

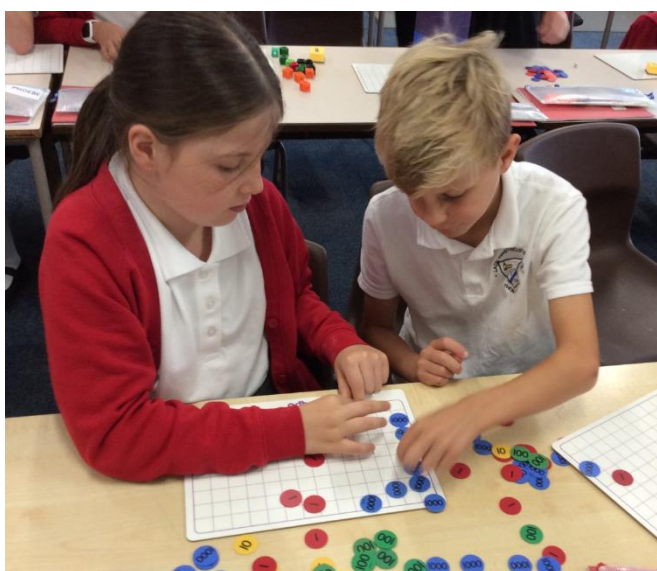
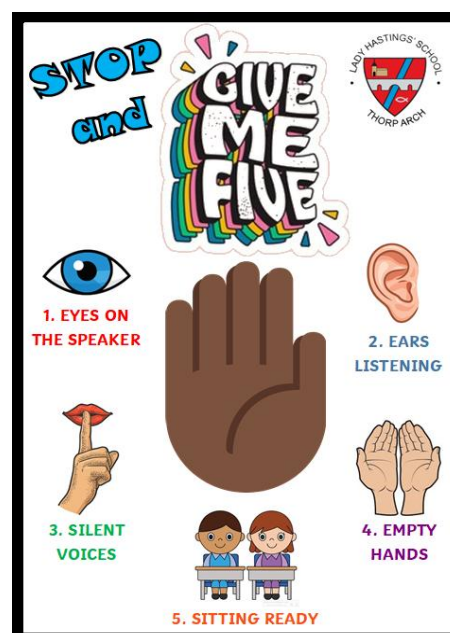
Newsletter –04/09/2026

Welcome back to the autumn term 2026! We hope you and your families are all well and that you had a great summer. Welcome also to our new Reception intake and the children who have joined us in other year groups. **Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter – apologies for the length but it does contain some important back to school information.**

Settling in...

The staff spent Tuesday completing our annual safeguarding training and we also revisited our behaviour and relationships and our teaching and learning policies.

The children have settled back really well and have been enjoying getting to know their new classmates and teachers. We have revisited our rules and expectations for behaviour and we have introduced our new whole school learning behaviour 'Give me 5' in which the children need to stop what they are doing and listen carefully, showing that they are being respectful to the speaker and ready to learn.



Diary Dates

I have included our known diary dates for this academic year at the end of the newsletter – we try to give these well in advance so that parents can make arrangements to attend any events to which they are invited. Any updates/ new dates are added weekly and highlighted in yellow for your attention so please keep a look out.



Children's safety before and after school

For the attention of our new parents and a reminder to existing parents.

The staff car park is not for parent use for safeguarding/ safety reasons as well as the fact there are limited spaces. Please park on Dowkell lane and stay on the path, crossing to enter school through the main side gate. If you do choose to walk through the car park, please use the path and keep a close eye on children. If you have a blue badge or feel that you need to use one of our two accessible spaces, please speak to the school office, myself or Mr Hesketh.

The fixed playground equipment should not be used before or after school (but the children get lots of chances to be on there during the week supervised by school staff.)

Dogs are not permitted on the school playground unless they are being carried by their owners and carefully supervised.



Walking home/ Mobile Phones

Children may walk home from Year 5 upwards. If you give permission for them to do so, please ensure that you have let the school office know by email or you have filled in a permission to walk form. If you feel that your child needs a mobile phone because they walk home, please supply a phone (brick phone preferred) to be handed by your child to their teacher each morning and collected each afternoon. We would not expect any child, other the children walking home to need a phone in school.

Smart watches with internet/ photo functionality are not allowed (although a simple digital fitbit/ step counter is permitted.)





Reading Awards

If your child completed the library summer reading challenge and they would like me to present their certificate to them in celebration worship, please send it in to school.

Our school reading awards are continuing this year and there is a letter attached to the newsletter

Attendance

This week our attendance is 95.3%

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

At Lady Hastings we have an aspirational attendance target of **97%**. Whilst our attendance is generally excellent and in 2024-2025 saw us ranked in the top 10 schools in Leeds, last year our attendance dropped to **95.5%** overall which is only slightly above national.

