

The Family of Learning Trust Newsletter

Message from Shameem Hussain, CEO

It has been another busy term across the Trust.

We have had a number of opportunities for children across the Trust to work together.

Children from all five schools came together this week for a spectacular music concert, bringing the Trust's vision of learning and growing together to life.

Held at the Halifax Minster, the concert featured combined school choir performances alongside the Orchestra, and a series of standout solo acts by talented young singers and musicians. From lively ensemble songs to moving instrumental pieces, the evening celebrated both individual talent and the power of collaboration.

Parents, staff and guests filled the Minster to show their support, applauding the amazing hard work and talent. The evening was a true reflection of what the Trust stands and an example of the *Trust's vision coming to life*. The concert ended on a high note, with all performers joining together for a grand finale of 'Chosen Family' and 'We are Unstoppable'. It was an wonderful event and one that we hope will be held annually.



The Family of Learning Trust - Football Match



On Tuesday 2nd July, the football teams from Beech Hill and Dean field took part in a football match. The children played fantastically and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

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

Beech Hill School

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.



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.

We Belong - Verd de Gris project

Year 6 girls have been working with Verd de Gris this term on a project called 'We Belong.' The podcast is now live as part of the Journey of Change programme. 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 also 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/>

Bradford Literature Festival

In June 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 work, trying to create their own stories.



Bradshaw Primary Academy



June 2025 - Tyre Upcycle Competition

Children and their families were invited to collect one of our plain tyres, take them home and turn them into a colourful masterpiece to be displayed around school. We had some amazing entries and the winners were judged by visitors from St John's Church. [Click here](#)

Choir Workshop

Choir had a fabulous workshop session this week with Anthony Gray and Charlie Murray, preparing for their upcoming performance of "Circlesong" at Halifax Minster with Halifax Choral Society. [Click here](#)

Year 5 & 6 Residential

Our Upper Key Stage children had an amazing time at their Residential Trip to Winmarleigh Hall.

July 2025 — Fundraiser

We had a non-uniform day to raise funds for the local charity The Noah's Ark Centre, the total currently stands at over £600!

Year 6 Prom

Year 6 children celebrated their time at Bradshaw with a their leavers Prom [Click here](#)

Choir

Bradshaw Choir have perfored at Voices Together at The Victoria Theatre, organised by Calderdale Music. They also enjoyed a well-deserved treat at Electric Bowl, between the rehearsal and the performance. Tomorrow evening sees the choir perform alongside Halifax Choral Society at Halifax Minster. [Click here.](#)

Year 6 Leavers

As many of our Year 6 children spend their last hour at Bradshaw we want to wish them well in their bright brilliant futures. Today has been very emotional for all involved, we are immensely proud of every child and can't wait to see what they do next

'How lucky are we to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard' [Click me](#)



Dean Field Primary School



Congratulations To Dean Field on Winning Beat The Streets

On Thursday, 24th April, we held the Beat the Streets winners award ceremony. Dean Field are the winning school with over 182,000 points! We received a £1000 voucher to spend on sporting equipment! We also celebrated with the community winners Magpies and The Addys. The three winners: 1. Deacon - received a brand new bike, certificate and Beat the Street teddy. 2. Tullulah 3. Eleanor A huge well done to all pupils, families and staff who got involved!



Northern Lights Dance Academy Show

On Thursday, 25 children from year 3-5 attended the Our Chance to Dance Festival where they performed their dance to 'Matilda—Revoltin' Children' to their adults. The children performed at Crossley Health School. They rehearsed before the event and performed at 7pm. Each week for the past 8 weeks, the children have been practicing their dance with their coach Lily from Northern Arts Factory. The children showed outstanding behaviour but most of all they showed amazing dance skills and danced their hearts out! Huge thank you to Northern Arts Factory and Nurturing Creativity for the opportunity to showcase our amazing dance skills.

Voices Together at The Victoria Theatre.



