

Welcome to this week's newsletter.
GROW Assembly Focus: "Europe Day"



Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers of the Week



Team Merit Points

Remember children who are workers of the week now gain 150 team merit points each for their charity!

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Our current overall leading team is RSPB with 105,075 points and this week's winning team is Woodland Trust with 3,770 points. Well Done!



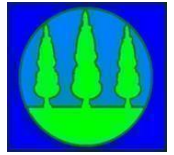
ATTENDANCE

Week ending -07/05/2026

For the good news! Well done to all the classes mentioned below- you all managed to beat 96.2%
 A great achievement!

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| The whole school attendance for this week is: | 94.6% |
| The whole school attendance for the school year is: | 93.35% -the Department of Education is tracking our attendance as it should be higher when compared to similar schools. |
| The Phase 3 winners are: | Hazel class with 97.5% |
| The classes who are above 96.2% are: | There are no other classes |
| The Phase 1 winners are: | Ash with 97.5% |
| The classes who are above 96.2% are: | Sunflowers with 97.32% |
| The Phase 2 winners are: | Cedar with 97.5% |
| The classes who are above 96.2% are: | Willow with 96.98% |

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Please consider the impact of taking holidays during schooltime. This is having the **greatest negative impact** on attendance and of course, your child's education. It is highly likely that you will receive a fine.

Recently we have had a significant increase in the number **of children arriving late into school.**

The "Hidden" Impacts of Lateness

- **Missed Learning & Routine:** Children miss morning announcements, registration, and crucial instructions for the day, which can make them feel confused or anxious.
- **Social & Emotional Cost:** Arriving late can be embarrassing and makes it difficult for a student to settle, often disrupting the rest of the class.
- **Habit Formation:** Consistent lateness creates bad habits that are difficult to break, which can negatively affect future employment.
- **Academic Achievement:** There is a direct link between good attendance/punctuality and high attainment; a student with 90% attendance is deemed a "persistent absentee" and is less likely to reach expected standards.
- **Reduced Confidence:** Students who are regularly late may feel insecure, making them less willing to participate in school activities.

Long-Term Consequences

- **Reduced Performance:** Frequent lateness often leads to falling behind in work and lower scores in exams.
- **Lower Employment Prospects:** Poor punctuality sets a poor precedent, which can translate to difficulties in future employment.
- **Increased Risk of Leaving Education Early:** Without intervention, consistent tardiness is linked to lower academic achievement and a higher risk of dropping out.

Impact on Lost Learning Time (Per Year)

- **5 minutes late every day:** Over 3 days of school lost per year (lessons).
- **10 minutes late every day:** Over 6.5 days of school lost per year.
- **15 minutes late every day:** Equivalent to 2 weeks (10 days) of school lost per year.
- **30 minutes late every day:** Equivalent to 19 days (nearly 4 weeks) of school lost per year

Census Day is on Thursday 21st May, and we have a special menu!

- Children will be able to enjoy the special choices (see left) and the more children we have taking this opportunity up, will result in more funding for school!
- Prices will remain the same for this theme day:
- Price (Per Meal) are as follows: Nursery: £2.35, Years 3-6: £2.55
- Reception to Year 2: Universal Free Meals



Year 6

Starting on Monday 11th May, Year 6 start their SATs week. It is time for the children to show their 'can do' mentality and positive attitude. I know the whole school community is with me wishing them the very best. **We are proud of you all Year 6!**

Please can Year 6 parents make sure that the children have early nights and arrive promptly to enjoy their free breakfast! It's an important week.



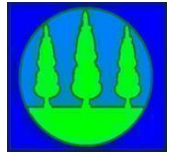
A request

Last week we had an accident occur in the playground. It was a complete accident but the child received an eye injury due to a long or broken finger nail. The child is fine, but the parent and I thought it might be a good idea to communicate this with you and so an extra check on your child's nails would be really appreciated. Many thanks.

w/c 4 May 2026 – Open Doors at Poplars Farm Primary

Thank you to the parents and family members who joined us for a typical morning or afternoon at Poplars Farm! It was wonderful to see your children sharing their work and their classroom with you.





