



# 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 September newsletter.

Welcome to our September newsletter. A warm 'Hippings' welcome to everyone especially our new families. We hope you have all had a good holiday and are feeling refreshed ready for the new term ahead.

This is the first of our monthly newsletters that you will receive during the year. You will also receive emails with information so please keep an eye on them. Further information, diary dates etc are also put on our school website:

[www.hippings.lancs.sch.uk](http://www.hippings.lancs.sch.uk)

The current newsletter is put under the home tab and past newsletters are under the parent tab.

## Water Bottles in class

Please can we remind you that all water bottles should be **small** in size and must have a spout/sports cap. Screw lid bottles are not suitable for school. Bottles can be refilled as needed during the day.

The bottles should contain **plain water only**. They should not contain juice or flavoured water.



## School Uniform

Thank you to everyone for ensuring the children have returned to school dressed smartly and in the correct uniform. **Please ensure that all uniform items and coats are named. We cannot return uniform items to the correct pupils if they are not named.** The name or initials written with a sharpie is the easiest way of doing this

Please can we remind you that all headbands and ribbons should be in school colours only and must be small in size. Small gold or silver stud ear rings **ONLY** to be worn. Only 1 ear piercing in each ear. No necklaces, bracelets or rings to be worn. Girls school trousers should not be tight legging styles. School rucksacks must be small in size.

## 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.

The Government have also made changes to the rulings on taking children out of school in term times. ( This includes persistent absences) With this in mind please see our Attendance Policy on the school's website. Holidays in term time will be unauthorised and are likely to incur a fine. Repeated absences over 3 years will also incur a fine

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

## No Smoking Policy

Lancashire County Council schools are all no smoking zones. This includes E cigarettes. Please do not smoke in the school grounds or buildings. 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. Hard copies are available from the office.

## 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. This includes Nutella. Thank you.



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## Car Parking

We have had a number of 'near misses' where parents have reversed into the school gateways as others are walking past and where parents have refused to give way to each other almost causing an accident. Please be mindful of others and ensure cars are parked and driven safely on the roads around school. Please also be mindful of the local residents and do not park across their driveways etc. **Cars should not drive up Alice Street . This is a cul de sac and cars pulling up at the top are causing issues for people who are walking to school. The school carpark is for staff only and should not be used for drop off or pick up ( before 4.45pm)**

## Dogs on School Premises

Please can we remind you that **dogs are not allowed on school premises** due to health & safety. This includes dogs being carried inside coats. Please do not tie your dog up on school property (inside the entrances to school or just outside the entrances. We have a number of children who are scared of dogs and are becoming increasingly anxious when they have to walk past them at the school gates. Thank you

## Scooters/Bikes

Can we please ask that if your child comes to school on scooters/bikes they dismount before entering school grounds. It is dangerous for themselves and others to be riding around the playground.

Due to the number of adults and children on the playground before and after school, children should not run around, play games or climb on rocks or benches. This is for the safety of all children.

## National Online safety

We are very concerned about 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. It also gives lots of advice about well being. 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://nationalcollege.com/enrol/hippings-methodist-primary-school>**

## Mobile Phones

In the interest of safeguarding, mobile phones should not be used on school premises. Your child looks forward to seeing you at the end of the day. Please greet them with a smile and give them your full attention without being on the phone.

## 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**

**15 January 2026 – Primary**

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



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## **Breakfast and After School Club**

Please ensure you book a place on breakfast and after school club using the Eduspot App( If you require it) If you do not book in and numbers exceed 30 your child will not be able to stay and will need to be picked up.

## **Payments to school**

Please can we remind you that all payments for school dinners, toast(KS2), Breakfast and After school club must be paid and kept up to date using the Eduspot App. If debts are not paid we will unfortunately have to refuse access until arrears are up to date. If you are experiencing difficulties please speak to Mrs Westwell or Mrs Ingham.

## **Meet the Teacher**

We will be holding a Meet the Teacher drop in after school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. ( 3.20 til 4.30pm) This will be an opportunity for you to see your child's classroom and meet your class teacher. It is not a Parents Evening, that will be later in the term.

