



# BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 4th July

## Friday Afternoon Clubs

Please note that there will be no Friday afternoon clubs on 5<sup>th</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> September. They will begin again on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. If you are unable to make alternative childcare arrangements, please contact the school office.

Advance notice: there will also be no Friday afternoon clubs on 9<sup>th</sup> January and 17<sup>th</sup> April in 2026. Again, please contact the school office if you require assistance with childcare.

Please also be aware that school will close at 1.15pm for all pupils on the following days at the end of each term: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.



Thank you for your co-operation.

## The Family of Learning Trust - Football Match

On Tuesday evening, children from Year 5 and 6 were victorious against our fellow Family of Learning Trust School, Dean Field.

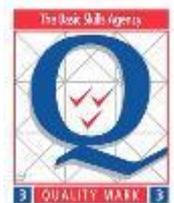
The children played fantastically, showing all of our school's values and in the end won 4-0!

Thank you to all staff and parents who came to support the children!



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## Year 6 Family Learning

We welcomed some of our Y6 families into school on Tuesday afternoon where they worked with their Y6 children to create a memory book, keyring and pencil case.

It was lovely to see so many families with their children in one of their last events at Beech Hill before they leave for secondary school!

Thank you to Calderdale Family Learning for another lovely workshop.



## School Games

Congratulations to all staff, parents and children who were involved in competitions and events organised by School Games this year.

We have achieved our bronze award and hope to work towards a higher accreditation next academic year!



## Bradford Literature Festival

Over the last two weeks the children in year 5 have had the opportunity to attend the Bradford Literature Festival.

The children listened to speeches from 4 different authors about how to become an author and how to begin writing your own story.

The children represented Beech Hill excellently and engaged well in the sessions. It was fantastic to see their imaginations hard at work, trying to create their own stories.



## OPAL Golden Welly Awards



Last week's Golden Welly winners were:

### Lower School

**Sarim** - He was playing independently in the lego area and created an amazing lego tree house

**Azaan** - Whatever game he plays, he always cooperates with others and is always polite to adults.

### Upper School

**Larissa** - For helping Sofie to climb higher on the roktagon and ensuring she was safe.

**Zoya and Pheobe** - They were playing with the suitcases and pretending that they were travelling to Tanzania.



## Attendance

(23.06.2025 to 27.06.2025)

Group	% Attend
Halifax 1	94.6
Halifax 2	100.0
Halifax 3	95.2
Northern Ireland	95.0
Wales	97.1
Scotland	98.0
Switzerland	97.7
Jordan	93.2
Canada	97.7
Mexico	97.1
Morocco	95.0
South Africa	90.7
Australia	98.3
France	96.8
Singapore	95.2
Denmark	98.9
Tanzania	89.1
Egypt	98.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>95.9</b>

	Poor attendance, I am very concerned.
	Below expectations, I am worried.
	Best chance of success, well done.

## TTRS Winners



- Year 1 - Hamza (Wales)
- Year 2 - Airah-Noor (Switzerland)
- Year 3 - Zayan (Morocco)
- Year 4 - Adwaith (Australia)
- Year 5 - Vanessa (Denmark)
- Year 6 - Zachariah (Tanzania)

Class with the highest amount of minutes played per day  
South Africa (7m 30s)



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You never know what someone is going through.

Be kind always!"

# National Online Safety - Weekly Information

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

### COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

### DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

### REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

### FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

### USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

### PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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# 51st Pellon Scouts - Summer Holiday Camp



## JOIN THE **FUN** THIS **SUMMER** AND ENJOY A **HEALTHY** **HOLIDAY!**



**SIGN UP FOR THE BIGGEST AWARD WINNING HAF PROVISION**

**21<sup>ST</sup> JULY TO 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**

**BEECH HILL SCHOOL, MOUNT PLEASANT AVE, HX1 5TN**

**FOR 4 WEEKS MON - THU: 9:30AM TO 1:30PM**

**First Come  
First Served**

**Limited  
Spaces**

**PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 5  
TO 16 YEARS OLD, WHO ARE ENTITLED TO  
BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

- BUSHCRAFT • FORAGING • LOCAL HIKES • ROBOTICS
- AI • FENCING • OUTDOOR COOKING • RIFLE SHOOTING • ARCHERY • VOLLEYBALL • CRICKET • CYCLING • FOOTBALL • ATHLETICS & MUCH MORE...



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## Create Edu - How to support your child with their emotional wellbeing



Your child feels SAFE when surrounded by a strong family unit.

That's created by your positive and kind words, the interactions, attention and time that you spend with them and the memories they form around childhood memories.

Even brief moments spent together, whether you have 10 minutes or more, gives your child the undivided attention that matters to behaviour and emotional wellbeing.

Filling your child's Emotional and Connection Cup is a daily need that every child has. When feeling disconnected, they often start misbehaving as one way to express this need. Negative behaviour could be a sign your child needs more attention and connection.

Here are the main ways to grow connection:

- Play together
- Go on adventures
- Show/tell your unconditional love
- Accomplish something together
- Do what brings them joy together

It's just as important to be aware of what leaves your child feeling DISCONNECTED. There will always be ups and downs in life and children will survive them but how well they do so is based on their support system.

Things that make a child feel disconnected:

- Over criticism and being overly strict
- Being rejected often (always busy or not paying attention)
- Feeling lonely
- Yelling + punishment, instead of teaching and guiding
- Lack of family traditions/experiences

When your family feels connected, you'll find them to be mostly happy and content. You'll find that children are less anxious and less likely to be fighting as often. What your child needs most from you doesn't cost any money. What they need most is your unconditional love, your time and to connect with you daily. That bond becomes the model they follow for their future family as well.

### Family rituals to increase connection

- Family walks after dinner
- Impromptu dance party breaks to lighten the mood
- Screen-free dinners when everyone shares favorite parts of their day
- A special date once a month with each kiddo
- Living room forts on rainy days
- Special weekday rituals like Tuesday Teatime or Friday movie nights
- Compliment circle at the end of the day to share appreciation
- 15 minutes uninterrupted time when your child comes home



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**THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge**

# Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

Visit Calderdale Libraries this summer to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge

**Challenge starts on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July and runs to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

**Read 6 library books to earn a medal, certificate and prize**

Find out more about events taking place in libraries this summer at [ticketsource.co.uk /calderdalelibraries](http://ticketsource.co.uk/calderdalelibraries)





## Dinner Menu from Monday 7th July

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

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Battered Chicken Steak 1, 3, 4, 5, 10	Homemade Chicken Pulao Rice 4	Cod & Parsley Fishcakes 2 Parsley Sauce 5, 10	Homemade Mexican Chicken Enchiladas 5, 10 Peri-Peri Shredded Chicken 4, 5	Pizza 5, 10
	Cheese & Onion Rolls 3, 5, 10, 12	Homemade Vegan Meatball Curry 4 Rice	Homemade Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise 4, 5	Spicy Bean Burgers 5	Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli 3, 4, 5, 10, 12
Vegetables	Potato Wedges Spaghetti 5	Ziggy Fries Broccoli Sweetcorn	Chips Peas Carrots	Potato Smiles Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Mixed Veg
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Jam Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Carrot Cake 5, 10, 12	Choc Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Angel Delight 10	Crispy Buns 5, 10	Jelly	Strawberry Ice Cream 10