DIARY

Important forthcoming dates



w/c 11 May 2026 – Year 6 SATs week

Tuesday 19 May 2026 – Year 5 Great Yorkshire Showground Trip

Thursday 21st May 2026 -Voices of the Elders sharing event 3.30pm and 5.30pm

Thursday 21 May 2026- Year 1 'Animal Club' Workshop

Friday 22 May 2026 - School closes for Summer Half Term

Thursday 11 June 2026 – Reception Eye Vision Test

Saturday 13 June 2026 – Poplars Community Picnic Event- more information will be provided

Wednesday 17 June 2026 – Whole School Road Safety Lessons

17 -22 June 2026 – Book Fair

Wednesday 24 June 2026 – Year 3 Road Safety Practical Lessons

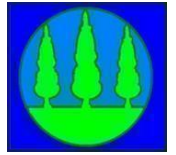
Thursday 25 June 2026- Year 4 St George's Trip- The Halle School Trip

WC 29 June 2026 – Bikeability Week

Wednesday 1 July 2026 - Choir and Dance Concert

Thursday 2 July 2026 – Year 2 Scarborough Trip

Thursday 9 July 2026 – Reception Hesketh Farm Visit



Year 3-Salts Village Presentation– Wednesday 6th May 2026

Year 3 enjoyed learning about the history of Saltaire during the presentation.



Visit to China with the Global School Alliance

UK and Chinese students are paired as buddies and together they take part in fun, creative and cultural activities designed to build confidence and increase cultural understanding.

We would not normally promote a school visit which occurs significant costs, but I was encouraged through informal chats with parents to see if such a visit could take place and it is a once in a lifetime opportunity! The visit will take place in July 2027. It's a one-week experience with everything included: flights, accommodation, meals, activities. It is heavily subsidised and offers simple payment plan for parents.

The Global School Alliance will be holding an information event for parents/carers of pupils who will be 9 years or over in July 2027. This will take place in the school hall on Wednesday May 20th 2026 at 3.45pm and you can also join remotely here:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96885142238?pwd=bCl7irxSyZBnV4UlcJFGBzi5JnMTU7.1>

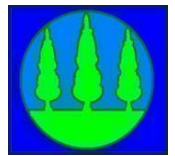
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Passcode: 937900GSA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Please let the School Office know if you are attending in person so that we can prepare seating, thank you.

New School Meal Menu- commencing 13th April 2026

Week 1: 13th Apr, 4th May, 20th May, 16th Jun, 6th Jul, 27th Jul, 17th Aug, 7th Sep, 26th Sep, 19th Oct

Homemade Bread, selection of seasonal Vegetables / Fresh Salad & Fresh Fruit served daily.

Selection of cold Sandwiches served daily.

Poplars Farm Primary School Menu

Mon

- ProVeg Beef & Red Lentil Bolognese & Garlic Bread**
Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince & Lentils in a Tomato & Vegetable Sauce, served with Pasta & Garlic Bread.
- Soya Mince Chilli with Rice & Nachos**
Soya Mince in a spicy Tomato Sauce, served with Rice & Nachos.
- American-style Quorn Hot Dog**
Quorn Sausage served in a Bun, with Seasoned Potatoes.
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**
- Lemon Shortcake & Custard**
A rich Shortbread Fingers with a hint of Lemon, served with Custard.

Tue

- Pork & Apple Wharf**
Red Tractor Accredited Sausage Meat and Apples, encased in Pastry.
- Halal Chicken Chicken Breast**
Red Tractor Accredited HMC Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy.
- Pomodoro Pasta**
A simple, delicious, rich Tomato Sauce with Beans, served with Crusty Bread.
- Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll**
- Sprinkle Cake**
Homemade soft cake - Vanilla Sponge, lightly topped with sprinkles.

Wed

- Roast Meat Dinner**
Red Tractor Accredited Meat (either Gammon, Turkey or Pork Leg) served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy.
- Halal Roast Chicken Breast**
Red Tractor Accredited HMC Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Vegan Gravy.
- Golden Cheese Roll**
Cheese roll wrapped in Puff Pastry, served with Seasoned Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables.
- Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll**
- Decorated Fruit Jelly**
Jelly with Fruit, topped with Fresh Cream.

