



# 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 October newsletter.

I can't believe we are almost at Half term! We are beginning to see lots of tired faces around school.

School closes on Thursday 23/10/2025 and re opens at 8.45 am on Monday 03/11/2025.

Have a lovely break!

## Payments to School

Please may we remind you that all payments for School Dinners, toast, Breakfast Club or Stay and Play **must be paid and kept up to date**. Please pay using the Eduspot, school pay system. We cannot guarantee places for clubs and school dinners(sandwiches will have to be brought from home)and Toast will be stopped if payments are not made.

## Children in Need 25

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November we will be supporting Children in Need. **This year we will be wearing as many colours as possible.**

We would therefore, like the pupils to bring a donation of at least £1 and to wear their own clothes and wear as many colours as possible. We love seeing how creative our families are!



## 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 are named. We cannot return uniform items to the correct pupils if they are not named.**

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.(One stud in each ear only) No necklaces or bracelets to be worn. Girls school trousers should not be tight legging styles. School rucksacks must be small in size. Trainers and boots are not acceptable footwear. Black shoes only please. PE shorts should not be cycling shorts or skorts.

## 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.

As you are aware, the Government have made changes to the rulings about absence and taking children out of school in term times. With this in mind please see our Attendance Policy on the school's website. Holidays in term time will be unauthorised and may 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. 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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## 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**

## Dogs on School Premises

Please can we remind you that **dogs are not allowed on school premises** due to health and 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 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. 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>**

## Harvest Festival

Thankyou to all the families who supported us by donating food gifts or by coming to participate in our Harvest Festival. Well done to Year 1 for leading our worship.

## 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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## Poppy sale and other items

We will, once again, be selling poppies and other related items after the half term holiday to support the British Legion. Children should bring their donations to school in a named envelope with the amount on and the items that they require.

Snap Bands - £1.50

Silicone Wrist bands - £1.50

Festival Wrist bands - £1.50

Zip tags -£ 0.50

Reflectors -£0.50

Poppies – a minimum donation of 50p

Stickers -£0.50



## Bonfire Night.

We know that many families may participate in organised Bonfire nights and would like everyone to have fun and stay safe.



## Tower Wood

Our Year 6 Pupils had a wonderful time at Tower Wood in the Lake District on last week for their Residential. Thank you to the staff who have given up their time to make this possible. You all made Hippings proud!

## Wrap Up Lancashire

We have, once again, supported the 'Wrap Up Lancashire' Campaign

Thankyou to everyone who donated coats. We collected 85 coats for this worthy campaign. Thank you



## 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.

## FOHS Disco

The school disco will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Rec and KS1 5.30 til 6.30

KS2 6.45 til 8.15

An email will be sent out soon with a link to book and pay.

## Excited for English

Congratulations to our Year 5 team who represented our school at the inter schools English quiz last Thursday evening. The team were against a lot of year 6 pupils from other schools and were Runners Up! Missing out on the top spot by 1 point. We are so proud of you.



### **Flu Vaccinations**

You have received an email with a link on about the flu vaccinations that are being administered in school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure that you have followed the link to opt in or out of this programme.

### **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, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, wellies etc..(all named)

### **Medication in School**

School is happy to administer prescribed medication from the Doctor if your child has been ill. We will accept painkillers alongside this too. A form must be completed by a parent and signed giving permission, dosage, timings etc.

Other none prescription medications will be considered on a case by case basis.

## **Diary Dates Extra dates may be added or some may be subject to change**

- Monday 03 November: Return to school 8.45am  
New Autumn Winter Menu starts
- Tuesday 04 November: Year 5/6 Fencing Club for 5 weeks  
Year 5 Swimming continues this term
- Wednesday 05 November: Year 3/4 American Flag Football Club for 5 weeks
- Thursday 06 November: Year R/1/2 Tri Golf Club for 5 weeks
- Thursday 06 November: Parents First Aid Course 5.30-7.30pm
- Friday 07 November: KS2 Cross Country Club for 4 weeks
- Friday 07 November: Year 6 Global Policing
- Monday 10 November: Nasal Flu vaccines whole school
- Monday 10 November: Reception Nursery Rhyme dress up
- Tuesday 11 November: Year 5 visit to National Archives



- Wednesday 12 November: Year 5 Local History Walk
- Thursday 13 November: Reception Vision checks
- Friday 14 November: Wear as many colours as possible for Children in Need  
Year 6 Global Policing  
FOHS Disco
- Friday 21 November: Year 6 Global Policing  
None Uniform Day – Chocolate donations
- Monday 24 November: Life Education Workshops all year groups
- Tuesday 25 November: Life Education Workshops all year groups
- Friday 28 November: Year 6 Global Policing  
Year 5 Let's Go Sing Rehearsal
- Saturday 29 November: Rhyddings Methodist Christmas Fayre
- Monday 01 December: Years 4,5,6 Trikidz Resilience Challenge
- Thursday 04 December: Christmas Dinner (to be confirmed)
- Thursday 04 December: Full Governors meeting
- Friday 05 December: Whole School Visit to watch Snow White Pantomime
- Friday 05 December: Christmas Fayre 3.15 – 5.00pm
- Monday 08 December: Infant Nativity Dress rehearsal.
- Tuesday 09 December: Infant Nativity Performance( afternoon) –Reception parents
- Wednesday 10 December: Infant Nativity Performance ( afternoon)- Year 1 parents
- Thursday 11 December: Infant Nativity Performance ( afternoon) – Year 2 Parents
- Wednesday 17 December: Rock Steady Concert for Parents
- Wednesday 17 December: Year 3 / 4 Christmas Party
- Thursday 18 December: Year R,1,2 Christmas Party
- Friday 19 December: Nine lessons and Carols Service 9.00am Parents welcome  
Year 5/6 Christmas Party  
Finish for Christmas holiday at 3.15pm

