

NEWSLETTER

JUNE

2026



A MESSAGE FROM MRS GRIFFITHS

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term! I hope everyone had a restful break and enjoyed the glorious sunshine.

What a brilliant way to start the new term with our sports day events this week. The weather didn't fare too badly, except for the Year 2 event where pupils got quite drenched! No matter what the weather threw at us, it was brilliant to see pupils engaging, having fun and supporting each other. A huge thank you to Mr Sheehan for organising and running the events, and to our Year 5 and 6 helpers and parent helpers too. These events wouldn't be able to run without the support of everyone, so thank you. It was great to see so many family members come to watch and cheer pupils on. We appreciate your support.

We've got a busy few weeks coming up with lots of events and trips, including Year 2's visit to Cayton Bay, Year 3's trip to Cannon Hall Farm, UKS2's Junior Warrior experience and Year 6's residential, to name just a few! Please keep an eye on the 'dates for the diary' section of the newsletter.

Year 6 are now practising for their end of year performance, which will be The Jungle Book this year. We can't wait for the show and to see the acting, singing, dancing, set and all the behind-the-scenes work that goes into putting this together.

We are just in the process of setting classes and allocating teachers for September, and we will keep you informed about this when plans are finalised.

My first half term as interim headteacher was a busy one, but I feel privileged to be leading the school during this period of change and am truly thankful for the brilliant pupils, supportive parents and carers, and wonderful staff team that make up the Bracken Edge community. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Mrs Griffiths

Interim Headteacher

D A T E S

FOR YOUR DIARY

W/C 1st June + W/C 8th June

Year 4 Maths Multiplication
Check

W/C 8th June - Phonics Screening

Monday 8th June - Reception

New Starters Parents Evening -
4pm

Tuesday 9th June - Sparrow trip
to library

Wednesday 10th June - Year 3
trip to Cannon Hall Farm

Monday 15th June - Training Day
(School Closed)

Tuesday 16th June - Year 2 trip to
Cayton Bay

Thursday 18th June - Carnival -
1:45pm

Wednesday 24th June - EYFS
Mobile Farm Visit

Thursday 25th June - Whole
School Transition

Friday 26th June - Junior Warrior
trip (selected pupils)

1st July - 3rd July - Year 6
Residential

Wednesday 8th July - Rocksteady
Concert - 2:15pm

Friday 10th July - New Reception
starters Teddy Bears Picnic

Friday 10th July - Reports sent
home

Monday 13th July - 1:45pm - Year
6 leavers performance

Tuesday 14th July - 10am - Year 6
leavers performance

Wednesday 15th July -

Adaptive Gaming Dojo Prize

Friday 17th July - School closes
for summer at 3:15pm

Tuesday 1st September -

Training Day (School closed)

Wednesday 2nd September -

School reopens for pupils

SCHOOL DINNERS

In September the price of school
meals will be increasing.

The price from September 2026
will be £2.90

facebook

We are now on Facebook!

Search 'Bracken Edge Primary
School' and follow our page
to stay up to date with school
news.

IMPORTANT

**School will close at the
normal time of 3:15pm on
Friday 17th July.**

REPORTING ABSENCES

If you need to report your child as absent please can you call the school number and press option 1 for the absence line and leave a message. Unfortunately Dojo messages/texts don't reach the attendance team in time. Alternatively you can call and speak to a member of the office team and they will record the absence.



Carnival will take place at 1:45pm on 18th June. Please see below the carnival colour schemes for each year group. If your child could wear clothing and/ or accessories in this colour on the day that will help with their carnival costumes! We will also be making some props/simple costume bits in school.

Parents can come in these colours too to support.

YEAR 1
YEAR 3
YEAR 5
EYFS
YEAR 2
YEAR 6
YEAR 4

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Due to ongoing concerns, Leeds City Council now regularly ask Traffic Enforcement Officers to monitor the roads around school and issue parking fines to cars that are parked illegally - including waiting or stopping on or next to the entrance markings.

These officers are doing their job for the safety of our pupils and families and we expect that they be treated respectfully.

School are not involved in the deployment of these officers and cannot intervene if fines have been issued. If you are following the parking regulations around school, then you will not receive a fine.

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Dewhurst and Miss Schofield will be going on maternity at the end of this year - we wish them all the best! We will be welcoming back Mrs Mason, who returns from her maternity leave in July. Mrs Chandler, who has been working with us on supply in Year 6, will be taking over the maternity cover for Mrs Dewhurst in Nightjar.

WEBSITE PHOTOGRAPHY

On Wednesday 17th June we are having more photographs and videos taken for our school website. We will have a professional drone operator and photographer on site. If your child has website photography permission they may be featured in the photos. If you wish to change your child's permissions or do not want them to appear on the website, please speak to the office.

TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

Our young adventurers set off on an unforgettable survival trip!



From building shelters and learning how to start a fire, to teamwork challenges and exploring the great outdoors, the children embraced every moment with courage and excitement. It's amazing to see their confidence grow as they step out of their comfort zones and discover just how capable they really are.



These are the kinds of experiences that turn into lifelong memories. So proud of every one of them for their resilience, teamwork, and adventurous spirit!



