are incredibly grateful for the kindness shown by our school community. All donations will be delivered to **Brighthouse Central Foodbank**, who have expressed their heartfelt thanks.

If you haven't yet had a chance to contribute, it's not too late! We will continue collecting donations throughout next week.

Thank you for helping us share the spirit of thankfulness and giving.

Reception 2026 Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome so many families to our Reception Open Evening this week. The atmosphere was full of excitement and curiosity as prospective parents and children explored our vibrant learning environment. Visitors had the opportunity to meet our dedicated Early Years team, discover our engaging curriculum with staff and students from all areas of school, and see first-hand how we nurture a love of learning from the very start. From creative play areas to outdoor learning spaces, every corner of our Reception setting showcased the joy and discovery that defines our approach.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a success. If you were unable to join us, there are still opportunities to view our school – please click the link to book a tour or a stay and play event [Lightcliffe Primary Open Events 2026 Entry](#)

We look forward to welcoming our next cohort of Reception children and beginning their exciting journey with us!



Mrs Dunkley



Mrs Hustler

Upcoming Events

Monday 6 th – Fri 10 th Oct	Y6 Whitby trip
Friday 10 th Oct	PFSA Non-Uniform Day
Friday 17 th Oct	Stay and Play event 2:15pm
	School Discos Y2,3 – 3.30 & Y4,5,6 -5pm
Friday 24 th Oct	Individual photographs
	School Disco – Rec,Y1
	School closes until 4 th November
Wednesday 5 th Nov	Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 6pm
Thursday 6 th Nov	Parents' Evening 5pm – 7.30pm

Inspiring and flourishing together

Rotakids

Our new Rotakids group has begun with their chosen charities this year being Overgate and Children's Forget Me Not Hospices – both local and worthy causes. They are planning for their first event on Wednesday 22nd October of a Bun and Badge Sale. The two groups will be making and selling badges and buns. **Buns 50p and badges £1.** Please support their efforts towards supporting these very worthy causes.



Parents Evenings

Parent consultation meetings with class teachers will be held on Wednesday 5th November 3.40pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 6th November – 5.00pm – 7.30pm
Please look out for an email from our admin team in the coming weeks inviting parents to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

Trips and visitors

This week, we welcomed West Yorkshire Fire Service into Year 5 to host their regular Fire Safety talk. The talk focused on 'Firework Safety; Hoax Calls and what to do in the unlikely event of a fire.'



Whitby Group 1: **3 more sleeps!!!!**

Parking Reminder – Help Us Keep Children Safe

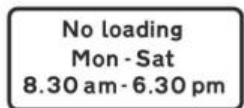
Despite several reminders, we are still seeing unsafe parking practices around school. Vehicles have been observed:

- Parking across driveways
- Stopping on white lines and single yellow kerb markings
- Parking partly on pavements

These restrictions are in place to protect all children and families during busy drop-off and pick-up times. Parking on pavements reduces access for parents with pushchairs and adults using mobility scooters, and creates unnecessary hazards.

We have received specific reports of a **grey BMW** and a **white Ford** parked in restricted areas. Please be considerate and ensure your parking choices support the safety and accessibility of our school community.

Thank you for your cooperation.



No loading or unloading
at the times shown

OOSCAL – Wraparound Care

Spaces available on Fridays at both breakfast and after-school clubs.

Click the link for information [Out Of School Club At Lightcliffe](#)

This half-term's craft themes: Autumn, harvest, and animals that hibernate.



Families applying for **Reception places** for **September 2026** are invited to attend



Stay & Play

Friday 17th October
2.15 - 3.00pm

Friday 21st November
10.00 - 10.45am

Our Stay & Play taster sessions will give your child the opportunity to see what "Big School" is like! They'll get hands-on in our Early Years areas, and parents can talk to staff about how we support our pupils learning and development.

Discover more and register your attendance

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Throughout the autumn term we are running a number of events

Open Evening
30th September
6.00 - 8.00pm

Daytime Tours
15th October
9.30am & 1.30pm
4th November
9.30am & 1.30pm

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Inclusion

Can I apply? - Family Fund

To decide if your family is eligible for a grant, Family Fund looks at your income and the impact of disability on your child and young person.



Family Fund
Helping disabled children



Thinking of training to be a teacher?

GORSE SCITT RECRUITMENT EVENTS



PLACES
AVAILABLE
FOR
**SEPTEMBER
2026**

Training primary and secondary teachers

Drop into our city centre training base or join us online to find out more about our training programme and the application process.

WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER
INFORMATION EVENING
Online | 5.30pm to 6.30pm

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER
**ONE-TO-ONE
APPLICATION SUPPORT**
Online | 10.00am to 2.00pm

THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER
INFORMATION EVENING
City Centre Training Base
5.30pm to 6.30pm

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER
INFORMATION EVENING
Online | 5.30pm to 6.30pm

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER
**TASTER DAY
SECONDARY**
The Ruth Gorse Academy
10.00pm to 2.00pm

MONDAY 01 DECEMBER
INFORMATION EVENING
City Centre Training Base
5.30pm to 6.30pm

To attend one of our information evenings, please register at www.gorsescitt.org.uk or contact us directly by emailing info@gorsescitt.org.uk

VISIT OUR WEBSITE



PFSA

DATES TO REMEMBER



10 Oct – Non Uniform Day



17 Oct – Y2 to Y6 Disco



**24 Oct – YR & Y1 Disco
+ PFSA Tuck Shop**



5 Dec – Christmas Fayre



6 Feb – Mr Ball's Quiz Night

