



# BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 7th February

## Ofsted Inspection

As you are aware, we had an ungraded Ofsted inspection this week which is a very 'light touch' check-in on how the school is doing. We received extremely positive feedback about our amazing school and we were incredibly proud to show off the wonderful achievements of all our children as well as the hard work of our brilliant staff team.

Thank you to all parents who responded to the Parent View survey. We look forward to sharing the inspection report with you as soon as it is available.

Mrs Bowling, Mrs Cockroft and Mrs Hussain



## Beech Hill Book Fair

We are thrilled to announce that next half term we will be hosting our very own book fair!

This is an exciting opportunity for you and your child to browse and purchase books to enjoy together. Keep your eyes peeled for more information coming out soon!

## Kurling Competition

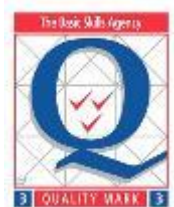
Four of our Year 6 boys attended a Kurling competition at Hipperholme Grammar School this week.

16 schools participated and the Beech Hill boys showed amazing skills and resilience. It was a very close competition and Beech Hill lost by just one point in the quarter finals. Well done!



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## TT Rockstars Most Correct Answers

Year 2 - Airah-Noor A (Switzerland)

Year 3 - Vivaan M (Jordan)

Year 4 - Ruthvik R (South Africa)

Year 5 - Fatima H (Denmark)

Year 6 - Abdul A (Egypt)

Class with the highest accuracy

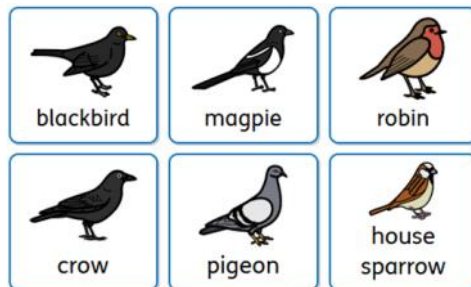
Tanzania

## Big Garden Birdwatch 2025

Our Gardening Club members took part in the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) Big Garden Birdwatch 2025.

During their session, the children took note of the birds that landed in our school grounds and then submitted them to the RSPB.

These are some of the birds that the children saw visit our area.



## Attendance Update

(27.01.2025 to 31.01.2025)

Group	% Attend
Halifax 1	93.8
Halifax 2	96.1
Halifax 3	85.6
Northern Ireland	85.2
Wales	93.6
Scotland	95.6
Switzerland	91.7
Jordan	96.4
Canada	96.2
Mexico	94.8
Morocco	93.3
South Africa	94.5
Australia	93.0
France	95.3
Singapore	96.6
Denmark	97.1
Tanzania	95.6
Egypt	98.7
Totals	94.2

## Aid Fundraiser for Palestinian and Syrian Refugees in Jordan

Our parent governor, Khizra Khan came in on Tuesday to deliver an assembly about her aid fundraiser for Palestinian and Syrian refugees in Jordan.

Our children made postcards and flags to give to the families in the refugee camps.

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 6th February to raise money for the appeal. Children can bring a cash donation on the day or donations can be made by following the link below:

[Khizra's Aid Fundraiser](#)



# JOIN US ON OUR TRACTOR TRAIL

AT THE PIECE HALL 15 - 19 FEB 2025  
11AM - 3PM - £3.50

THE PIECE HALL

HELP, THE LOCAL FARMER'S ANIMALS ARE MISSING!  
THEY HAVE ESCAPED FROM THEIR FIELDS AND BEEN SPOTTED TROTTING ROUND THE BALCONIES HERE AT THE PIECE HALL.  
CAN YOU HELP US TRACK THEM DOWN?  
HEAD TO THE VISITOR CENTRE TO COLLECT YOUR SHEET THEN SEARCH ALL THREE FLOORS AND JOT DOWN WHERE YOU SPOT THEM.



THEPIECEHALL.CO.UK

Our pavements are not your parking spot.



Pavement parking causes a hazard for pedestrians, particularly those with impaired vision or mobility, prams or older people.

Our Pavements are for People campaign, aims to encourage Calderdale's drivers to think more carefully about parking considerably.

For more information follow the link: [Pavements are for People](https://www.pavementsareforpeople.org.uk/)

## Dinner Menu w/c 10th February 2025

If you require an allergy list please email [kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk](mailto:kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk)

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 5	Homemade Lasagne 5, 10 Southern Fried Chicken Poppers 5, 8	Fish Fingers 2, 5	Homemade Chicken Pie 5, 10, 12 Chicken Sausages 5	Pizza 5, 10
	Vegetable Pasta Bake 5, 10	Quorn Nuggets 5	Homemade Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry Rice	Vegan Rolls 4, 5	Homemade Creamy Broccoli Pasta 5, 10
Vegetables	Ziggy Fries Beans Sweetcorn	Potato Wedges Mixed Veg Peas	Potato Puffs Sweetcorn Broccoli	Roast Potatoes Carrots Cauliflower	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Peas
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Sweet Waffles 4, 5, 10, 12	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Parkin 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Chocolate Swirls 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Cheesecake 5, 10	Jelly	Vanilla Ice Cream 10

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

### "CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

### SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

### YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and so on. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

### FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victim's trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

### PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

### FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise misleading. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular celebrities' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: ask about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

### ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

### TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement: blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

### BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, fake information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit [OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk](http://OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk) for more.



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