



# Highfield Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

Social media has again made headlines this week, with the government launching a consultation on banning social media for under-16s. The House of Lords has backed the proposal and a YouGov poll found that 74% of respondents support it. Among teachers, support is even stronger at 98%—a higher level of agreement than we managed on our own pay deal!

There are two areas of social media that concern me most. The first is group chats. Used positively, they can strengthen friendships and provide support, but for young people they can also become overwhelming. If the tone turns negative, the pressure can feel constant and isolating. The second concern is the influence of global platforms that currently feel largely unregulated and can send young people down algorithm-driven pathways to content no one should be exposed to.

Of course, the other side of the debate is that we risk failing to equip our children with the digital skills they will need as adults. We must find the right balance, which includes teaching them how to protect themselves online.

This morning, a group of parents met to share their thoughts and propose actions regarding social media and phone use. They will be communicating further in due course, but it is heartening to see members of our community dedicating their time to the wellbeing of our children. I look forward to working closely with them not just on a school-level but also as a Dad – I have improvements to make in this area too.

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 Two 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:

3FL - Aarnav, Hamid, Layla, Malakai

3T- Alice, Ashriya, Benji, Gus

4O - Florence, Holly, Lucas, Riley

4V - Aman, Amrita, Dawud, Theo

5E - Lottie, Rahul, Selena, Vaidehi

5L - Adam, Charlie, Emma, Selina

6BH - Elsie, Hasnain, Nerea, Quin

6G - Aadya, Henry, Jadon, Isabel

## Foodbank donations

Thank you to all the staff, children and parents for your kind donations to the Leeds North West Foodbank. It was collected by their volunteers on Tuesday morning. They were overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and thanked our Highfield community for thinking of other families in the Leeds area.



## Girls football festival

Our girls' football team thoroughly enjoyed playing in a mini football festival at Highfield on Monday. We invited four other schools to take part from the local area. It was great to meet girls from other schools and we were proud to share our lovely outdoor space with them.

We narrowly lost one game 2-3, but recovered to beat Immaculate Heart Primary 4-0.



## Falkingham Cup result

Middleton St.Mary's Primary 2 Highfield 5

As the singer and songwriter Billy Bragg sang, "There is no real substitute for a ball struck squarely and firmly."

Congratulations to our football team who came away victorious from a cup tie against Middleton St.Mary's Primary School last week and certainly know how to strike a ball squarely and firmly. Highfield played some lovely passing football and combined this with well taken goals and a solid defensive performance. Ralph Bavill complemented this was a strong stint in goal. Congratulations to Sam Fishburn on his hat-trick and Jack Cole on his two goal haul. Onwards we go to Round Two!



## Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Year 1 class local area walk
- **Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Year 1 class local area walk
- **Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Reception height, weight and vision check, 4O class sharing assembly, Years 5 and 6 Film Night
- **Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Sept:** KS1 Celebration Assembly

## Reading ambassadors

The reading ambassadors met this week. They discussed the 'Year of Reading 2026' campaign and came up with lots of great ideas to get everyone reading for pleasure this year. Mrs Bowker and Miss Elson were really impressed with their ideas and hard work!



## Maths enrichment club

Year Six have greatly enjoyed Highfield's Maths Enrichment Club. We solved puzzles, played games, thought hard about the one and only Mr Fibonacci, debated whether zero is a number or not and, most importantly of all, had fun with our friends.





# 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



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