



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Today, we say farewell to someone who has not only been a colleague but a cornerstone of our Highfield community for the past 15 years. Jane Gilley is retiring, and while we are immensely proud of her and all she has achieved, we also know just how much we will miss her. Jane has been part of the very fabric of Highfield. Her connection to our school runs deep as her children also attended here.

Jane leaves behind the kind of legacy we all aspire to: one of professionalism, dedication and support. She is the person we all turn to when we need help. If Jane doesn't know the answer straight away (a rare occurrence!), you can be sure she will move heaven and earth to find it. Calm and composed on the surface, yet tenacious and determined underneath—Jane embodies the quiet strength that keeps everything running smoothly.

But more than her professionalism, it is the person we will miss most. Jane is kind, thoughtful, and generous to a fault. It feels fitting that her final task today was proofreading my newsletter with Mrs Etherington in the office—no doubt laughing together at the number of errors I made, correcting them and then telling me how much she enjoyed it anyway. That moment captures so much of what Jane brings; professionalism followed by warmth and a smile. I can't emphasize how much small gestures like that mean to me as Headteacher: it makes a difference.

Jane, it has been a privilege to work alongside you. Thank you for everything you have given to Highfield. You leave behind not just a job well done, but a school grateful for all you have done for us. We wish you every happiness in this next chapter—you've more than earned it. Enjoy those term time holidays that have eluded you for too long.

To the whole Highfield community, well done on a terrific year. Enjoy your summer holidays and thank you for your support.

**Mr Feeley**

## News & Updates

### Getaway Girls

Over the last term, the fabulous Getaway Girls team have been working with some of our Year 6 children before they move to high school. The girls all wanted to say a massive thank you for what has been a wonderful experience. They finished the course with a trip to the Getaway Girls centre for a celebration and review of learning. We'd like to thank Flavia in particular who made this happen. A true inspiration.



### It's behind you

Those who saw our Year 6 production of Aladdin will have been hugely impressed by the backdrop of Widow Twanky's laundrette! This was the fabulous work of Mrs Porter who volunteered her artistic skills. Year 6 would all like to say a massive thank you!



### Tug-of-war Champions!

Well done to Mason, Aryan, Nikan and Toby who were the 2025 Tug-of-war champions at the summer fayre! They were also very generous in allowing the old man duo of Mr Brassil and Mr Feeley to win a 'friendly' at the end.



### More Summer Fair winners

Wellie Wanger - longest throw was made by **Reid** from Year 5

Escape Room - fastest time was a speedy 7 min and 19 seconds. **Miraan, Louie, Elijah, Padra, Ata and Naail** - all from Year 6

Guess the baby photo – This was a real challenge this year and there were only 2 correct guesses, made by **Emilia** and **Sophia**, both in Year 3

The winners of the Fruity Friday raffle, with the winners receiving free fruit every Friday until Christmas, were Agastya (Reception) and Haruto (Year 3).

### Dates for your Diary!

- **Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** The new school year starts for Years 1-6



## Highfield Signposting



# THEME DAYS AT ACTIVE CAMPS!

### MONEYBALL MONDAY

Our camps begin with exciting team-building games designed to break the ice, boost confidence, and help every child feel part of the squad, including getting to know our awesome coaches!

### INFLATABLE TUESDAY

Get ready for a day packed with giant inflatable fun, action-packed games, and the ultimate challenge – can YOU beat our camp staff on the obstacle course?

### WET WEDNESDAY

Splash into the fun with our coolest day of the week—packed with epic water games, laughter, and tons of splash-tastic surprises! Don't forget your swimsuit, towel, and a big smile.

### TERRIFIC THURSDAY

Get ready for a day full of NEW games, awesome activities, and nonstop excitement!  
Come join the fun – there's something for everyone!

### FUNKY / CAMPER VS STAFF FRIDAY

Every Friday, our staff and kids go all out in funky outfits and fancy dress. We also spend the days doing campers vs staff where children can go against the staff in lots of different games.



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