Hornby St Margaret's C E Primary School



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Welcome back to a new year! We hope that you had a happy Christmas and holiday period. Thank you for all the gifts sent in to staff. They were much appreciated.

Ceilidh band

All the children (and staff) had a wonderful afternoon yesterday working with the Ceilidh band where they learnt some folk-dance steps with a partner, working as a team to keep in time with the music. We are all looking forward to the next session.

Parent Helpers

Do you have some spare time through the week? We are looking for volunteers that we can call to help with trips. These will be ad hoc throughout the year. If you are interested, please get in touch with Hannah in the office. Many thanks

RSPB Big school Birdwatch

This half term we will be joining lots of others schools to find out which birds visit our school grounds. This can be done anytime from 7 January to 14 February 2025 as part of the RSPB Big school birdwatch. We will choose a nice sunny day and spend an hour recording the different number of species that we see at the same time. We will let you know how we get on.

Sesame seeds

Just a reminder to avoid sesame seeds, we have a child in school who has an allergy to them.

Performing Arts Day

Some of our KS2 children will be taking part in a performing arts day at Caton Victoria Institute on Friday 24th January. A letter will be coming home next week with children who are participating.

Christian value: Self Control

Our Christian value for this half-term is "self-control". Assemblies and class worship will be focused on this value and children in school who show self-control will be celebrated. Our school value changes every half-term. We would love to celebrate examples of our children living out the Christian value of self-control at home. Certificates can be obtained from the porch. Simply fill it in and then send in to school so that Mrs Davison can present them in Friday Celebration and Praise assembly.

Blackpool Zoo

On **Tuesday 21**st **January**, our infant children will be going on a day trip to Blackpool Zoo to support their polar regions topic work. A letter with more information was sent on Monday and payment of £10.50 is available on SchoolMoney. Thank you to the PTA for funding the coach cost for this trip.

Brathay Residential

Monthly payment plans have been set up on SchoolMoney for the Y5 / 6 children who will be joining us on the Brathay residential in June. The first instalment of £24 is due by the end of January. If you have any problems regarding the Residential, please come and chat to us at School.

Primary School Admissions September 2025 – Lancashire County Councils online application system is now open for applications for 2025 – www.lancashire.gov.uk (search "school admissions") The closing date for applications is:

• Primary school applications – **15**th **January 2025**If you live in either North Yorkshire or Cumbria, you will need to apply for school places via their website.

The following	Reception & KS1	KS2	Lunchtime award
The following children have been celebrated for their achievements this week in assembly.	Oskars: Forming his letter sounds carefully Daniel: For trying hard to blend sounds in words	Sophie: For having an excellent attitude towards her place value in Maths this week	Daniel McGowan For being so polite at lunchtime
Christian Values		Skyla - For sharing toys well, demonstrating self-control. Maxen: For having a great attitude to achieve new goals this new year by	
Our value this term is Self-Control		having a go and not always asking for help.	

What's on this week	
Tuesday 14 th January	KS2 – wear PE kit
	Year 5 & 6 - Youth Leader Award
Wednesday 15 th January	Infants– wear PE kit
	Primary school applications closing date
Thursday 16 th January	KS1 Multisport competition (Years 1 & 2) Please return permission slip
	KS2 – bring recorders
	KS2 – wear PE kit
	Swimming – Years 3,4 &5
Friday 17 th January	KS1 wear PE kit
Advance warning	
Tuesday 21 st January	KS1 trip to Blackpool zoo Please return permission slip
Friday 24 th January	Performing Arms day
Friday 31st January	Family Celebration and praise at 3pm – ALL WELCOME
Thursday 13 th Feb	Ceilidh band KS1 & KS2
Friday 14 th Feb	School closes for half term 3:30pm
Monday 24 th Feb	School reopens