



The Family of Learning Trust Newsletter

Message from Shameem Hussain, CEO

We've had a really positive start to 2026!

Celebrating RISE Early Years Lead School Success

We are delighted to congratulate **Beech Hill School** on being selected as a **RISE Early Years Lead School alongside 4 other schools in the Yorkshire and Humber region**. This prestigious recognition highlights the school's exceptional practice in early years education and its commitment to giving every child the strongest possible start and achieving strong outcomes over time.

As a Lead School, **Beech Hill** will play an important role in supporting and sharing effective practice across the region—an achievement that reflects the dedication, skill, and passion of the entire Early Years team. This is a fantastic accomplishment and a source of great pride for the whole Trust.



Celebrating KS2 Success Across Our Trust

We are proud to announce that two of our schools have been ranked among the top 15 best performing schools nationally for KS2 SATs.—**Dean Field Primary School** and **Bradshaw Primary Academy**. This fantastic achievement reflects the hard work of our pupils and the dedication of our staff, supported by committed families and governors.

This recognition is a tremendous milestone for the schools involved and a moment of shared pride for the entire Trust. **Congratulations to everyone who contributed to this outstanding success.**

Congratulations on National Recognition for Excellence

We are delighted to congratulate **Dean Field Primary School** on being formally recognised by the **Secretary of State for Education** for achieving *excellent outcomes for disadvantaged pupils*. This honour reflects the school's unwavering commitment to equity, high quality teaching, and ensuring every child—regardless of background—has the opportunity to thrive.

This recognition is a testament to the dedication of the staff, the hard work of pupils, and the strong support of families and governors. **Well done to everyone at Dean Field—a truly outstanding achievement and a source of great pride across the Trust.**

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Beech Hill School

Cross Country Competition

On Tuesday, 5 girls from year 6 competed in the West Yorkshire finals at Temple Newsam Park in Leeds.

The girls raced against other children from across the whole of West Yorkshire. They were exemplary in their behaviour and were a credit to us all at Beech Hill.



Verd de gris

This term a group of year 5 girls attended a special International Women's Day performance led by Sharon (Verd de gris) and the One Voice Collective. They enjoyed listening to the women's poetry, hearing their stories and joining in with a few songs. It was a wonderful celebration of how strong women are when they are united. The girls were particularly impressed by the women's bravery, supportiveness, positivity and friendship.



We are delighted that Verd de gris have just been awarded a significant amount of funding from the National Lottery which means we will be able to work with them again.

Year 2 Trip to The Piece Hall

Year 2 children visited the Piece Hall this term to learn about the history of the Piece Hall. All the children walked sensibly down through Halifax. They had a short Introduction and learnt some key facts. Then they went on 'A Cloth Hunt' around the Piece Hall which helped them to learn the process of making cloth. All of the children behaved in an exemplary manner and were role models for the school. A huge well done to all the year 2 children.



Grand Opening of new Sports Hall at Beech

Last week we celebrated the official opening of our new sports hall, marking an exciting milestone for the school community. Pupils from across our trust came together for the occasion, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere that truly reflected the spirit of the Trust.

The event featured a range of performances, including a gymnastics display and a creative dance routine. A special highlight was a beautiful choir performance from the Bradshaw Choir bringing everyone together in a moment of shared celebration. Special guests included Councillor Durrans and Team GB gymnast and Olympic silver medalist Luke Whitehouse. This new facility will provide fantastic opportunities for pupils to develop their skills, stay active, and enjoy a wide range of sporting activities for years to come.



Dean Field Primary School

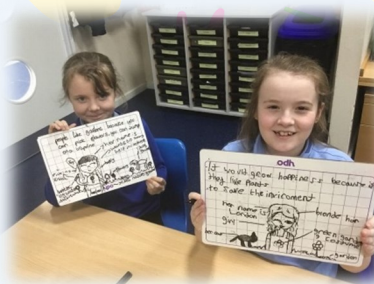
World Book Day

Our school was full of amazing role models as pupils dressed up as inspirational figures from the Little People, BIG DREAMS collection! From artists to scientists, activists to explorers, pupils showed that big dreams really do start small!



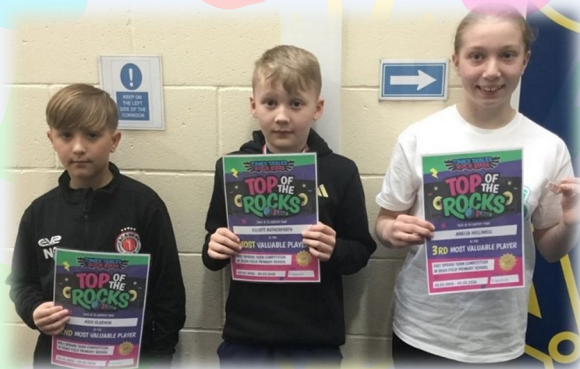
Year 5 Lights, Camera, Score

Year 5 had a super first session with Lights, Camera, Score this half term. They came up with the story line for a short @UNESCO film around the theme of "gardens" and "happiness". They will be composing, recording and performing the music for the film. Lots of creativity!