TRIPS AND EXPERIENCES

We had a very successful couple of sports days this week – the children really gave it their all! Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to support.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



We are delighted to gift a 'Remember Me' rose to Jamaica Society Leeds new memorial garden, to celebrate and honour the Caribbean RAF servicemen who settled in Leeds. Year 5 loved getting a sneak peek of the garden and exploring the exhibition ahead of the unveiling.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Our Year 5 pupils really enjoyed visiting the exhibition and learning about the Caribbean men and women who served during WWII and later made Leeds their home. We were proud to contribute a plant for the Memorial Garden — a small gesture to honour such important stories and lasting legacies 🌿



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Recently we became custodians of one of The World Reimagined globes. Thank you to our friends at the Black Elders Association for nominating us to receive it. It is perfectly placed to welcome our staff, children, and visitors each day. Leeds Black Elders Association




We also received a very generous donation of graphic novels from Travelling Man Comics. We are extremely grateful for donations like this - the children will absolutely love reading these graphic novels.






AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

The clubs for this term are:



Day	Club	Years
Monday	Yoga	Key Stage 2
Monday	Gymnastics	Key Stage 2
Tuesday	Martial Arts	Key Stage 1
Tuesday	Skateboarding	Years 2, 3 & 4
Wednesday	Football	Key Stage 1
Thursday	3D Printing	Key Stage 2



Clubs do not take place on the first week of term.

Clubs currently cost £4.50 per session (except for 3D Printing which is £9 a session). Clubs must be paid for upfront via ParentPay (or via Artcamp directly) and places are offered on a first come first served basis. If your child does not secure a place they can be put on the waiting list and will be offered first refusal next half term.

We try to make the clubs procedure as fair as possible - by using ParentPay we are minimising the need to call the office or come in to school as we are aware that many parents cannot do that during the day.

There are limited spaces for each club due to staffing ratios. If your child did not get a place this time please let the office know and they will add your child to the waiting list.

ArtCamp will run the 3D printing club on Thursdays after school

ARTCAMP'S

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DJ CLUB

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- DESIGN & PRINT YOUR OWN CREATIONS
- USE AMAZING TECHNOLOGY
- BUILD, CREATE & TAKE IT HOME!


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3:30 – 4:30PM
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PLACES ARE FILLING FAST!
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LET'S GET CREATING!

HOW TO BOOK:

-  VISIT WWW.ARTCAMP.UK.COM
-  CREATE AN ACCOUNT
-  SELECT BRACKEN EDGE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
-  BOOK & SECURE YOUR PLACE!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL JOHN@ARTCAMP.UK.COM

ART CAMP CREATIVE EXTRAORDINARY CONFIDENCE

HOLIDAY CLUB

We are pleased to announce that ArtCamp will be running a holiday club at Bracken Edge. Please visit their website for more information and to book.

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GOES HOME
FEELING PROUD!

**MAY HALF TERM
BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!**

BOOK NOW:

WWW.ARTCAMP.UK.COM

FAMILY SATURDAY CLUB

ArtCamp are planning on running a Saturday Family session over the summer so that parents/carers can join their children for a session. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.



LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH - BENGALI

Each month we have a language of the month in school. Children can take part in class challenges and even win a prize.

This month, we're celebrating Bengali; Bengali (Bangla) is the seventh most spoken language in the world, primarily spoken in the Bengal region of South Asia, which is divided between the sovereign country of Bangladesh and India. Join in our class challenges to be entered into the Language of the Month prize draw!

Here are a few key phrases to get you started:

👋 Hello – হ্যালো or Hello

👋 Goodbye – biday

💡 My name is – aamar naam

Give them a try around school!





SUITABLE CLOTHING

Please can we remind all parents/carers that children should still come to school with a coat as the inclement weather means it often rains. As the weather gets warmer can children please come to school with a hat and sun cream applied.



COATS

Every day a large number of coats are found out on the playground and brought into lost property. Most of which are unlabelled and not collected. Please remind children to collect their coats at the end of break time. Also if uniform/coats could be labelled this helps greatly.

IMPORTANT

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please can parents/carers ensure that they park legally and respectfully outside school. We understand that parking is difficult but it is unacceptable to block residents garages. Cars cannot stop or wait on or near the zig zag lines either. If you park illegally there is a chance you will receive a parking fine as PCSO's are often in the area issuing tickets. We would also like to remind people that Elton Lodge is for residents only and parents/carers cannot use that car park at drop off/pick up.

PARKING ON HAREHILLS LANE

We know that some parents/carers park on Harehills Lane and walk through the park to access school. Please can everyone be mindful of where they park. Cars should not stop or be parked on or near the zig zag lines as this blocks visibility to the crossings. Unfortunately there have been some reports of people parking on these lines and because of this there has been a near miss on the crossing. We want to ensure children and anyone using the crossings are safe.



