



Highfield Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

With so much left to do in the school year it is hard to think too far ahead. But there are some really exciting changes ahead. We will continue to mix all the classes next year which again will be led by our children. We will also be making a few other changes; such as welcoming two new members of the teaching team who successfully interviewed this term. To be one of the successful two applicants from a 27-strong field was some achievement, especially in a process that included a grilling from our school council! But Miss Millar and Miss Dodsworth won the day. Miss Dodsworth joins us from her current teaching role in Newcastle (but a Leeds native), whilst Miss Millar joins us from her current placement at... Wigton Moor (but a Washington DC native!). When we appoint, a great C.V might get a candidate through the office door to interview but that is all – it's the character, not what is on paper that matters most to us. Miss Millar and Miss Dodsworth demonstrated terrific commitment and talent, but above all, their humility, honesty, and just being genuinely great people left us all excited to welcome them into our community.

With that, I thought that this might be a great opportunity to share with you the teaching structure for next year. The introduction of two bright new teachers brings with it an opportunity for new year group teams. Next year, Highfield year groups will look like this:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mrs Hargrave	Mrs Busch	Mrs Flynn	Mrs Fritz & Miss Elson	Mrs Homan	Miss Thackrah	Mr Brassil
Mrs Shelley	Miss Woolmer	Miss Harrower	Miss Ladley	Miss Dodsworth	Miss Millar	Mr Gath

I am sure that you may have noticed some names missing. We can announce that Miss Overduin will be on maternity leave, a huge congratulations to her and Rhys on the wonderful news! However Mrs Garbutt and Mrs Lupton-Walker will not be with us next year for a very different reason; after wonderful service to Highfield they will both be retiring to enjoy term-time holidays and time with their ever-increasing families. I cannot do justice to Mrs Garbutt and Mrs Lupton-Walker's careers here; we shall celebrate their wonderful achievement in the next half-term. But I am sure you will be joining me on congratulating them all.

Enjoy your half-term week and thank you for your support for our great community.

Mr Feeley

News & Updates

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations and a huge well done to the children in Key Stage One who were recognised for their fantastic effort and attitude this week 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:

- 2H – Emily, Rudy, Johanna, Oliver
- 2F – Melissa, Sophia, Otto, Adam
- 1W – Azlan, Alice, Gray
- 1B – Emily, Mirha, Nancy, Henry
- RH – Arlo, Lily, Josselyn, Zaki
- RGS – Kyro, Myra, Aylin, Ava

Keys to Success!



A big well done to Rayann who has passed her Grade 5 Piano Practical exam with distinction! To achieve this has taken an incredible amount of hard work and dedication; such a terrific effort and we are very proud of her.

Top of the Podium!



Here is Haruto who has achieved a very special sporting achievement; he won the British Open Jiu Jitsu championship for his category (under 9s, 42kg), but the journey he has taken is greater than the gold he achieved. After failing at previous trials, he used this as motivation to reach greater heights, winning 6 medals at local competitions before winning this gold medal at the British Open. A story of true resilience and determination!

Highfield Signposting

Viral Trend Causing Severe Burns To Children

Children and young people are microwaving squishy silicone toys after seeing online videos claiming this makes the toys softer and more pliable. When the toy is squeezed afterwards, it bursts and sprays boiling material, which reportedly has left children's hands and faces seriously burned. This trend has seriously injured children in the UK and [US](#), most recently in [May 2026 in Bristol, UK](#).

SCAN ME!



MAY 2026 HALF-TERM CAMPS

KEEP ACTIVE OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH
OUR RANGE OF HALF-DAY CAMPS IN LEEDS.

TUESDAY 26TH TO FRIDAY 29TH MAY

LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY ARENA, LS6 3QA



MINI BOUNCE (5-7 YEAR OLDS)
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 09:00-12:00



BOUNCE (8-11 YEAR OLDS)
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 09:00-12:00



JNL PERFORMANCE (11-13 YEAR OLDS)
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12:00-16:00



JNL PERFORMANCE (14-16 YEAR OLDS)
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12:00-16:00



BOOK NOW AT COLBC.CO.UK/SESSIONS



LEEDS BECKETT UNIVERSITY



Dates for your Diary!

- Mon 1st June: Summer 2 begins
- Tues 2nd June: Year
- Weds 3rd June: SEND Coffee morning
- Thurs 4th June: Book Look for parents
- Fri 5th June: Class photo day

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.



ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 8 - 18 AND ENJOY SWIMMING AND RUNNING?

WHY NOT TRY THE 2026 LBT JUNIOR AQUATHLON

SUNDAY 31 MAY 26
THE EDGE - LEEDS UNIVERSITY

All abilities welcomed and encouraged - it's the perfect introduction to multi-sport events.
Only equipment required is swimwear and trainers!
Prizes for top three male & female in each category - all competitors receive a medal and goody bag!

Category	Age*	Distance
TriStar Start	8 years	50m Swim & 600m Run
TriStar 1	9-10 years	150m Swim & 1,200m Run
TriStar 2	11-12 years	250m Swim & 1,800m Run
TriStar 3	13-14 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run
Youth	15-16 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run
Junior 8	17-18 years	400m Swim & 3,000m Run

* Based on age as at 31 December 2026





LEEDS & BRADFORD TRIATHLON CLUB



BRITISH TRIATHLON

BOOK NOW: https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/lbt-junior-aquathlon_17078
FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: lbtaquathlon@gmail.com

KS1 KIDS SPORTS CLUB

→ SATURDAY 23 MAY

12:00

Sports Kit Giveaway!

Free Event

- Footwear
- Clothing
- Waterproofs



12:30

Field Track Session!

Free Event

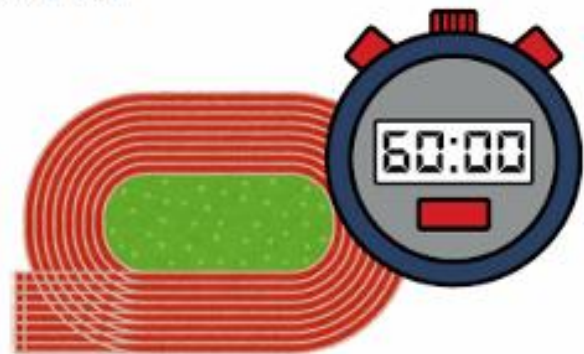
- Exercises
- Sprints
- 400 metres



📍 **Scott Hall Playing Fields, LS7 3DR**

🕒 (Opposite Scott Hall Sports centre)

12 PM – 1:15 PM



PLEASE TEXT OR EMAIL TO REGISTER

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