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

We will be holding a MacMillan Coffee morning on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September between 9.00 and 10.30am. Why not come along to the school hall and support this very worthy cause.

If you are able to donate any cakes for the event, please bring them to school before the event.( Thursday night or before school on Friday morning) Home made cakes must include a list of ingredients.

## **Birthdays**

When it is your child's birthday, we invite them to come to school wearing their own clothes so everyone can wish them Happy Birthday. ( no crop tops, crocs, heelies, flip flops)

## **Change of adult for pick up**

If there is a change in arrangements for picking your child up please phone or email Mrs Ingham in the office. [Bursar@hippings.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:Bursar@hippings.lancs.sch.uk).

The teachers cannot access Seesaw when they are teaching the class so may miss any messages before home time.

## **Seesaw**

Seesaw is our school platform for homework, Online work and messages from class teachers. Please ensure you are signed up. If you are not sure what to do please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to help you.

## **Passwords**

Log ins for Seesaw, Reading Eggs, Times Table Rockstars and Numbots are in the back of your child's Reading Record. Please encourage your children to use these Apps as they do help with reinforcing their learning.

## **Friends of Hippings School**

Friends of Hippings school continue to work tirelessly to raise much needed funds to support our school. They arrange many fund raising activities throughout the year and money goes towards specific projects. They are currently raising funds to develop our school library and our Eco and gardening area to enhance our pupils' school experiences..

If you would like to support the friends why not come along to the next meeting. Keep an eye out for the date in your emails.

You can also join our Friends of Hippings school- FOHS facebook page.



## Diary Dates Autumn Term 1- 2025

Monday 01 September :	Staff Inset Day ( Pupils not in school)
Tuesday 02 September:	Staff Inset Day ( Pupils not in school)
Wednesday 03 September:	All Pupils return 8.45am
Friday 05 September:	Little Lambs Toddler Group 9.00am
Monday 08 September:	Meet The Teacher at 3.20pm
Tuesday 11 September:	Year 5 start Swimming
Friday 12 September:	Global Policing Operation Chameleon Year 6(12 weeks)
Friday 12 September:	Little Lambs Toddler Group 9.00am
Sunday 14 September:	TWIG –(Forest Church)3.00pm All Welcome
Tuesday 16 September	Archery Club Years 5 and 6 (6 weeks)
Thursday 18 September:	Multi Skills Club KS1 ( 6 weeks)
Friday 19 September	Global Policing Year 6
Friday 19 September	Year 2 History Walk
Friday 19 September	Football Club Years 4,5,6 (5 weeks)
Tuesday 23 September:	Year 3 Accrington Stanley Shirt Giveaway
Tuesday 23 September:	Individual and Family Photographs
Friday 26 September:	MacMillan Coffee Morning 9.00- 10.30 All Welcome
Friday 26 September:	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of school Get together ( Must be booked on)
Friday 26 September:	Global policing Year 6
Tuesday 30 September:	Lancashire Fire and Rescue Safety Workshops Year 2 and 6
Tuesday 30 September:	Tower Wood Residential Parents meeting Year 6 at 5.00pm
Friday 03 October:	Global Policing Year 6
Monday 06 October:	NSPCC Workshops Year 2,5,6
Monday 06 October:	Parents Evening
Tuesday 07 October:	Parents Evening
Thursday 09 October:	Curriculum and Standards Governors Meeting
Thursday 09 October:	Harvest Festival at Rhyddings Methodist Church ( weather permitting)



Friday 10 October:	Global Policing Year 6
Sunday 12 October:	TWIG Forest Church 3.00pm
Monday 13 October:	Bikeability Year 6
Monday 13 October:	Let's Go Sing rehearsal Year 5
Tuesday 14 October:	Bikeability Year 6
Wednesday 15 October:	Tower Wood Residential Year 6
Thursday 16 October:	Tower Wood Residential Year 6
Friday 17 October:	Tower Wood Residential Year 6
Wednesday 22 October:	Resources Governors Meeting
Friday 24 October:	Staff Inset Day- Pupils off School

Dates are subject to change. Further dates will be added. Keep an eye on the calendar on the school website too.