Alongside illness, some absences can be classified for statistical purposes as authorised absences, these include:

- Music exams
- Medical appointments
- Religious holidays

Some absences can be granted as 'exceptional leave', for example.

- Life events e.g. weddings and funerals

If you are planning to take your child on holiday during term time or wish to request exceptional leave, please fill in a leave request form (see website or collect from the trays outside the office.)

Please note, we do not grant holidays as exceptional leave under any circumstance.

Due to a rise in children taking medical appointments during the school day and in particular on Fridays we request that you provide confirmation of your appointment to school e.g. letter/ copy of appointment/ text so that we can apply the correct authorisation code.



School gates open at 8.40am, The bell rings just before 8.50am. If children are not present for the register but arrive shortly after they are marked 'late.' At 9.20am the register closes and children are marked unauthorised (even if they arrive later on.) We are required to report 10 sessions of unauthorised attendance in a 10 week rolling period to the Local Authority who may issue a fine. 1 session is a half day.

Where attendance drops below 93% is it closely monitored and at 90%, is classed as persistent absence.

Sports Premium Funding for academic year 2026-2027

Following the Department for Education's withdrawal of the 16 thousand pounds annual Sports funding awarded to schools, we have taken the decision that Leeds Foundation will not be delivering coaching sessions in school this academic year. Historically, our Sports Premium funding has enabled us to provide our Forest School provision with Born of the Forest, invest in sports equipment and fund the Leeds United Foundation coaches. Due to the late timing of this announcement, which came after schools had already set their budgets, the DfE has now thankfully confirmed that we will receive a smaller transitional payment instead. In addition to the Government's disappointing decision to cut funding, Leeds United were also unable to guarantee a consistent coach following Angus' departure to Tottenham. We have therefore made the deliberate decision to prioritise maintaining our wonderful Forest School provision for our children this year with Born of the Forest.

We will know more in the new year about the DfE's plans for the National Sports Association they are moving towards, in the meantime, we are confident that following four years of high-quality CPD and support provided by Leeds United Foundation, our teaching staff are exceptionally well equipped to deliver high-quality PE lessons twice each week. If you have any questions, please ask myself or Mr Hesketh (PE Leader)

Friends of School

Welcome Back!

We're excited for another year of fun, fundraising and making a difference!
After a fantastic year last year, we're already planning what's next.

Santa's Grotto is returning, and the Colour Run will be back next summer!
Plus, after smashing our Colour Run sponsorship target last year, we're planning a Break the Rules Day in September — date coming soon!



School Hall Update

Over the summer, we secured funding from the Parish Council to help refurbish the school hall, with the aim of making it available for clubs, parties and community groups. Watch this space for updates!

The LEH Community Garden

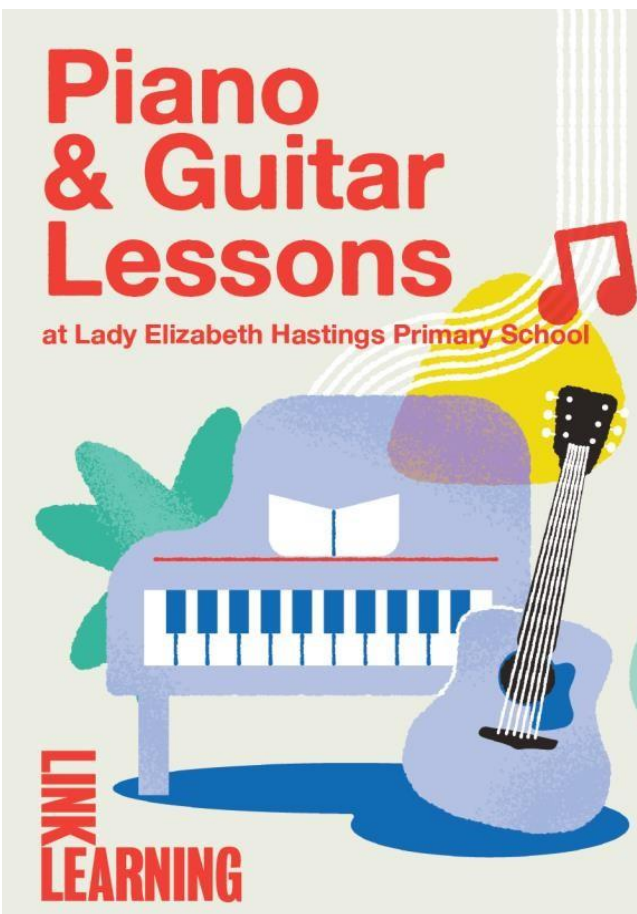
The garden is now ready for planting! If you have some spare time to help or have seedlings you could donate, we'd love to hear from you.

Could you join us?

A small team of FoS volunteers worked incredibly hard last year to create fun experiences for the children while raising vital funds for our school. We'd love to welcome more people to the team — whether you can help at an event, share an idea or get involved behind the scenes, every bit of support makes a difference.

