



Executive Headteacher Updates Autumn Term 1 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and that the children enjoyed the Halloween celebrations! Now that this week's Bonfire Night events have taken place, the countdown to the Festive Season has begun – this year has just flown by!!!

This new half-termly newsletter from me, as Executive Headteacher, is designed to give you a broader picture of what's happening across the school – sharing key updates, plans and developments that help guide the school's future direction and successes. This sits alongside the weekly newsletters you already receive from Miss Kilkeny, as Head of School, and via our social media platforms which focus more on the day-to-day running of school life, events and communication. Please find an update regarding our social media later in the newsletter.



It was wonderful to see so many of you at last half term's Parents' Evenings, for me to personally meet so many of you and to hear such positive feedback about your children's progress and experiences in school. These events are such an important part of our strong home-school partnership, and we're always grateful for your continued support.

Below, you'll find updates on a few key areas of our ongoing work and development across school.

Warm regards,
Mr Welsh
Executive Headteacher

Need to Speak to Someone?

All general day to day enquires, please contact Mrs Hendy in the School Office.

For Behaviour, Pastoral or Safeguarding Support, please see Miss Kilkeny, Mrs Hendy or Miss Marchant, who are available via the School Office, in the first instance.

For SEND queries or questions, please contact Mrs Coates on a Wednesday.

You can speak to your child's Class Teacher at the end of each school day, once they have dismissed all the children, regarding specific questions or queries related to your child. Or, you can leave a message with the Office for them to give you a call.

If you would like to raise a concern or discuss something with a Senior Leader, then please contact Miss Marchant (our KS1 Leader).

Miss Kilkeny, as Head of School and Designated Safeguarding Lead, manages the day-to-day running of the school and can be contacted via the School Office once Miss Marchant has been contacted, as required.

Deputy CEO & Trustee Visit to LBI

On Thursday 23rd October, Miss Kilkeny and I welcomed our Trust Deputy CEO and a member of the Trust Board to Lee Brigg for the morning. Following our discussion, Mrs Bretherton and Ms Hutton also had a tour of school and visited classes to see our children in action. The visit gave our trustees assurance that leadership capacity and morale are strong and that the school is making clear, evidence-based progress against its priorities. Staff confidence and engagement are high, reflected in pupil behaviour, attendance, and teaching quality. The leadership team is self-aware, reflective, and strategic. Overall, the visit evidenced that Lee Brigg is securely and continuously improving, with strong teaching, effective leadership, and clear plans to sustain excellence. What a special school we are!



Wraparound Survey

In the next few weeks, I'll be sharing the outcomes of the recent Wraparound Survey.

I have a meeting with Wakefield Council in 2 weeks to explore the results and will provide an update on any possible viability or alternatives as soon as possible. Thank you.






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Academy Standards Committee Update


The Governing Body met on 22nd September for our first meeting of the school year and we welcomed Mrs Kayleigh Jackson-Taylor and Mr Carl Etherington as our two new Parent Governors. I'm so grateful for all our Governing Body members who volunteer their time to support the leadership, staff and children of our school to be the best we can be!

It was also lovely to discuss our academic successes for last year. Results at Lee Brigg in 2024-25, were exceptionally strong. Our Good Level of Development at the end of Reception was 82% (national 68%). Our Y1 Phonics outcomes were 93% (compared to the national of 80% achieving the pass mark) and our KS1 outcomes in reading, writing and maths were all above 80%, again significantly above national averages! Lee Brigg has continued to go from strength to strength, with a clear focus on excellence across all areas of school life. This has led to exceptional pupil outcomes, a high-quality curriculum and outstanding attendance!

Thank you for all your positive feedback regarding the redesigned use of our Facebook page and new Instagram profile. As well as key messages, letters and information, we'll now begin to share more regular photos of life inside school, too. This, on top of the MCAS app (which is in your main point of communication), we hope will provide you with a range of platforms to stay up to date with school life at LBI!

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Key Dates & Calendar

2025/2026 School Term Dates as well as Key Diary Dates can be found here – <https://leebrigginfants.org/key-dates-page/>



Year 3 Admissions – September 2026

Applications for transfer from Year 2 in an infant school to a junior or primary school in the academic year commencing September 2026 are now open. All applications for Lee Brigg can now be completed on the Wakefield Council website –

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/school-admissions/apply-to-transfer-from-year-2-in-an-infant-school-to-a-junior-or-primary-school>

Reception Admissions – September 2026

Applications for Reception places in the academic year commencing September 2026 are now open. All applications for Lee Brigg can now be completed on the Wakefield Council website –

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Safeguarding Audit Success for Lee Brigg!!!!

We were delighted to welcome a Waterton Academy Trust safeguarding partner to Lee Brigg last half term, who spent the day with Miss Kilkenny and I, observing our robust and highly effective safeguarding culture and everyday practices in action. They were incredibly impressed by the strength of our safeguarding approach and the way it extends beyond our school gates into the wider community. They commented that the high expectations around safety, care and respect, which are modelled and reinforced in school, have a positive ripple effect across families and the local area, helping to create a community where children are kept safe and know how to keep themselves and others safe too.

From the very beginning of a child's journey with us, families understand and share our high expectations around safeguarding for all. These expectations are lived daily by staff, pupils and parents alike, creating a consistent message that safety and wellbeing come first and we're so delighted with the outcome of this audit!

Our visitor also wanted to share their heartfelt thanks to our staff and children, describing the day as "a privilege" and noting the warmth, professionalism and positivity shown by everyone. They left feeling inspired by the exceptional practice they had seen and asked us to pass on their gratitude to our whole school family.

We are very proud of this feedback and would like to thank our staff, children and families for working together, every day, to maintain such a strong culture of care, safety and trust.



School Attendance

Our school attendance for this academic year, so far, is **96.9%** which is above the national average and places us 2nd in the leader board across the Trust! This is amazing! Well done everyone and thank you so much for your support and continued commitment to ensure your child attends school every day!



Website Updates

I am currently in the process of updating our school website – **<https://leebrigginfants.org/>**

By the start of the new year, all our curriculum documentation will have been reviewed and reuploaded, along with all other key information pages and we'll keep you up to date on this work.



LEE BRIGG

Infant & Nursery School

PLACES AVAILABLE

Waterton Academy Trust

We have a few school places in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and we'd love your child to join our school family!

Contact – 01924 967609 or email – leebriggadmin@watertonacademytrust.org for more details.