Wow! This was Dean Fields first time performing at the Victoria Theatre on Tuesday 1st July and we absolutely LOVED it! We loved singing the big songs with everyone and had a blast performing "Try Everything" on our own. What an unforgettable night this was and we are super proud of all our pupils!

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Heptonstall Junior and Infant School

Whole School Show

This year's whole school show production was definitely one to remember! Well done to all the children, especially our Oak Class for their amazing performances in 'The Jungle Book'. From note perfect solo singing to fabulous story telling we couldn't be prouder! Huge thank you to our parents for their wonderful support as ever... the costumes were fantastic!

We also enjoyed performing to our friends at Dean Field and Beech Hill, thank you for coming!



Hebden Bridge Duck Race

Another of our highly anticipated events is the Hebden Bridge Duck Race, run annually by the Rotary Club of Hebden Bridge.

This years theme for the schools was 'Sporting Events' and didn't our children 'climb to new heights' with their entry...Rock Climbing Ducks!?

The competition was fierce this year and although our entry was not selected as the winner, it was a winner with us!



VE Day and Maypole Celebrations

One of the most looked forward to months at Heptonstall School is May! Our Sapling Class worked very hard to learn the complicated and intricate Maypole sequences and put on a great show at the 80th Anniversary of VE day celebrations and picnic.



Parents and Friends of Heptonstall School

The support we continue to receive from our hardworking and wonderful PFA this academic year has been phenomenal! This year alone they have raised nearly £3000.

There funding helps to

support wonderful projects such as our Forest School with Oak Apples; the children have had an amazing time learning new skills in all weathers! We are so grateful that this will be able to continue for another year with their support.



The Summer Picnic was a great success and the weather played fair too!

Stay and Play at Heptonstall School

We have continued with our Stay and Play sessions on Thursday mornings for all of our younger siblings and members of the community. These sessions have been very well received and will be continuing in September. We look forward to welcoming even more new faces and families.



Shirley Manor Primary Academy

We have had a very busy time over the past few months at Shirley Manor.



We have been very lucky to receive funding from Tesco's Stronger Starts initiative this past year.



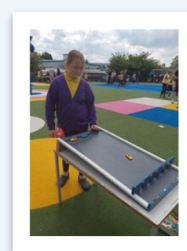
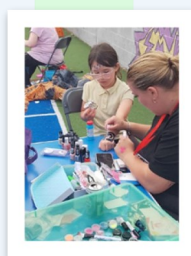
The children have enjoyed fresh fruit every day in class. Some classes like Year 1 have had fun creating fruit faces. Along side this we have had fresh vegetables available under the KS1 Shelter every Thursday and parents/carer's have been able to help themselves to the Veg available to them. It has been really pleasing to hear people discussing how they are going to use the produce. We have also provided Soup packs and recipes so that families can make their own soup.

Go APE Experience

Year 6 visited Go Ape at Temple Newsam to tackle the high ropes adventure: a 10m high obstacle course in the tree canopy. They had a fantastic day, pushing themselves to climb to the highest point and complete all of the different challenges. They were wonderful representatives for the school and the trust, encouraging and supporting each other throughout. I was very proud of them all and I am glad they had such a brilliant and rewarding experience.

Summer Fair

Children, Parents/Carers and staff had lots of fun in the sun at our Summer Fair on Wednesday 25th June 2025. There were games such as Hook-a-Duck, Splat the Rat, Car Run, Slimey Lucky Dip and Soak the Teacher. Very popular, thanks to Mr Bellas and Mr Deacon. Along side the games were stalls which included, a cake stall, tombola, hair accessories and a small toy stall. One of our parents is a very talented face painter and was very popular. The children also liked having their nails painted and having glitter tattoos. Refreshments included Hot Dogs, Fruity Drinks and Ice-creams. We have raised



On the behalf of our Trustees, I would like to wish you all a restful summer break.

Mrs Hussain (CEO Family of Learning Trust)