Come and join the fun — we'd love to have you!

Weekly music lessons at LEH – Year 2 upwards (during the school day)



Piano & Guitar Lessons

at Lady Elizabeth Hastings Primary School

LINK LEARNING

Register your child for Piano & Guitar Lessons
www.linklearning.education/register

When?
Weekly during the school day during term time.

Where?
Lady Elizabeth Hastings Primary School

Our piano and guitar lessons encourage children to express their creativity and learn new skills through experimenting and having fun.

The club is led by Link Learning musicians with a wealth of teaching experience and recent DBS certificates

What we offer

- A digital resource pack
- Termly progress reports
- Creative tuition tailored to the interests and learning style of the individual

Price

- Individual - £9 per lesson (15 minute duration)
- Individual - £18 per lesson (30 minute duration)
- Paired - £12 per lesson (30 minute duration)
- Paired £6.50 per lesson (15 minute duration, guitar only)

Want to know more?
Call us on 07305507504

Or email
admin@linklearning.education

How to register
Register online at linklearning.education/register

Who are we?
We're Link Learning. A team of teachers, musicians and artists who believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop and express their creativity.

We work with schools, children's hospitals and community centres to deliver high-quality creative activities that encourage exploration, discovery and experimentation.

Find out more
linklearning.education

Spanish club – all ages (Thursday lunch times)



FUN SPANISH CLASSES

INSPIRING YOUNG CHILDREN, FROM BIRTH TO 11 YEARS, TO LOVE LANGUAGES

Lady Elizabeth Hastings

£4.75 per class

Thursdays 12:30-1

We teach Spanish using

- ✓ Music
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Let's pretend
- ✓ Storytelling
- ✓ Actions
- ✓ Crafts

Kidslingo Harrogate

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Book online via [Kidslingo.co.uk](https://www.kidslingo.co.uk)

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5 Star Multisport club – all ages (Wednesdays after school)



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WWW.FIVE-STAR-SPORTS.CO.UK

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Local Club which may be of interest to Reception and Year 1 parents



**LOOKING
TO TRY
FOOTBALL?**

**NEW PLAYERS
WANTED FOR
U5 AND U6
FOR 26/27**

- ✓ Fun and supportive
- ✓ Learn football skills
- ✓ Fully qualified coaches
- ✓ Reception and Year 1

GET IN TOUCH

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**GIVE YOUR CHILD A FUN
INTRODUCTION TO FOOTBALL!**

**CLIFFORD
AFC**

School Calendar

Autumn Term 2026	
Monday 31 st August	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 1 st September	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 2 nd September	School open to Y1-6 pupils
Thursday 3 rd September	School open to YR – 6 pupils (HALF DAY FOR RECEPTION)
Friday 4 th September	All pupils in full time
Thursday 8 th October	Harvest Festival in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Monday 19 th October	Individual Photographs
Thursday 15 th October	Open Morning for prospective parents 2027
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent/ Teacher Consultations
Thursday 22 nd October	Parent/ Teacher Consultations
Thursday 22 nd October	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Friday 23 rd October	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 2 nd November	School open to all pupils
Monday 9 th November	National Child Measurement Years R and Y6
Wednesday 18 th November	Open Evening for prospective parents 2027 (Y6 tour guides)
Wednesday 25 th November	Class 4 Worship (Mr Hesketh) parents welcome @2.45pm
Tuesday 1 st December	Open Morning for prospective parents 2027
Wednesday 9 th December	Class 1 Nativity (Reception/Y1) 10am and 2pm
Thursday 10 th December	All pupils pantomime @Harrogate Theatre – Sleeping Beauty
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Service in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Friday 18 th December	School closes at the end of the school day
Spring Term 2027	
Monday 4 th January	School open to all pupils
Wednesday 10 th February	Class 3 Worship (Mrs Hope/ Tait) parents welcome @2.45pm
Friday 12 th February	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Monday 22 nd February	School open to all pupils
Thursday 25 th March	Easter Service in Church - parents welcome@9.45am
Friday 26 th March	Easter Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils
Monday 29 th March	Easter Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils
Friday 2 nd April	School closes at the end of the school day
Summer Term 2027	
Monday 19 th April	School open to all pupils
Wednesday 26 th May	Class 2 Worship (Mrs Stather) parents welcome @2.45pm

Thursday 27 th May	School closes for half term at the end of the school day
Friday 26 th May	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 7 th June	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 8 th June	School open to all pupils
Wednesday 9 th June	Year 6 Residential to Bewerley Park
Friday 18 th June	Sports Day – Parents invited from 1.15pm
Wednesday 30 th June	Class 1 Worship (Mrs Bell/ Hardcastle) parents welcome @2.45pm
Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Service in School – 9.15am
Wednesday 21 st July	School closes at the end of the school day
Thursday 22 nd July	Staff INSET Day (School closed to pupils)