Thu

- MSC Breaded Fish Fingers**
MSC Fish Fingers, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.
- MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato**
MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.
- Arrabbiata Pasta**
Chilli Tomato Sauce with Lentils & Peppers, served with Pasta & Crusty Bread.
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**
- Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce**
Chocolate Sponge, served with Chocolate Sauce.

Fri

- Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza**
Wholesome 50/50 base, topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella / Cheddar Cheese, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.
- Baked Tortilla Wrap with Julienne of Veg**
Wholesome 50/50 base, topped with Cheese in a Truffle wrap. Served hot with Chips / Jacket Wedges.
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**
- Vanilla Cookie**
Homemade, crunchy Cookies.

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Week 2: 20th Apr, 11th May, 1st Jun, 22nd Jun, 13th Jul, 3rd Aug, 24th Aug, 14th Sep, 6th Oct, 26th Oct

Homemade Bread, selection of seasonal Vegetables / Fresh Salad & Fresh Fruit served daily.

Selection of cold Sandwiches served daily.

Poplars Farm Primary School Menu

Mon

- ProVeg Mild Chicken Curry**
Indian inspired milder Red Tractor Chicken, Sweet Potato & Vegetable Curry, served with Rainbow Rice.
- ProVeg Creamy Mac & Cheese**
A Macaroni Pasta dish, coated in a creamy Mellow Cheddar Sauce, served with Crusty Bread.
- Mascarpone Pasta**
A creamy Sauce with Tomatoes, Mascarpone Cheese and Herbs, served with Crusty Bread.
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**
- Paris Sandwich**
A light, sweet Pastry with Jam, sandwiched in a Nutshell, served with Custard.

Tue

- Super Savoury Roll**
Flaky Puff Pastry with a seasoned filling, served with Seasoned Potatoes.
- Homemade BBQ Quorn with Rice**
Quorn Pieces in a Barbecue Flavoured Tomato Sauce, served with Rainbow Rice.
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll**
- Peaches & Ice Cream with Syrup**
Vanilla Ice Cream with Topped Peach Slices, with a Golden Pastry Lid, served with Potatoes.

Wed

- Roast Meat Dinner**
Red Tractor Accredited Meat (either Gammon, Turkey or Pork Leg) served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg & Gravy.
- Halal Roast Chicken Breast**
Red Tractor Accredited HMC Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Vegan Gravy.
- Toad in the Hole**
Quorn Sausages, baked in a light Batter, served with Roast Potatoes.
- Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll**
- Lemon Ditzle**
A Ruffy Lemon Sponge with light Ditzle, served with optional Custard.

Thu

- Beef Burger**
Red Tractor Accredited Beef & Spinach Burger, served in a Bun with Chips / Baked Potato Wedges.
- Halal Chicken Burger in a Bun**
Red Tractor Accredited HMC Chicken Burger, served in a Bun with Salad and Chips / Jacket Wedges.
- Quorn Pattie Burger in a Bun**
Quorn Sausage Patties, served in a Bun with Salad and Chips / Jacket Wedges.
- Pomodoro Pasta**
A simple, delicious, rich Tomato Sauce with Beans, served with Crusty Bread.
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**
- Marble Sponge & Chocolate Sauce**
Homemade Sponge with hints of both Vanilla & Chocolate Cakes, served with Chocolate Sauce.

Fri

- Tuna & Sweetcorn Pizza**
Wholesome 50/50 base, topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella / Cheddar Cheese & Tuna, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.
- Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza**
Wholesome 50/50 base, topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella / Cheddar Cheese, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**
- Gallydale Biscuits**
Homemade, crunchy Daily Biscuits.

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Week 3: 27th Apr, 18th May, 8th Jun, 29th Jun, 20th Jul, 10th Aug, 31st Aug, 21st Sep, 12th Oct, 2nd Nov

Homemade Bread, selection of seasonal Vegetables / Fresh Salad & Fresh Fruit served daily.

Selection of cold Sandwiches served daily.

