



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

"Write an excuse for school and let them watch football."

Thomas Tuchel

Thanks Thomas.

However, for those wishing to support England with primary age children (I include myself in that group) a 1am kick off provides a significant dilemma. The average football match lasts around 2 ½ hours – this would mean waking at 1am and sleeping again at 3:30am. The knock-on effect wouldn't just be the Monday, it would then affect the rest of the week trying to get back into routine and sleep pattern. Especially for my children who are sleep resistant at the best of times.

Here is my solution; for those Highfield children who would like to watch the game we will show it at 9am. Children who do not want to watch can remain in class. This offer is on the proviso that England win of course! So no need to 'write an excuse'.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Fair last weekend. It was a brilliant occasion and it was great to see so many former pupils and parents come along. A particularly big thank you to all the volunteers who make it happen. Standing by a red-hot BBQ, painting faces, judging tug-o-war or selling tokens in the sun all day is not easy but hugely appreciated. Thanks also to the staff for giving up their Saturdays. But the last word has to go to Melody who has the energy and inspiration to make it happen. £5352 in profit is an incredible return. I'm convinced if we had our own ice-cream van we could add another £1000 onto that. For a full list of all the winners from the fair please see later in this newsletter.

Just a final note to our student teacher in Year 1, Miss O'Connell. The children have absolutely loved having her and so have we. Thank you Miss O'Connell for being such a wonderful part of our school this year.

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

News & Updates

Secret reader goes global!

The secret reader initiative reached new lands this week when Myra's grandma read to our Reception children all the way from Canada! She kindly sent across a recording of the Canadian version of the Three Little Pigs and the children thought it was brilliant. Thank you Myra's Grandma!



Putting her best paw forward

Katherine in year 6 performed as 'Cat in the Hat' in 'Seussical the Musical' at the Leeds Conservatoire last weekend! It was wonderful to see her shine on stage - we are immensely proud of her achievement. Well done Katherine!



Big screen action at Club

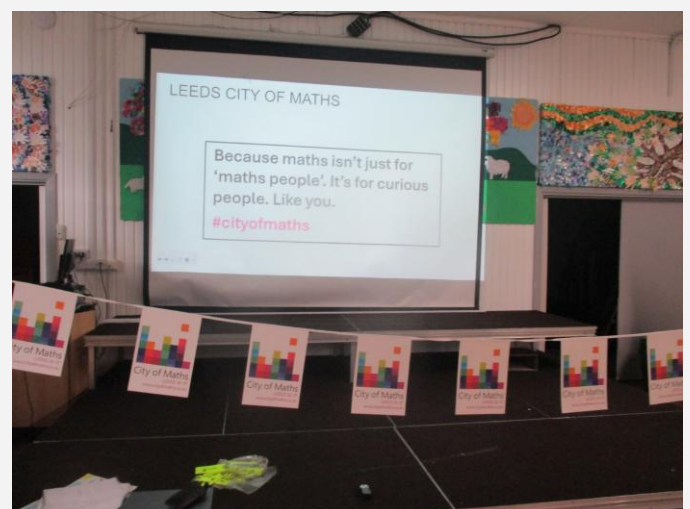


A big thanks to the staff at Highfield Wraparound Childcare for allowing our children to watch the football this week. They set up the screen outdoors and had a great time.

Leeds City of Maths

We started our week at Highfield with a look at the great news that Leeds is the first and only city in the UK to be named "City of Maths"! Mr Brassil, our maths leader, held a whole school assembly to celebrate this. With events running throughout 2026 and 2027, it is well worth visiting this website to see what is on offer:

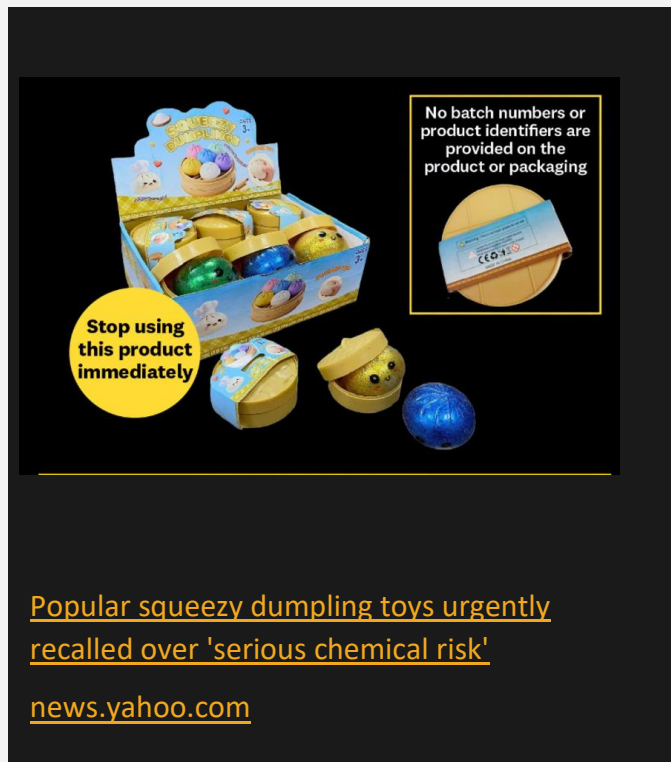
<https://www.cityofmaths.co.uk/>




Highfield Signposting

Some of our thoughtful parents have brought to our attention the squeezey dumpling recall which have the potential to cause illness in children who use them. Please ensure that if you do have them that they are not brought into school.

Please see the links below for more information:



The image shows a box of 'squeezey dumpling' toys, which are small, colorful, squishy toys. A yellow circle with the text 'Stop using this product immediately' is overlaid on the box. A text box next to the box states: 'No batch numbers or product identifiers are provided on the product or packaging'. Below the image, there is a link to a news article: news.yahoo.com



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Scouts



1st North Leeds

Volunteer Leaders Needed to Keep Historic North Leeds Cub Scout Group Running

The 1st North Leeds Cub Scouts is seeking new volunteer leaders to keep it running when its long-serving leaders retire at the end of the year.

The group has supported generations of children across North Leeds, providing opportunities for outdoor adventure, learning survival skills, teamwork, friendship, and community service.

Scouting volunteers often find the role extremely rewarding and a great way to develop leadership skills, meet new people and enjoy outdoor activities, all whilst making a lasting difference to young people's lives.

No previous Scouting experience is required. We are looking for enthusiastic adults who can help organise activities, support young people, and continue a tradition that has benefited local families for many decades.

If you would like to make a difference in your community and help keep 1st North Leeds Cub Scouts thriving for future generations, please get in touch with Bryan at firstnorthleeds@hotmail.co.uk.

Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 6th July:** Guitar performance
- **Tues 7th July:** Year 5 Steele Pans
- **Weds 8th July:** Reception trip
- **Thurs 9th July:** Moving up morning, Guitar performance
- **Fri: 10th July:** Year 1 trip

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READ to the BEAT

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, **Read to the Beat**, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

Why join?

- It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read, collect rewards over the summer and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 4 July 2026.

Safeguarding. For child protection concerns you can contact any of our Designated Child Protection Officers: Mr Feeley, Mrs Dalglish, 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.

Summer Fair Winners

The correct answers were (in order of who started first at Highfield)

Mrs Hargraves 1st

Mrs Bowker 2nd

Miss Harrower 3rd

Mr Gath and Mr Feeley joint 4th

Mr Singh 6th

Miss Ladley 7th

Miss Woolmer 8th

There were 142 balls in the car, 2 children guessed it bang on! Haruto (Y4), and Harri (Y4). Shout out to Aman, Nancy, Lucas, Ollie and Isaac who's guesses were within 2 balls.

Name the Bear – 'Bearcules' by Brooke (Y1) was drawn out of the hat.

Wheel of prizes:

Fourball voucher - Lucy (Y6)

Fourball voucher – Mr Sam Kyle

£50 Flip Out voucher - Evelyn (Y1)

£150 watercolour voucher- Rose (Y3)

£50 Zaap Thai voucher - Rayan (Y3)

£50 Sukhothai voucher - Dashi (Y6)

Hollywood Bowl voucher - Emma (Y5)

£15 Jack Rabbits voucher - Nancy (Rec)

Family bundle of books – Mrs Jen Gray

Coffee and Cake voucher at Lans - Daisy (Y6)

Cook voucher - Seb (Y3)

Cook voucher - Arthur (Y3)

Rand Coffee Voucher – Grace (Y5)

Winner of Fruity Friday raffle: TBC

Cake winners – Daya & Nina

Congratulations to Zain (Y5) and Ollie (Y6), winners of the yellow and red gnomes respectively on the Gardening Club stall!