



Withinfields' Newsletter - 24.4.26

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Events coloured in green are either those which are funded by our enrichment pot or events that contribute to the pot as fundraising. Thank you for your support.

Tues 28th April - 2.15pm Y3 Family Learning event
Thur 30th April - Reception trip to Tropical World
Fri 1st May - Training day - school closed to pupils
Mon 4th May - Bank holiday - school closed to staff and pupils
Tues 5th May - Talent show auditions in classes
Weds 6th May - Talent show semi-finals
Thurs 7th May - Nursery trip to Lotherton Hall
w/c 11th May - Y6 SATS week
Tues 19th May - Y3 trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park
Weds 20th May - Talent Show
Thurs 21st May - Italian-themed school dinner day
Fri 22nd May - Last day of term

BUN SALES – 50p

We hold a bun sale on Fridays at playtime. We ask for donations of buns from a different class each week as detailed below. Proceeds from these sales go into our Enrichment pot.

Date	Class to bring buns
30.4.26	Nursery
8.5.26	Denmark
15.5.26	Reception
22.5.26	Italy
5.6.26	Greece
12.6.26	Netherlands
19.6.26	Sweden

Buns and Toast Sponsor of the week

Many thanks to Theo Madden's mum who has sponsored the buns today. We still have a few weeks left if you are still interested in sponsoring!

If you have a company that would like to sponsor a week or you wish to do it as a family, please let me know on ClassDojo or via email and I can provide bank details. You can use it as an opportunity to raise awareness of your business or ask to remain anonymous. It costs £40 a week.

Our Enrichment pot, which all donations for buns goes to, pays for all school trips and special workshops within school for our children so that parents are not asked to pay for these. The events which are highlighted as green in the dates show the events that this money helps to fund.

Special mention of the week!

My highlight of this week has definitely been receiving photographs of children finding and hiding pebbles. There's been a lovely community feel to it with all ages from Nursery to Y6 being proud of getting involved. I'm sure that people will continue to find and hide these going forward so keep looking!

Important information

Remember that the next two school weeks are only 4 days long due to the training day on Friday, 1st May and the bank holiday on Monday, 4th May.

Other information

Offline challenge - Our offline challenge for this week is to create the best paper aeroplane! It can be made from any sort of paper or card. I will hold a competition on Thursday at playtime in the hall to see whose flies the furthest. Children will need to practise their take off technique as well as perfecting the design. Don't forget to send them with their planes on Thursday. Children in Reception can bring theirs on Wednesday as they are on their trip on Thursday.



Y6 Poetry slam - A huge well done to the group of Y6 children that represented us at The Victoria Theatre on Wednesday evening at the Calderdale Poetry Slam. We obviously thought that our performance was the best but were pipped to the post in terms of the trophies by other schools. The children were confident, clear and animated and I loved the way that they encouraged audience participation. They definitely deserved their interval ice-cream!

Budget setting - Governors approved our budget on Tuesday which includes two major buildings and premises projects. We are hoping to refurbish our main toilets which all children use at playtimes and lunchtimes. These facilities are in desperate need of upgrading and we are hoping to do this work over the summer holidays.

In addition, we have submitted planning permission for a perimeter fence to be installed around all the areas which pupils access. Initially, we were going to focus on the playground and Early Years playground areas which would have cost approximately £27000. However, following the damage done to the wildlife area recently, we are hoping to extend this project to include fencing in this area as well as creating a fenced play area behind the Pod building so that our children with complex needs, who access this specialist classroom, can play out during the whole day in an area that is fit for purpose. We have also asked for fencing at the back of the building near France to be added to the quote. This has increased the cost to £46000.

We are going to start a crowd-funding campaign as well as a series of fundraising events to support the additional costs. This campaign will be named: "Build the boundary. Protect our play". We are hoping that every family will get involved in whatever way they can. To start off our campaign, we are looking for fence panel sponsors. Each metre of fencing costs approximately £80. If anyone wants to sponsor a metre, we will place all the names of sponsors on a prominent panel so that, even when your child has left, they leave a legacy left behind. It might be that you know of a business or organisation that would sponsor a metre with their name included. Equally, if you don't want to sponsor a whole metre, you could join together as a group of friends to collectively sponsor a metre.

The benefit of the perimeter fence will obviously be improved security of the site but will also mean that when it is dry, the children can use the grassed area at the edge of the playground and can benefit from the shade of the trees in Summer because there will not be the same need to stay away from the perimeter wall. In future years, we will then be able to improve our play through the installation of new trim trail equipment on the grass.

Brighouse High Musical Showcase - We were thoroughly entertained on Tuesday when representatives from Brighouse High came to perform for us. We were really impressed with the students' talents and appreciated the effort that the staff had gone to in order to arrange this event. It was especially lovely to see some of our past pupils performing!

Halifax Football



Development

At Halifax Academy (Astroturf)
Gibbet St, Halifax, HX2 0BA
Starting on Friday 15th May 2026



In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1	6:00pm - 6:45pm
School years - Year 2 & Year 3	6:45pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new **12-week football course every Friday at Halifax Academy**, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held on the fantastic astroturf pitch so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Bradford City, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United, Liverpool, Leeds United, Everton and Oldham.

The cost of the course is just £6.67 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £30 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including: Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

Ben

0113 457 3715 or 07514 316534

www.firstkick.co.uk



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked