



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

On Monday, we will be holding a joint training day with several schools from our local area. The focus is one I proposed two years ago, when it became clear that artificial intelligence was not on the horizon, but already here, embedded in homes and workplaces. At that point, I felt strongly that schools needed to respond proactively—by being well informed about what the future may hold, how we keep ourselves and our pupils safe and how we responsibly harness AI's potential to support learning. The computing curriculum will also be on our school development plan for 2026-27 so we hope the information will provide some useful direction. The training will be led by a well-known and respected educator in our sector, often referred to as *Mr P*, who will be guiding staff through this important professional development.

This focus links closely to a recent article in *The Times* with the striking headline "*The destruction of childhood can be halted.*" The article highlighted research suggesting that 28% of children starting primary school did not know how to open a book, instead attempting to tap the cover with their finger, while 67% of 15-year-olds reported feeling no need to leave the house at weekends, preferring to stay online in their bedrooms. While dramatic, these findings offer important food for thought. They reinforce the need for schools and families to work together to ensure technology enhances, rather than replaces, curiosity, human connection and real-world experiences for our children.

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

## News & Updates

### Celebration Assembly

**Congratulations** and a huge well done to the children in Key Stage One and Two who were recognised for their fantastic effort and attitude in the last two weeks by making it into the **celebration book**. We are all proud of you for setting such a high standard! The children who we are celebrating this week are:

RGS - Aylin, Dylan, Matteo, Myra

RH - Erinne, Harriet, Mika'eel, Saad

1W - Moezz, Mollie, Nikethan, Vihaan

1B - George, Maya, Nancy

2H - Avela, Lahari, Sahar

2F - Cairo, Isabelle, Will

3FL - Amber, Aria, Chloe, Myles  
 3T - Ranveer, Rayan, Robyn, Sushrut  
 4O - Emilia, Daniel, Haniya, Harold  
 4V - Joseph, Oscar, Rose, Saanvi  
 5E - Daya, Elliot, Ernie, Matild  
 5L - Airika, Akira, Pranav, Sienna  
 6BH - Daisy, Jenson, Karyn, Noor  
 6G - Aryan, Eleanor, Jasmine, Reid

Treading the boards



A big congratulations to Layla who has achieved a distinction in level 2 LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art). In addition to this, she has secured a part in the Annie production at The Carriageworks which is showing later this month and she is also auditioning for a part in The Little Shop of Horrors on 9th February. Fantastic Layla!

## Highfield Signposting

Parent webinars on county lines and criminal exploitation (Ivison Trust)  
 The Ivison Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents, disrupting exploiters and working in partnership with police and family services. Their work is grounded in a trauma-informed, family-centred approach.

During March 2026, the Ivison Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions and input from a parent with lived experience. More information is available at:

<https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>



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## Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Training Day
- **Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Watch Us Learn, Panathlon Event
- **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Football fixture, Harmony & Diversi'tea (3pm)
- **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Super hero day, Spring term 1 ends

**Safeguarding.** For child protection concerns you can contact any of our Designated Child Protection Officers: Mr Feeley, Mrs Dalgliesh, Mr Brassil, Mrs Bowker and Mrs Calvert. There is some useful information on the LSCB website about online safety with some useful tips for parents: <http://www.leedslscb.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online>. If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403.



# HIGHFIELD PRIMARY

## FEBRUARY

# ACTIVE

## CAMP

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### CAMP INCLUDES

- ✓ Lots of Games, sports, crafts, activities and FUN!!!
- ✓ Delivered by minimum level 2 sports coaches
- ✓ Theme Days!!!
- ✓ Staff trained in First Aid and Safeguarding

### DATES



16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February  
2026

### TIME



8:30am - 5pm