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Issue 6

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: 97.4%
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: **complex conflict consequences**

Year 6 Explore Whitby: A Journey Through Geography and Science

This week, our Year 6 pupils embarked on an exciting educational visit to Whitby, enriching their geography and science learning. The two classes discovered fascinating fossils and delved into the history and economic heritage of the town. At Whitby Museum, they explored a treasure trove of artefacts, including relics from Captain James Cook's voyages, intricate model ships, and the famous Whitby jet. The children even had the opportunity to polish their own piece to take home. The adventure continued with the lighthouse challenge, followed by visits to the iconic Whitby Abbey and St Mary's Church before coming home. Of course, no trip to Whitby would be complete without climbing the legendary 199 steps—counted carefully each time!

The children and staff had a fantastic time, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this memorable visit possible.



Music Mark of Recognition for Ambition & Quality 2025-2026

We are thrilled to announce that our school has been recommended for the Music Mark Award for 2025-26! This recognition is a testament to the passion and dedication of our music leaders—Mrs Webb and, more recently, Miss Gunton—whose aim is to provide a rich and inclusive range of musical opportunities for all our pupils.



Mrs Dunkley



Mrs Hustler

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 15 th Oct	Reception Daytime Tours (9.30am & 2.30pm)
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

Dogs on the Driveway

We kindly ask that parents and carers do not bring dogs down the school driveway when dropping off or collecting children. This is to ensure the safety and comfort of all our children, families, staff and even the dogs themselves from unexpected or aggressive behaviour and to accommodate those with allergies or phobias.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.



PE Kit – A reminder of the expectations for PE kit.

- A yellow or green T-shirt, this is not gender specific, boys and girls can wear either colour
- A pair of green shorts or green games skirt, with shorts underneath
- A **plain dark coloured tracksuit** for outdoor PE (black, navy, bottle green etc) or other suitable dark warm clothes for cold weather
- A pair of trainers must be worn for outdoor PE and can also be worn for dance.
- A leotard or T-shirt and shorts can be worn for gymnastics
- Gymnastics lessons are undertaken in bare feet, but gym slippers can be worn - these are not essential



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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Dyslexia Awareness Week

This week was **Dyslexia Awareness Week**, a national initiative that shines a light on the experiences of individuals with dyslexia and celebrates their unique strengths. Dyslexia is a specific learning difficulty that primarily affects reading and spelling skills. However, it's important to remember that dyslexia is not a measure of intelligence. Many individuals with dyslexia are highly creative, innovative thinkers with exceptional problem-solving abilities.

At Lightcliffe CofE Primary, we are committed to creating an inclusive environment where every child can thrive. Our staff work hard to ensure that children with dyslexia receive the support they need to succeed—whether through tailored interventions or nurturing their confidence and self-esteem.

There are many famous individuals known to have dyslexia—such as Albert Einstein, Agatha Christie, and Lewis Hamilton—who have all achieved incredible things. There are also a number of ex-Lightcliffe pupils with dyslexia who have gone on to succeed at university and their careers.

We wish to continue to celebrate the diversity of learning styles in our school and champion the message that **different doesn't mean less**—it means unique, capable, and full of potential.

Here are some websites offering valuable information and support for parents:

[Home - Made By Dyslexia](#): Provides resources and insights to help understand and support children with dyslexia.

[Facebook Dyslexia Inspired](#): Shares stories and strategies to inspire and assist families dealing with dyslexia.

[British Dyslexia Association](#): Offers guidance on education, assessments, and support services for individuals with dyslexia.



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

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

