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Lightcliffe C of E Primary School Newsletter

This term's Christian Value is:

Truthfulness

'Tell the truth to each other'
Zechariah 8.16

Attendance

Attendance this week: 96.3%
5 classes this week have had 97+% attendance
Whole school attendance to date: 96.7%
This academic year our target is 97%



Good luck and goodbye to our amazing Y6

To our wonderful Year 6 pupils: As you leave Lightcliffe, take with you the friendships you have made, the values you have learned and the knowledge that you will always belong here.

You will always be part of the Lightcliffe family.

Go forward with courage.

Go forward with kindness.

Go forward with hope.

Continue inspiring others.

Continue flourishing.

From everyone at Lightcliffe Primary School – Good luck!



Rotakids Raffle and Quiz

Congratulations to Charlie, who won the Sports Direct voucher, and to Duaa, Dylan and Amelia, who each won a raffle prize. Thanks to the fantastic support of our school community, we raised £150 for Forget Me Not Children's Hospice. Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket or took part in the quiz. This wonderful charity relies entirely on voluntary donations and provides invaluable support to children and families across our community. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and support.

Ice Pop Sale and Non-Uniform Day

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent SEN fundraising efforts. Together, we raised **over £500**, which will be used to purchase valuable resources to support our pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). We are incredibly grateful for your continued support. Thank you to the parents who got involved to organise these events.



Mrs Dunkley



Mrs Hustler

Upcoming Events

Friday 17 th July	School closes
Tuesday 1 st Sept	School opens for staff training
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	School opens to pupils
Tuesday 8 th Sept	Y5NA swimming lessons begin
Friday 18 th Sept	Y3 Stone Age Enrichment Day (in school)

Inspiring and flourishing together

End of Year Message

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, we would like to say a huge well done to every one of our pupils. You should all be incredibly proud of everything you have achieved this year. Your hard work, resilience, kindness and enthusiasm have made this a wonderful year of learning and growth.

Thank you also to our families and staff for their continued support throughout the year.

We hope you all have a happy, safe and enjoyable summer break. Take time to relax, have fun and make lots of special memories with family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year after a well-earned rest.

Have a wonderful summer! 🌟🌟

Information for the first week back to school

The first three days will be a chance for your child to settle into their new class, get to know their teacher and the adults who will be supporting them, and feel confident and ready for the year ahead.

- **PE:** PE sessions will begin in Week 2. Your child's teacher will inform parents of PE days during the first week back at school. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days.

This year, PE lessons will be taught by class teachers, as Miss Bourne will be teaching in Year 4. Mr Wilkinson will deliver our after-school sports provision.

- **Attention Toys (Fidget Toys):** We know that many children enjoy using fidget toys; however, in school these are only provided or permitted where there is an identified need. Fidget toys and sensory resources can be valuable tools for some pupils, helping them to regulate attention, concentration and emotions. When used appropriately, they can support learning and engagement in the classroom.

To ensure these resources are used effectively, only children whose needs have been identified by the SENCo should bring or use fidget toys in school. For pupils without an identified need, fidget toys can often become a distraction, reducing focus and affecting learning.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a calm and productive learning environment for all children. If you have any concerns about your child's sensory or attention needs, please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance.

- **School Meals:** Please ensure that you have booked your child's school meals before **Wednesday 2nd September**.

- **Education Through Sport:** The team will return in the Autumn Term to deliver after-school sports activities. Sessions will take place after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The programme of activities will change each half term, with **football** being the first activity offered for each group. The first block will be for:

- **Monday:** Years 1 & 2
- **Tuesday:** Years 3 & 4
- **Wednesday:** Years 5 & 6

Due to changes in school funding, there will be a charge of £21 for a block of six sessions. Further information and sign-up details for Autumn 1 will be sent to parents when pupils return to school. There will be 30 places available, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **Whole-Class Flute Lessons:** Whole-class flute lessons will continue in Year 4 on Fridays. These sessions are delivered by teachers from Calderdale Music Trust and are generously funded by the PFSA, providing every child with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. We would like to thank the PFSA for their continued support in enriching arts provision and ensuring these opportunities remain available to all children.

Holiday Activities

LIGHTCLIFFE CAMPS

ADVENTURE DAYS

📍 LIGHTCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL HX3 8SH

📅 MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

🕒 9:00AM – 3:30PM

💷 £25 (1 DAY) / £45 (2 DAYS)

👨‍👩‍👧 SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

⌚ EARLY DROP-OFF FROM 8:15AM –
£5 EXTRA PER CHILD

WEEK 2: 27TH & 28TH JULY

WEEK 3: 3RD & 4TH AUGUST

WEEK 4: 10TH & 11TH AUGUST

WEEK 5: 17TH & 18TH AUGUST



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OR 0786 864 0602 (LUKE)



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The government is cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on family days out — from cinema and theatre tickets to attractions, and children's meals out. Less to pay, more summer to enjoy.

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Click the link below to find discounts locally and further afield.

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**School Meals
are changing**



**Check if you need to
re-apply for September 2026**



**Many more families will
qualify with the changes
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**Applying could save
your family up to £500
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Design a road safety poster and win shopping vouchers

Calderdale Council would like young people to help raise awareness of road safety. Your challenge is to create a poster that promotes road safety to your community using one of the themes below:

- **Buckle Up!** – Seat belts keep everyone safer. Little ones need the right car seat too.
- **Stop, Look, Listen, THINK** – Use the Green Cross Code every time you cross.
- **No Distractions** – Phones away, headphones off, eyes up. Messages can wait until you're safely across.
- **Use Safer Crossings** – Zebra crossings, traffic lights, islands — they're there to help you.
- **Watch Out for Parked Cars** – Look carefully when crossing between parked cars.
- **Be Bright, Be Seen** – Wear bright or reflective clothes, especially when it's dark.
- **Know the Risks** – People aged 12–15 are more likely to be in collisions — think safety.

One winning design will be chosen from each theme. The designs will be used in promoting road safety by Calderdale Council and partners. The winners will be announced at our community road safety Vision Zero event at People's Park in Halifax on Thursday 13 August and presented with their prizes.

- The competition is open to young people aged 18 and under who live or go to school in the Calderdale area.
- The poster should be A4, can be hand drawn or done using a computer but it should be your own work. You should not use AI to create the poster or include any elements which would breach copyright.
- Please state on the back of the poster the category you are entering, your first name, age and contact details for your parents/guardian or organisation.
- Entries must be submitted by 17:00 on 9 August 2026 to visionzeroposter@calderdale.gov.uk or can be posted/delivered to Halifax Town Hall, Crossley Street, Halifax HX1 1UJ.

For full terms and conditions and information on GDPR, please visit the event link below.

Find out more about the Vision Zero event at www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/vz-event or scan the QR code.



I recently had the opportunity to listen to a presentation from a Calderdale parent about Noa's Place, you may have seen them at local galas.

Their vision is to create space and support group for neurodivergent children and their families.

To find out more click the link to the website

[Noa's Place Halifax | SEND Support & Sensory Rooms West Yorkshire](https://www.noasplace.org.uk/)

About Noa's Place

No family should have to reach crisis before they get support.

We create welcoming spaces where neurodivergent and disabled individuals and families find understanding, connection, and community. You're welcome exactly as you are.

Free for families · Ages 4-11

Summer Sensory Sessions

A calm summer morning or afternoon for neurodivergent children and the people who love them.

Our sessions aim to provide a Calm, flexible, sensory-informed space where your child can explore at their own pace.

[Book your place](#)

[See what a session looks like](#)

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