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Lightcliffe C of E Primary School Newsletter

This term's Christian Value is:

Justice

Learn to do right. Seek justice.
Isaiah 1.17

Attendance

Attendance this week: 98.2%
10 classes this week have had 97+% attendance
Whole school attendance to date: 96.8%
This academic year our target is 97%



Lightcliffe 100 – this week's words have been: **persistent perspective potential**

Success to our Cross-Country team at Temple Newsam

On Tuesday 3rd March, 29 key stage two children took part in the West Yorkshire Cross Country Finals at a very sunny Temple Newsam. The children were competing against runners from Leeds, Bradford, Kirklees, Wakefield and other Calderdale schools. There were approximately 150 runners in each race. Every runner gave it their all and showed fantastic grit and determination on a challenging course. Most of our children competed as part of a team and four children competed as individuals. We are super proud of all our children!



Comic Relief – Friday 20th March – Wear something red!

We're inviting all pupils and staff to wear something red. It could be a red top, red socks, a red accessory, or even a full-red outfit! We kindly ask for a £1 donation, which can be sent into school on the day. Every contribution, big or small, helps to make a real difference. Thank you for your support and for helping us spread kindness, laughter, and hope through this fantastic cause!



FRIDAY 20 MARCH



Mrs Dunkley



Mrs Hustler

Upcoming Events

16-18 th March	Y5 residential visit to Robin Wood
Thurs 19 th March	Y2 visit to Yorkshire Air Museum
Fri 20 th March	Comic Relief non-uniform day
Mon 23 rd March	Hand to Mouth RE visitors
Tues 24 th March	Y3 trip to Magna Science Museum
Fri 27 th March	School Closes for Easter break

Inspiring and flourishing together



Online Behaviour Workshops

This week, our Year 5 pupils took part in engaging online behaviour workshops led by Lucy from SCARF. The sessions helped children explore how to stay safe, respectful and responsible online through discussion, scenarios and practical strategies they can use every day. Lucy previously delivered the same workshop to Year 6, who also benefited greatly from the interactive approach. We are grateful to SCARF for supporting our pupils' understanding of positive online behaviour and digital wellbeing.

Evie Shines at Her First Competitive Swimming Gala

We are incredibly proud of Evie, who took part in her first external competitive swimming gala last weekend in Scarborough, representing Brighouse Swimming Club. The two-day event brought together swimmers from clubs across Yorkshire, with multiple heats testing skill, stamina, and determination. Evie absolutely rose to the challenge, swimming her heart out in every race. She achieved a fantastic 4th place in the Group C (age 9) Front Crawl/Freestyle, an impressive result for her debut gala. Her standout moment came in the Group B (age 9) Backcrawl, where she delivered an outstanding performance to secure 1st place! This is an incredible achievement and reflects her hard work, focus, and growing confidence in the pool. A huge well done to Evie for representing her club so brilliantly. We can't wait to see what she accomplishes next!



Worship team In Action

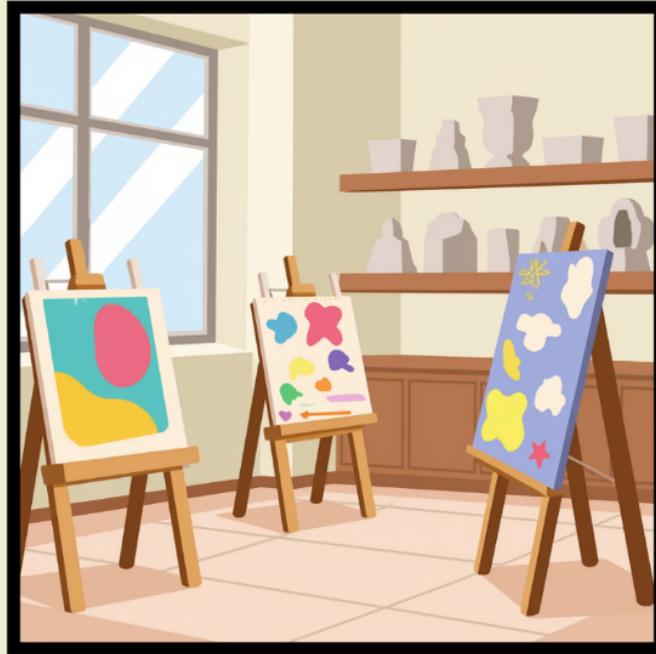
This week, our Worship Team has delivered our Picture News worship about hidden disabilities. After relating the story of a young girl campaigning for better facilities for those with a stoma, they spoke about the need for mutual respect and understanding for those living with hidden differences and disabilities. They ended our worship by leading our school prayer. Yesterday, Henry wrote a prayer that opened our governors meeting. The governors were touched by his care and compassion. The governors said, "Thank you so much, Henry!"

Down Syndrome Day falls on a Saturday this year. We would like to invite you to wear odd socks on Friday 20th March – as well as something red for Comic Relief – in recognition of Down Syndrome Awareness Day.



Rotakids Art Exhibition and Competition

Friday 13th March 3.20 - 4pm
Saturday 14th March 9.30 - 10.30am



The Rotakids warmly invite you to attend the art exhibition and vote for your favourite competition entry.

The entries with the highest number of votes in each age category will win a prize.

To vote: Buy our special tokens to vote for your most favourite pieces of artwork on the theme 'What Makes Me Happy'. We have had a range of entries this week and cannot wait to exhibit them.

Raising funds in aid of the Forget Me Not Children's Hospice.

Lightcliffe Eco-Council's Litter Pick Project

We are excited to launch the Lightcliffe C of E Primary Eco-Council Litter Pick Project, starting this Monday!

To help keep our local community clean and green, the Eco-Council will be lending out litter-picking equipment to families.

If you're heading out for a walk — after school, over the weekend, or during a daily dog walk — why not take a litter picker with you and help make a difference?

How to Take Part

- **Borrow a litter picker and equipment set from school (available from the office).**
- **Take it along on your walk and collect any litter you spot.**
- **Snap a photo of your family taking part.**
- **Send your picture into school so we can celebrate your efforts on our Eco-Council display and school website.**

Every small action helps protect our environment, and we can't wait to see our Lightcliffe families getting involved and helping our school community shine!





Public Health Information – Measles

A new post, "What are the symptoms of measles and how can I best protect my child?" has just been published on the UK Health Security Agency blog. Measles is highly contagious, so even a small decline in vaccine uptake can lead to a rise in cases. There has been a resurgence of measles in England, and around the world, in recent years. In 2024 there were 2,911 laboratory confirmed measles cases in England, the highest number of cases recorded annually in decades.

Read the new post:

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2026/03/05/what-are-the-symptoms-of-measles-and-how-can-i-best-protect-my-child/>