TTRS Trust Competition

Pupils competed against other schools in our Trust this term to try win the TTRS competition. We can proudly say we WON! Well done to all the pupils who contributed and practised hard over the week.



Drama Club

Lights up on our very first session of Dean Field Drama Club! Big voices, bold characters and brilliant confidence from our young performers.

Education Secretary's Statement

We are proud to say the Secretary of State for Education congratulated us on our results for disadvantaged pupils this term.

'Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Dean Field Community Primary School achieved. This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.'

A message from
Bridget Phillipson



Bradshaw Primary Academy

Bradshaw Choir—Mrs Sunderland Competition

Bradshaw Choir have been extremely busy this term. They didn't just take part in the 2026 Mrs Sunderland Music Festival, they brought home second place in the Christmas category and first place in the Junior Choir category, winning the Samuel Firth shield! They might be local celebrities but their hard work doesn't end there—onto the next conquest.



OPAL Climbing Frame

At long last our lovely climbing frame is open! The climbing frame was bought using monies raised by our fantastic Bradshaw families.

[Click here to see the Grand Opening.](#)

World Book Day

Pupils and staff at Bradshaw once again pulled out all the stops to celebrate our love of books and reading.

[Click here to see our World Book Day in action!](#)



Barbie Raffle—Supporting our School!

Thanks to our wonderful school community, an amazing £560 was raised with our Barbie Raffle! Funds were used to add another 5 much-needed Chrome Books to our collection.



Conisbrough Castle & The Imperial War Museum

Year 2 had a fabulous time learning about medieval life at Conisbrough Castle. Years 5 and 6 had a truly thought-provoking day at the Imperial War Museum, exploring exhibits about conflict, remembrance and the impact of war on daily life.

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Heptonstall Junior and Infant School

Oak Class Residential 13th March to 15th March

Oak Class had an exciting time on their residential trip to Dobroyd Castle, where they spent several days exploring, learning, and building new skills together. The children took part in a range of indoor and outdoor challenges such as team-building activities and problem-solving tasks that helped them grow in confidence and work brilliantly as a group. Staying away from home was a big step for many, but the class showed amazing resilience and enthusiasm throughout. We are SO proud of each and every one of our Oak children. The Robinwood staff have spoken so highly of each and every one of them all weekend and couldn't praise them enough. They've all been an absolute pleasure and fantastic representatives of Heptonstall School!



World Book Day 2026—Little People, Big Dreams

Wow - What an incredible effort from everyone for World Book Day! We were so proud of how much thought and effort you have all put into your inspirational costumes, as well as learning and sharing your



fascinating facts.

We had a fantastic time taking part in our Little Dreamers Conference, designing our own 'Little People, Big Dreams' book covers and discovering more about these amazing individuals and what



makes them so inspiring. A truly fantastic way to promote and enjoy reading! We also had a wonderful Stay and Read session

where we enjoyed exploring a variety of books with our friends and families, before taking part in a 'Little People, Big Dreams' themed quiz.

Thank you to everyone for taking part and helping to make it such a truly memorable day!



The Rotary of Hebden Bridge School Quiz

A huge well done to our school quiz team who took part in the Rotary club's inter school quiz at Midgely school.

They were impeccably behaved and represented our school fantastically.

It was a joy to be there with them. A big thank you to the parents for transporting them there and staying and supporting the team!



FOLT TTRS Competition February 2026

We've been blown away with the commitment and dedication of our children with the Trust TTRS competition right from year 2 all the way up to year 6.

The results are in Heptonstall was the 3rd highest scoring school in the Trust.

Out of 33 classes taking part ; Oak finished 4th , Sapling finished 16th and Acorn finished 26th!

And we had 4 children finish in the top 50 in the whole trust (739 pupils took part)!

A huge well done to everyone for taking part. Not only is it great to see your times table knowledge improving but also your dedication to representing our school.!



Shirley Manor Primary Academy

Ramadan Event

We celebrated the start of Ramadan this half term with a wonderful craft event for parents and children. It was great to see so many families learning all about the holy month of Ramadan.



NSPCC Number day 2026

We held a number of events this year to celebrate Number day, including dressing up as a number, taking part in a KS2 times tables competition and competing in a TTRS trust wide competition, where our year 5 had the highest average score of any class!

Bradford City Penalty Shootout

What a brilliant day everyone had when Billy Bantam from BCFC came into school for a fund raising penalty shootout, raising over £4000! Thank you to everyone who raised sponsorship money for our school.



Mental Health Week and Empathy Week 2026

Two very special weeks were celebrated during the spring term, with a focus on improving our own mental health and wellbeing. We loved seeing so many parents attend our mindfulness event and learning ways to support a healthy mind.

World Book Day

We really wanted children to “go all in” for reading this World Book Day, with character hunts, online zoom quizzes with Premiere League footballers and much more going on during the day to celebrate the children’s own interests and the reading they could do to further their passions.



Have a wonderful Easter break!

From Mrs Hussain (CEO) and all the Trustees of The Family of Learning Trust