BOOK WISH LIST

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
DONATE A BOOK OR TWO TO
BE READ AND LOVED BY
BRACKEN EDGE PUPILS,
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE
BELOW TO BE REDIRECTED
TO OUR AMAZON PAGE. WE
REALLY APPRECIATE EVERY
BOOK BOUGHT.**



**OUR ENGLISH TEAM HAVE
CREATED A LIST TO SUIT
CHILDREN THROUGHOUT
SCHOOL AND THESE ARE BOOKS
WE KNOW THE CHILDREN WILL
LOVE READING
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



amazon



DOJO REWARDS



ClassDojo

At Bracken Edge children receive Dojo points to recognise positive behaviour. Each week, in Celebration Assembly, the class with the most Dojos wins a point. At the end of each half term the classes with the most points win the star prize!

Previous years prizes have included a mobile video game party, a silent disco and a bowling trip. What will this years be?

The children love the Dojo prizes and it helps encourage working together as a whole class to achieve the most Dojo points. We are asking for donations of £3 to help us cover the cost of these prizes. Please scan the QR code below to donate.

The next Dojo prize will be a tabletop gaming experience!



*thanks
for your
support*

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A polite reminder
that dogs are not
permitted on the
school premises,
except for service
dogs and Betty, our
school dog.

ATTENDANCE

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE IS 92.5%**



Attendance percentages can be misleading.

Even with 90% attendance a child will have missed:

- almost ½ a day per week
- 19 days per year
- 247 days over their school career – which is over 1 year of lost education.

Research shows that children who regularly miss more than 2 weeks of school throughout their Primary years tend to under-perform in their 4th year exams.

A screenshot of the NHS website. The top navigation bar is blue with the NHS logo on the left and a search box on the right. Below the navigation bar are links for 'Health A to Z', 'NHS services', 'Healthy living', 'Mental health', and 'Care and support'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail 'Home > Healthy living' and a large heading 'Is my child too ill for school?'. Below the heading is a paragraph: 'It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.' followed by another paragraph: 'There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.'

Please check the NHS website to check if your child is too ill for school or whether they can still attend - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

ATTENDANCE

Fast Track Initiative

We continuously use supportive methods to improve attendance. We are looking to improve barriers to attendance and how we can support families.

Every term we will be running a Fast Track Initiative in partnership with Leeds City Council.

Fast Track is a time-focussed approach to tackling irregular school attendance.

All pupils with 10 unauthorised absence sessions (5 school days) recorded over a 10- week period will be placed on this initiative.

Parents will be notified in writing.

A pupil's daily attendance will be robustly monitored for a four week period. During this period, if there are any further unauthorised absences recorded parents will be requested to attend a School Attendance Panel meeting to discuss.

Following this, if no improvement is made within the specified timeframe, the case will be referred to the Local Authority for a fixed penalty notice to be issued.

What is an unauthorised absence? If parents do not tell the school the reason, or if the school believes the reason is not acceptable, then the school may record that day as unauthorised.

Please remember we are always here to support you. If there are barriers to attendance we should know about, talk to us 😊

Miss Ahmad - School Attendance Officer

PASTORAL AND SAFEGUARDING NEWS



Bracken Edge Primary takes part in the Operation Encompass program, which involves a partnership between schools and local police forces. This initiative focuses on safeguarding children who may have been exposed to domestic abuse. The program involves a partnership between schools and local police forces. This involves the police informing the school's safeguarding lead when a child has been present or involved in a domestic abuse incident. This allows our school staff to provide appropriate support and understanding to the child, helping them through any difficulties that may arise due to the situation and providing a supportive and nurturing environment for children who offering them a safe space to discuss their feelings and concerns, and ensuring they receive the necessary support to help them cope with any distress they may be experiencing.

PASTORAL AND SAFEGUARDING NEWS



At Bracken Edge we work with the 2gether cluster, for more information please visit <https://2gethercluster.org.uk>

FAMILY SUPPORT PRACTITIONER

At the 2gether Cluster, we provide family support services to families with children that attend one of our cluster schools.

Our family support practitioner will work with you in the following ways:

Support is tailored to your individual needs.

Meetings will be either on a one-to-one basis, with both parents, parents and children together or the family as a whole. Parents/carers will feel encouraged and empowered to overcome barriers which may be impacting the lives of their children.

Sessions can take place in your home, school or a community setting.

Sessions will usually take place once a week for around an hour, but this will be decided with your practitioner when you meet. The support plan will be set out with you and this can be adapted throughout to meet your family's needs.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Leeds
Family
Hubs



SEND Parent Carer Monthly Drop Ins

Are you a parent or carer of a child with special educational needs and/or disabilities or waiting for your child's needs to be assessed? Are you struggling to navigate SEND systems or understand your child's needs and behaviours at home? Do you have questions about your options or where to turn next?

Join us for our monthly drop in at The Reginald Centre to meet our Family Hub SEND Co-Ordinator Amanda. You can access information and advice about the services, support and resources that are available to Families with children with SEND in Leeds

Upcoming dates:

- Tuesday 7th April
- Tuesday 5th May
- Monday 1st June
- Monday 29th June
- Monday 20th July
- Tuesday 1st September
- Monday 5th October
- Monday 2nd November
- Monday 7th December

The drop ins take place at:

The Reginald Centre
Community Hub
263, Chapeltown Road
LS7 3EX

Drop-in times are: 9.30-12pm