



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 27th June

Farewell Announcement - Miss Yasmeen

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news that Miss Yasmeen (or as some of you may know her Miss Amin), our school receptionist, will be leaving us on Friday 27th June after 17 years of dedicated service to the children and parents of Beech Hill School.

During her time with us, Miss Yasmeen has made an incredible impact on our school community through her commitment and support of our students, families and staff.

While we are extremely sad to see Miss Yasmeen go, we are also excited for her next chapter and wish her all the very best in the future.



Rounders Competition

On Tuesday 17th June, a group of KS2 children took part in a rounders competition which was held at the OSCA Foundation and organised by EdStart. It was the first time Beech Hill were competing in a rounders event and, with only two training sessions behind them, it was going to be interesting to see how they would get on.

There were 16 teams, split into groups of four with the winner of each group going on to the semi-final, followed by the final. Our boys breezed through the group stages and semi-final without losing a single match. They were amazing both tactically and technically. We played against Cliffe Hill School in the final who turned out to be our toughest opponents and it finished in a tense draw. An outright winner was needed so we went on to play for a golden rounder where we eventually fell short.

An outstanding achievement to have entered as novices and finished as finalists! Their achievements didn't go unnoticed with the organisers, various spectators and the headteacher of Cliffe Hill complimenting and congratulating them throughout the tournament.

Well done to everyone involved.



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Refugee Week

Last week, we celebrated Refugee week across school.

We had a special visitor from the St Augustine's Centre who shared some lived experiences about what it is like for a refugee having to leave their home and come to a new country and school. Following the theme, of completing simple acts of kindness, we all created our own 'Simple Acts of Kindness' poster in the style of Moomin Characters.

Finally, on Friday, lots of family members came in to school to join us for our coffee morning with the theme 'Community as a Superpower'.

It was a wonderful week - thank you to everyone involved!



Sports Day

Over the past couple weeks, we have held Sports Days for years 1-4 which have been a great success.



The children competed in their houses (Wainhouse, Shibden, Piece Hall and Bankfield) in a range of events which tested their co-ordination, agility, dribbling, running and throwing skills. It was great to see all children supporting each other and they displayed our Beech Hill values of determination and perseverance. Each year group displayed the right attitude and showed fantastic sportsmanship and team work. We want to say a huge thank you to all our families who came and supported their children.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Zahid and Amina's Mum for providing ice lollies during the heatwave.

It was wonderfully attended and the children loved having you there cheering them on.

Rearranged Sports Days: Year 5 - 2pm Tues 1st July; Year 6 - 9am Wed 16th July



OPAL Golden Welly Awards



Last week's Golden Welly winners were:

Lower School

Zidaan - For reminding people about 'kind hands' when playing

Asma - For helping others in the playground

Upper School

Awwal - For helping to get equipment out

Mridini - For helping to tidy up the dolls



Attendance

(16.06.2025 to 20.06.2025)

Once again, attendance last week was higher than the national average and above our school expectation.

This is great to see as good attendance really helps to support the children with their learning.

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

Group	% Attend
Halifax 1	96.2
Halifax 2	96.5
Halifax 3	93.6
Northern Ireland	99.0
Wales	98.0
Scotland	97.0
Switzerland	94.7
Jordan	97.1
Canada	97.0
Mexico	97.5
Morocco	95.7
South Africa	95.7
Australia	97.3
France	93.6
Singapore	99.3
Denmark	99.3
Tanzania	95.3
Egypt	99.0
Totals	96.7



TTRS Winners

Year 1 - Mhd Jameel (Northern Ireland)

Year 2 - Aairah-Noor (Switzerland)

Year 3 - Zayan (Morocco)

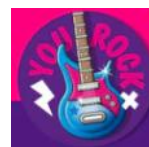
Year 4 - Mridini (South Africa)

Year 5 - Aahil (Denmark)

Year 6 - Zachariah (Tanzania)

Class with the fastest average speed per question

Switzerland (1.6 secs)



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

Nursery Nature

In nursery, the children have been growing their own beans.

We are in total amazement at how big the beans have grown!

Well done to all the children!



