



# HIPPINGS NEWS

As a family we do our best with God in our hearts

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me: Philippians 4 verse 13

Welcome to our **December** newsletter.

I can't believe that we are almost at the end of the Autumn Term and Christmas has now arrived in school! We have had a wonderful Autumn Term filled with some amazing learning and exciting opportunities to enhance the curriculum for all our pupils.

The Elves arrived to put the decorations up last night and some have stayed to cause mischief in the classrooms.

Our Infant children are working hard learning their lines and the songs for their Nativity performances next week.

On Thursday we will be enjoying Christmas Dinner and on Friday we have our whole school visit to the Theatre to see Snow White followed by our Christmas Fayre after school.

Newsletters and Diary dates can also be found on the school website at: [www.hippings.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.hippings.lancs.sch.uk).

## Payments

Please can we remind you that all After school club, Breakfast club, Educational visits, Dinner money payments must be paid for on the Eduspot App. If payments are not kept up to date then we will not be able to allow you to access the service until debts are paid off.

## Absence

If your child is absent please leave a message on the dedicated absence line 01254 234089. Emails and Seesaw messages are sometimes getting missed and Mrs Ingham in the office needs to be able to account for every child.

## Birthdays

Just a reminder that when it is your child's birthday, they can come to school in their own clothes( no crop tops).Please ensure they have warm coats appropriate for the weather.

## Adverse Weather Conditions

We do not anticipate having to close the school during the winter months. However, in the event of heavy snowfall any closures will be put on the text messaging service, School Website, BBC Radio Lancashire.

The decision to close school is never taken lightly, but we do have to consider the safety of pupils and staff (many of whom travel long distances to work).

## Winter Weather

In the event of cold weather please can you ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor play, warm coats, hats, gloves, scarves, wellies etc..(all named)



## Attendance & Punctuality

**Please make every effort to get your child to school each day and on time** – it makes so much difference to their learning and future achievements. We are seeing an increase in the number of pupils arriving at school after 8.45am. The Government have also made changes to the rulings on taking children out of school in term times. With this in mind please see our Attendance Policy on the school's website. Holidays **will not be authorised** and will be sent to the authority. This may mean you will be fined.

The holiday list for 2025/2026 can also be found on the school website.

**Food For Thought: If a child has a two week holiday in school time every year of their school life and has the average time off sick then they will miss a whole year of schooling. This is not good for their futures!**

## No Smoking Policy

Lancashire County Council schools are all no smoking zones. This includes E\_cigarettes. Please do not smoke in the school grounds. Thank you

## Asthma

If your child is asthmatic please ensure a spare inhaler is in school and you have completed the asthma plan that is on the website.

## Nut Allergies

We have a number of children and staff in school with nut allergies. Could I please ask that products containing nuts are not put in lunch boxes or bags. Thank you.



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## National Online Safety

We are very concerned with the dangers that are present on the internet and so have joined up with National Online safety. This provides lots of advice for keeping children safe in a digital world when using tablets, phones, play stations, X boxes, computers etc.

There is also information about mental health and wellbeing on this site.

We are seeing an increasing number of pupils using Apps that are not age appropriate and this is very concerning.

To become a National online safety school we need parents to enrol on the site. Please follow the link below. And help us keep all pupils safe and achieve National online safety status.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/hippings-methodist-primary-school>

## Children in Need

We had a wonderful day dressed in our multi coloured clothes and raised £244.00 Well done everybody and thank you for your support.



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning. We raised a magnificent £211.07 for this worthy cause.



## Contact Details

If your contact details change over the Christmas period, Please inform school on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## Christmas Fayre

We held our Christmas Fayre after school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. There were lots of exciting stalls including the chocolate tombola, Coloured hampers, Food hamper raffle and lots of gifts made by pupils from each class. We even had a visit Father Christmas too. Thankyou to everyone who supported this event. All proceeds will be going towards our new library area.



## Primary and Secondary School Admissions (September 2026)

For Lancashire resident families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2026 the means of application is via Lancashire's online system at:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

(then search "school admissions")

This went live on 1 September 2025. It is quick and easy to use and offers an e-mail receipt for all submitted applications. Please ensure that you hit the "submit" button when you are ready to send in your completed online application.

The closing dates for applications are:

**31 October 2025 – Secondary (already closed)**

**15 January 2026 – Primary**

You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school.

## Playground safety

The playgrounds get very busy in a morning and at the end of the school day. Please ensure that your children stand with their adult and do not run around. Balls, scooters and bikes are not permitted on the school playground at the start and end of the school day.

Our Reception pupils have wheeled toys as part of their outdoor provision. Please do not allow younger siblings or pupils to play on the toys in a morning.

Thankyou



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## Little Lambs Toddler Church Group

Do you have a baby, toddler or pre-schooler?

Why not join us on a Friday morning in the community room for our special Sessions of fun, crafts, play, storytime and singing. Every Friday in term time from 9.00-10.30am



## After School Sports Clubs

After Christmas we will be starting a new set of Sports clubs. Letters will be sent out this week. If Your child signs up to a club, it is expected that they will attend every week, unless they are off school.

Spring Term Clubs:

Tuesdays – Archery Year 5 and 6

Wednesdays- American Flag football Years 5 and 6

Thursdays- Strike sports Reception, Year 1 and 2

Fridays- Hockey Years 3 and 4



## Diary Dates For January 2026

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** Return to school at 8.45am

Time for Change workshops for Years 4, 5, 6

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** Archery club Year 5 and 6 start ( 6 weeks)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** American Flag Football Years 5 and 6 start ( 6 weeks)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** Chester Zoo visit for Rec, Yr 1 and Yr 2

Strike Club Rec, Yr 1 and Yr 2 start ( 6 weeks)

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** Hockey club Year 3 and 4 start ( 6 weeks)

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** School Nurse Drop in 9.30 – 10.30am

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** First Deposit for Tower wood must be paid ( year 5)

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026:** Governors Curriculum and Standards committee meeting

**Merry Christmas**

May the light of God's love shine upon you this Christmas and guide you to a new year filled with peace and prosperity.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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