



Ightenhill Nursery School Newsletter

8th January 2026

Messages

Happy New Year

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all had a good Christmas break. It has been great to see the children happy and settled back into nursery.

Welcome to all our new children and families. We are pleased with how well they are settling in and enjoying being in nursery.

Clothing

Please ensure that your child brings appropriate clothing for the weather. As it is getting colder, children will need: a waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves.

Reminder – we ask that children wear shoes that they can put on and take off independently. E.g. no laces etc.

Please leave a bag of spare clothes at nursery. If your child wears nappies, please ensure they have a bag of nappies and wipes in nursery.

Primary School Applications for September 2026

Starting primary school (reception) - Lancashire County Council

Above is a link with more information about applying for your primary school place. Parents of those children who's 4th birthday is between 01.09.25 and 31.08.26 need to apply for a school place. **The deadline for applications is 15th January 2026.** Please see a member of staff if you would like support with completing the application.

Nut Free Nursery



We have a child in Nursery with a nut allergy. The following items should not be brought into nursery:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Please ensure that your child does not bring food containing nuts, thank you.

Adverse Weather

In the event of adverse weather, we always make every effort to remain open. Our advice to parents/ carers is 'only travel if it is safe to do so'.

If it was unsafe to open due to severe weather conditions, parents/ carers would be notified via the nursery school app and Facebook page. Please ensure you have downloaded the app and turned the notifications on.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff. There is always a member of staff available at the start and end of sessions and you can also request to speak to your child's Key Person.



SNACK MONEY

We kindly ask for a contribution towards snacks. £2 per week for 15 hour places and £3 per week for 30 hour places.

This also contributes to dressing up items, ingredients for baking, gifts at Easter and Christmas and special visitors such as the owls and mini beasts etc.

If you would like to pay for this half term, the amounts are:

Am or Pm session only places: £12

30 hours places: £18

If you would like to pay via bank transfer the details are below:

Lightenhill Nursery School

Sort Code: 40-15-17

Account Number: 41031333



RAINBOW ROOM'S SKILLS TO PRACTISE AT HOME:



Washing hands without getting sleeves wet



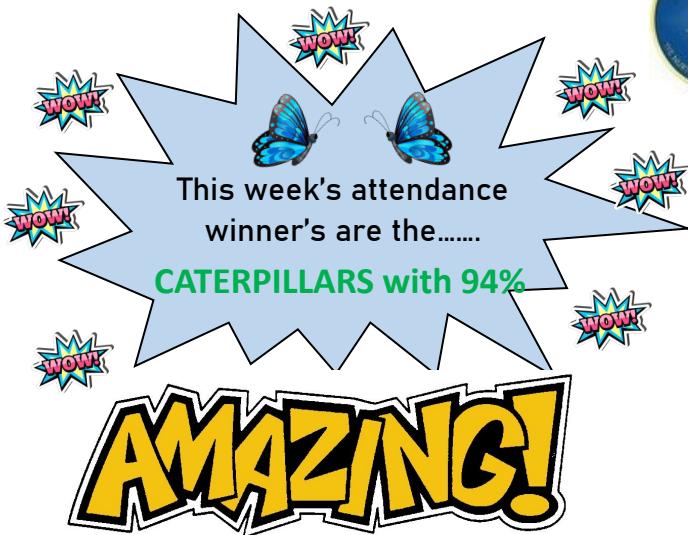
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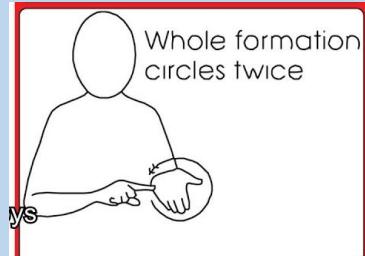
This week in the Rainbow Room we have been reading 'Dear Zoo' as our focus story. We have been recognising and naming animals and making animal sounds. We have been talking about our Christmas holidays and sharing what presents we got from Santa. We have recapped rules and routines and met some new friends as we have had new children start! The children enjoyed exploring the snow earlier in the week and following this interest we have also explored ice. Please can we ask that you continue uploading to tapestry as the children enjoy sharing their news at group times and looking at pictures of themselves.

