



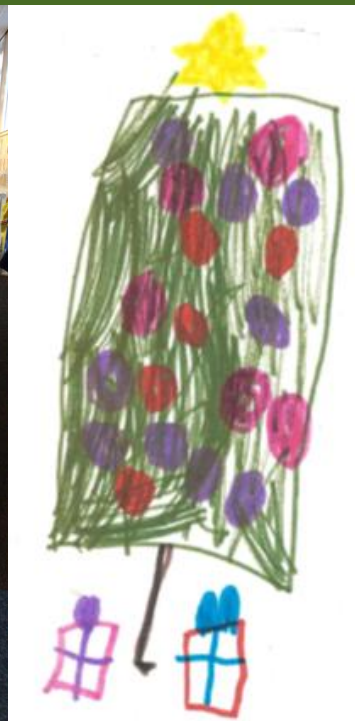
Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

What a fantastic way to end the autumn term and head into Christmas—two wonderful carol concerts that truly showcased the talents of our school and the wider community. It's a privilege to be part of.

I'm going to finish the term with one of those talents! A big congratulations to Olivia in Reception who received a letter from the Lord Mayor of Leeds last week. The Lord Mayor was so impressed with Olivia's entry into his Christmas card competition that he sent her a letter of thanks and special pin badge prize! I think it only right that Olivia's fantastic design is this year's - and first ever - official Highfield Christmas card. Great work Olivia!



Have a wonderful Christmas break and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

News & Updates

Presents for Parents thanks



Presents for parents is a wonderful initiative organised by The Friends of Highfield and our children really look forward to it. But it would not happen without the small army of volunteers who give up their time to organise rotas, spreadsheets, sourcing, collecting, wrapping and finally work with our children, helping them choose. We owe you a massive thank you for what is a wonderful part of our Christmas at Highfield.

The Highfielder:

Don't miss the latest instalment of our magazine written by our pupils. This edition includes an interview with Mrs Busch and Christmas puzzles page!

Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 5th January 2026:** Term begins
- **Thurs 8th January:** Year 6 trip
- **Fri 9th January:** Open Day for prospective parents

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.

The Elves and the Storyteller at Leeds Central Library, now until Dec 31st



The Storyteller was once the host of a dazzling show, with acts full of laughter and song which enchanted audiences far and wide. Nowadays, The Storyteller spends much of their time alone; the acts have long since left, dust and quiet has settled on the well-trodden stage and their love of stories has faded away.

But Pip, and their excitable apprentice Dorrit, are Elves on a mission! A mission from Father Christmas himself. A mission to spread joy. Pip has never failed a mission, but this one is proving very tricky; The Storyteller seems to have lost all their magic and sparkle.

Can Pip, Dorrit and their expert Elf team re-ignite The Storyteller's love for stories, songs, and laughter and spread joy in time for Christmas?

An original take on the classic fairytale, The Elves and the Storyteller features playful storytelling, original songs, friendly audience participation and a warm welcome to all. Watch the promotional trailer [here](#).

A Pay What You Decide family friendly event, recommended for ages 3-7.

Tickets are available [here](#).

Many thanks,
Leeds Libraries



presents your 2025...

Winter Guide

to free/low cost* activities happening across Leeds

CFL blog...

Scan the qr code to view the details and the link to book on.



 **Nov - Temple Newsam Farm Festive Trail**
4 Jan Explore the festive trail around Home Farm. Book additional experiences including Father Christmas, story sessions & craft workshops.*

 **2 Dec - 12 Days of Elfmas Trail - Leeds City Museum**
- 4 Jan Wander through the museum to find Christmas surprises with unique elf characters.

 **6 Dec - Christmas at Kirkgate Market**
23 Dec Enjoy festive markets, musical performances, panto shows, and free Santa meet and greets.

 **6 Dec - Fidget Theatre - The Elves & the Storyteller**
31 Dec Leeds Central Library invite you to A Pay-What-You-Decide playful storytelling, original songs, friendly audience participation.

 **6 Dec - Starry Winter Trail at Kirkstall Abbey**
24 Dec Discover the Abbey Ruins with our magical trail and see if you can spot all the stars.

 **20 Dec A Very Pom Pom Christmas**
- 4 Jan Join us for festive crafts and family films by fairylight at Leeds Industrial Museum.*

 **Nov - Santa's Grotto & White Rose Ice Rink**
24 Dec Festive meet and greet with Santa, SEN sessions, an outdoor play area & Ice Rink.

 **Nov - Leeds Christmas Market**
21 Dec Visit Leeds city centre - free to enter but charges apply for food, activities and rides.

 **All Year Round Leeds Local Offer - SEND Things to do**
Provides information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents or carers with information, services and activities that are available including school holiday provision.

 **Winter Experiences with a cost...**

 **Nov - Leeds Ice Cube, Skating & Christmas Markets**
31 Dec This year Millennium Square & Leeds City Centre features the stunning outdoor ice rink, Christmas market stalls and the popular festive funfair.*

 **Nov - Northern Lights Leeds at Temple Newsam**
31 Dec Take a 1 mile long walk through 14 illuminated zones with interactive elements and immersive soundtracks completed by a Christmas Village.*

 **Nov - The Christmas Experience at Lotherton**
4 Jan Breeze Leeds opens Lotherton's enchanting halls, grounds and gardens with twinkling light displays and interactive installations and a visit to Santa.

 **Nov - Pantomimes and Festive Shows in Leeds 2025**
11 Jan Visit a panto, Christmas carol concert, theatre productions or a magic show? From Sleeping Beauty to Aladdin, there is something for everyone.*

Sign up for free to Healthy Holidays Leeds!

School-aged children and young people eligible for income-related free school meals can take part in amazing, FREE activities and holiday clubs - with a healthy meal over holiday periods.

Mumbler's Guide to Festive Events, Winter Walks & More...