Poplars Farm Primary School Menu

Mon

- ProVeg Rich & Creamy Meat Lasagne**
Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince in a rich Tomato Sauce with Vegetables, Herbs & Garlic, layered with Pasta Sheets & a Creamy Cheese Sauce, served with Garlic Bread.
- Rich & Creamy Vegetarian Mince Lasagne**
Soy Mince & Vegetables in a rich Tomato Sauce with Vegetables, Herbs & Garlic, layered with Pasta Sheets & a Creamy Cheese Sauce, served with Garlic Bread.
- Homemade BBQ Quorn with Rice**
Quorn Pieces in a Barbecue Flavoured Tomato Sauce, served with Rainbow Rice.
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**
- Flapjack**
A sweet Bar meal with Cuts, Golden Syrup & Butter.

Tue

- Traditional Chicken Pie**
Red Tractor Accredited Meat Chicken Pieces in a rich Gravy with Vegetables, topped with a Golden Pastry Lid, served with Potatoes.
- Golden Cheese Whirl**
Cheese, Potatoes & Onions, encased in Puff Pastry, served with Seasoned Potatoes.
- Arrabbiata Pasta**
Chilli Tomato Sauce with Lentils & Peppers, served with Pasta & Crusty Bread.
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll**
- Strawberry Sponge & Custard**
Vanilla Sponge with a Strawberry Jam Filling, served with Custard.

Wed

- Sausage Pie**
Red Tractor Accredited Sausage in Gravy, topped with Cheddar Mash'd Potatoes, served with Yorkshire Pudding.
- Halal Roast Chicken Breast**
Red Tractor Accredited HMC Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Vegan Gravy.
- Roast Dinner**
Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables & Vegan Gravy.
- Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll**
- Pears & Ice Cream with Syrup**
Vanilla Ice Cream with Topped Pear Slices, with a Chocolate Flavoured Syrup.

Thu

- MSC Breaded Fish Fingers**
MSC Fish Fingers, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.
- Vegetable Pakoras**
Baked Vegetables & Onions coated in Tempura Batter, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges & Raita.
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**
- Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce**
Homemade, light Chocolate Sponge, served with Chocolate Sauce.

Fri

- Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza**
Wholesome 50/50 base, topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella / Cheddar Cheese & Meatless Balls, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.
- Mint Power Ball Pizza**
Wholesome 50/50 base, topped with a lightly spiced Sauce, and topped with Mozzarella / Cheddar Cheese & Meatless Balls, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**
- Buttery Buns**
Individual, Honeyed Syrup-soaked Buns.

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ASK YOURSELF

Why aren't you choosing a school meal?

Across the country, a significant number of pupils almost 1 in 4 are not choosing a school meal. Whether paid or free, this means many children in our area are missing out on healthy, balanced food that supports their learning, wellbeing, and development.

FM Catering are looking to work in partnership with schools and academy trusts to address these shortfalls and improve uptake levels. The initial step will be to do a joint survey of the school's parents to identify the reasons why they are not taking up a school meal, and then FM Catering will develop and agree a bespoke action plan with our schools designed to increase meal uptake.

BENEFITS OF A SCHOOL MEAL

- Improves overall health and learning outcomes
- Nutritious, freshly prepared food with hot and cold options
- Promotes healthy food choices and food education
- Provides hot choices on cold days and cold choices on hot days!
- Theme days to support curriculum activities and calendar events
- Families save approximately £37 per month in total on food spending, (based on a household with two adults and two primary-aged children)
- Religious, medical and food allergen diets are catered for
- Pupils wanting a packed lunch (FM can provide packed lunch choices with the 'select and fill your packed lunch' option)

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Scan the QR code to let us know your thoughts on school meals

Increasing Uptake of School Meals-School Lunch Survey for Parents

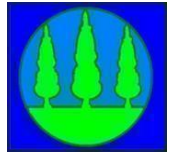
Please click on the link below to have your say.

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/irhq5c>



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Summer 1

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| MONDAY | Kids With Bricks Club – Reception-Year 6 |
| TUESDAY | Multi Sports Club – Year 2 Express to Impress Girls Dance Club – Year 6 Girls Football Club- Year 3-4-5-6 |
| WEDNESDAY | Choir Creative Writing Club-Year 4-5-6 Benchball Club- Year 4-5 |
| THURSDAY | STARBOOK Reading Club – Year 3-Year 4 Study Club – Year 6 Gardening Club- Year 3 |
| FRIDAY | Football Club – Year 5 |

Wraparound Care - Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club:

Breakfast Club is for pupils in Nursery (ONLY 4 years old and above), Reception to Year6. It runs daily from 7.45am until the start of school. Our After School Club runs daily for pupils from Reception to Year 6 from 3.15 pm until 6 pm.