SUNFLOWER ROOM

This week in the Sunflower room during key person we have been talking about things that we did over the Christmas holidays. Thank you to everyone who added photos to Tapestry as this really does help the children to talk about their experiences. Children have also been busy painting self-portraits and talking about their facial features. Our new topic is winter and we have been talking about the signs of winter that we are starting to see. The children have also enjoyed getting back into Forest School after the Christmas break. Our new starters are settling well and the children have all been making them feel very welcome which has been lovely to see.



THE MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK IS: TOYS



Facebook Page



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<https://www.facebook.com/share/17T8zPqxEo/?mibextid=wwXIfir>

Mission Statement

The focus of the school community at Lightenhill Nursery is to nurture each child in a happy and secure environment, encouraging them to develop and learn and to meet their full potential whilst having fun.
We nurture, we learn, we grow!



Key Contacts

Headteacher Mrs Daniels-Green
Number for the school office- 01282 427154



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

There are places for two parent governors on the governing body of this school. They are elected by the parents of pupils at this school to serve a two year term of office. There is now a vacancy for two parent governor.

Being a governor is a valuable role that offers not only the chance to make a positive difference to the lives of our children but also a good personal development opportunity. Training and development opportunities are provided to all governors.

Below is some information about the role of a parent governor. If you are interested in being a parent governor, please request a pack from the school office. If you are interested in being a parent governor and would like more information, please speak to Mrs. Daniels-Green.

PARENT GOVERNORS

All school governing bodies have parent governors.

WHO ARE PARENT GOVERNORS?

Parent governors are elected by parents of children at the school. For a person to stand for election and to vote in a parent governor election he/she must either be the natural parent of a child registered at the school, or be a person with parental responsibility for, or having care of, such a child.

In Maintained Nursery Schools parents of children for whom educational or other provision is made on the premises of the school at the time of the election are also eligible to stand for election and vote in a parent governor election.

If there are insufficient eligible candidates for the vacancies at an election the governing body can appoint a parent governor, but there are restrictions on who can be appointed.

Parent Governors normally serve for two years. If a parent governor ceases to be the parent of a child registered at the school within the period for which they have been elected, he/she may continue to be a governor for the rest of his/her term of office.

WHAT ARE PARENT GOVERNORS?

Parent governors have the same rights, responsibilities and duties as other governors.

Parent governors should play a full and active part in the governing body but,

Parent governors, like other governors, do not have the power to act as individuals or as a group, unless specifically authorised to do so by the governing body.

Parent governors are not on the governing body simply to represent the interest of parents, or to be the only link with parents because all governors must have regard to these issues.



WHAT DO GOVERNORS DO?

All maintained schools have a governing body which together with the headteacher sets the aims and policies of the school. The headteacher is responsible for the day to day management of the school. Together the governing body and headteacher must ensure the school provides good quality education and helps to raise standards.

The governing body:

is accountable for the performance of the school to the parents and the wider community

plans the school's future direction

selects the headteacher

makes decisions on the school's budget and staffing

makes sure the National Curriculum is taught

decides how the school can encourage pupils' spiritual, moral and cultural development

makes sure the school provides for all its pupils, including those with special educational needs.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE?

To be an effective member of the governing body team, it takes time. You will need to prepare for and attend at least three full governing body meetings per year. These usually meet at least once a term.

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

Lancashire LEA and the provide a wide range of support services and training for governors.

All new governors receive an introductory pack of materials from the LEA which outlines the range of training opportunities available to governors and governing bodies and provides the basic reference documents. There is also a termly newsletter which helps to keep governors up to date with recent developments.

If you require more information about being a governor speak to the headteacher at your child's school or contact Governor Services on 01257 516147, governors.central@lancashire.gov.uk .

Thank you for your continued support

Nicola Daniels-Green

Headteacher



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