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Issue 2

Lightcliffe C of E Primary Newsletter

This term's Christian Value is:

Generosity

'God loves a cheerful giver'
2 Corinthians 9.7

Attendance

Attendance this week: 98.9%
11 classes this week have had 97+% attendance
Whole school attendance to date: 98.4%
This academic year our target is 97%



Voice 21 – Oracy Accreditation

We are proud to be working towards Voice 21 Oracy Accreditation this year, further strengthening speaking and listening across our school. Building on the strong foundations of our *Lightcliffe 100*, which enriches pupils' vocabulary, we are helping children become confident, articulate communicators who can express their ideas with clarity and confidence.



Lightcliffe 100 – vocabulary acquisition

At Lightcliffe, we recognise the vital role of oracy in language development. It lays the foundation for writing and supports the development of linguistic confidence and competence into adulthood. To support this, we teach a carefully selected range of Tier 2 vocabulary—high-frequency words that appear across a wide variety of academic subjects and texts.

Tier 2 vocabulary is:

- found across many types of texts and subjects;
- often used more in written language than in spoken language;
- crucial for understanding instructions, questions, and academic content;
- capable of having multiple meanings depending on context.

Each week, three new Tier 2 words are introduced to every class. Teachers explain their meanings, word class, and how they are used in context. These words are revisited annually, allowing children to consolidate and deepen their understanding over time.

Through this consistent and progressive approach, children at Lightcliffe Primary acquire and begin to use Tier 2 vocabulary confidently—developing their language for learning, for life, and for their futures.

We began this week with our first three words: *accurate* *achieve* *acquire*



Mrs Dunkley



Mrs Hustler

Upcoming Events

Thursday 17 th Sept – 6pm	Y6 Whitby Parents' Meeting
Friday 18 th Sept	Y3 Stone Age Day in school
Wednesday 30 th Sept	RY1 History theme day
Wednesday 30 th Sept – 6pm	Reception 2027 Open evening
Monday 12 th – Fri 16 th Oct	Y6 Whitby trip

Inspiring and flourishing together

After-school activities

There has been excellent interest in the football clubs led by ETS, and only a very small number of places remain. If you would like to sign your child up for any of the football clubs, please contact the school office.



Key Stage 2 Choir

Over 70 children attended choir last night, giving a fantastic start to this year's singing journey. Information about next year's **Young Voices** concert was sent home with the children. We are already looking forward to **Young Voices 2027** and cannot wait to hear our choir learn and perform the songs in the months ahead.

Y6 Whitby Trip

Next week, the Year 6 team will be hosting a meeting for parents to share important information about the upcoming residential visit in October. Parents will also receive a link to a digital medical form, which we ask is completed as soon as possible. This will ensure that staff are fully aware of any medical, dietary or individual needs well in advance of the trip, helping us to provide the best possible support for every child.



OOSCAL – Wraparound Care

We currently have places available at both our Breakfast Club and Friday After-School Club. Please click the link for more information: **Out of School Club at Lightcliffe**.

We would also like to apologise for any confusion caused by information that was shared on social media and our website during the summer holidays regarding an OOSCAL Training Day Club for the staff training days in October and January. This information was published in error and has now been removed.

At present, there are no confirmed plans to offer a training day holiday club. Any future provision would be dependent on sufficient staffing being available. However, we are keen to understand whether childcare on staff training days would be beneficial for families and will shortly be sending out a survey to gather parental views.



Coats – Changing Weather

As we head into Autumn, we've noticed a definite change in the weather. Please ensure your child brings a **named** coat to school each day to help them stay warm and dry during outdoor activities and playtimes. Thank you for your support.

Save the date: Parent Consultation Evenings

Wednesday 21st October & Thursday 22nd October



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Families applying for **Reception**
places for September 2027 are
invited to attend

Open Events



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**BOOKING
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Dates
throughout
the autumn
term

Open Evening

**Wednesday 30th
September
6.00 - 8.00pm**

Stay & Play

**Friday 9th October
2.30pm
Friday 20th November
10.15am**

Daytime Tours

**Wednesday 14th October
9.30am
Wednesday
4th November
9.30am**



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THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

5:30 - 8PM

Stoney Lane, Lightcliffe, Halifax HX3 8TL

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