We Belong - verd de gris project

The podcast is now live as part of the Journey of Change programme with verd de gris - it is incredible to hear how articulately the Y6 girls can talk about the journey they have been on over the last year with Sharon and the One Voice collective:

[Episode 4: Empowering Young Voices](#)

There was an opportunity for a get together at Whitestone Arts Retreat when the girls could reflect on this journey with the women for a final time. It was a very emotional day.



For more information about verd de gris and what they do, you can visit their website by clicking the below link:

<https://www.verddegriis.org/>

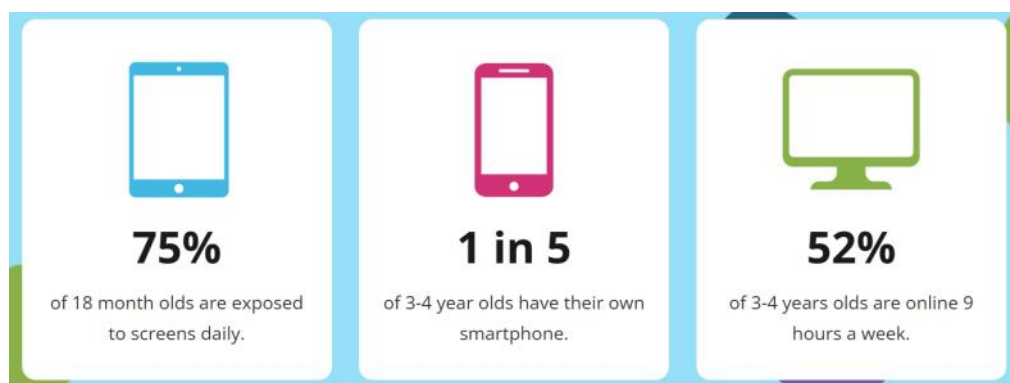
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The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

Less Screen Time, More Play Time - 50 Things to Do Before You're Five!

In today's digital world, screens are everywhere. Too much screen time is having a detrimental effect on young children's development. There is a campaign that is **raising awareness of the screen time crisis** and its impact on **child development**. They are **encouraging parents** of young children to put down both theirs and their children's screens and **play more!**



The '**Less Screen Time, More Play Time**' focuses on reducing screen time for children under five by encouraging parents to engage in play. **50 Things to Do Before You're Five** is an ideal tool designed to promote practical suggestions for screen-free playful activities such as, puddle jumping, blowing bubbles and sharing stories. These low or no cost ideas are **perfect for families** to enjoy together **at home** or in their **local community!**

Join the movement **#LessScreenTimeMorePlayTime**

<https://calderdale.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcome>



Secondary School Admissions September 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, then they will be due to start secondary school in September 2026.

You can apply online from 23rd June 2025 to 31st October 2025.

To apply and for more information about the admissions process, please follow the link below:

[Apply Online](#)

If you would like your child to be considered for a place at one, or both, of the Calderdale grammar schools, you will also need to complete a registration form by 27th June 2025. This is available on the website of the two grammar schools.

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
4+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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

Healthy Holidays Calderdale returns July 2025 for a Summer of Fun!



The Healthy Holidays Calderdale Programme returns this Summer with thousands of places available for young people to access during the 2025 school holidays.

A diverse programme of activities will be available with something new for all. From performing arts, wheelchair basketball, rap workshops, cook clubs, bushcraft, bikeability, canoeing and so much more, young people will be kept entertained this Summer. Everyone attending will receive a healthy and nutritious meal.

Places are free for school aged children Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals. There may also be sessions for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

Places will be available to book from mid June 2025.



Our son hasn't been able to attend any clubs for years due to anxiety. But Healthy Holidays, with the staff he knows and trusts—changed everything. He felt safe, supported, and came home smiling. It's made a real difference."

Parent of children attending Healthy Holidays Programme

"This is an amazing club and has been a great support to me as I am grandmother raising my three grandchildren alone. Absolutely thrilled with staff and children love attending."

Grandparent of children attending Healthy Holidays Programme



You will need to register your child on the booking system before booking your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

To book scan the QR code or visit healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/



Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale

Twitter: @HAFCalderdale

Website: www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/community-and-living/healthy-holidays-calderdale

Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk

Call: 01422 288001

No Internet? Visit a local Calderdale Library and they will support you in registering your children onto available activities.



Dinner Menu from Monday 30th June

If you require an allergy list please email 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