Children who are in receipt of PPG are attending the breakfast club at no cost.

If you would like your child to attend the after-school club provision, please email the school office, office@poplarsfarm.bradford.sch.uk stating your child/children's names, classes and dates you would like your child to attend the provision including their pick up

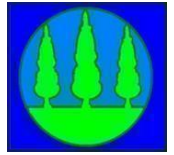
(FSM children no charge, this does not include UIFSM)

Afterschool Club – 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm collection -£4.00 per session which includes a drink and light snack Afterschool Club – 15:15 pm up to 18:00 pm collection - £6.00 per session which includes tea.

Our charges still remain much lower than other provisions! Please keep payment up to date.

All payments must be made in advance on ParentPay for a child attending our Wrap-Around care.

Please see a member of the office staff if you need support with this.



SCHOOL MILK PROVIDERS - Our school milk company, COOL MILK

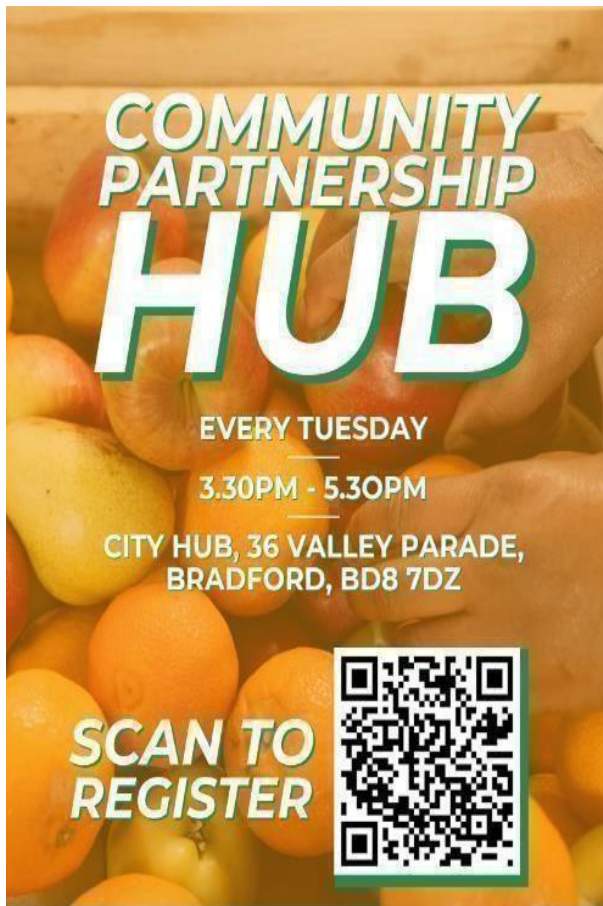
Please find our milk company's Details for your information. Your child is eligible for free school milk If they are under 5 years old or eligible for free school meals.

If you would like your child to have milk in school, please go to www.coolmilk.com and register your child.

Please note that following the registration of your child, it might take up to 2 weeks for the company to process your order before your child starts to have milk in school.



Community Linkage



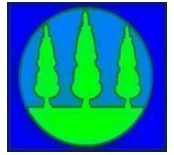
This is a great community initiative brought to my attention by George Zito, Young Persons Mental Health Coordinator who works with groups of children in school:

This is a new space designed to support families experiencing food poverty by providing a safe, warm, fun and nourishing weekly space for them to gather, and access food supplies and wellbeing support. For a contribution of £4 per week, families will be able to build their own food parcel, including fresh produce. Our cafe will also be open, serving hot meals for a low cost, to those attending.

If you work with anyone you feel would benefit from the initiative, then please do circulate the information provided below. I have also attached our flyer and some social media graphics - any and all support would be much appreciated!

Where: The City Hub, 36 Valley Parade, Bradford, BD8 7DZ
When: Every Tuesday, 3.30pm - 5.30pm, starting Tuesday 20th January







Family Engagement Project

SEND Parent and Carer Coffee Morning

Join our community of parents and carers of children aged 0-10 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or emerging needs for informal advice and support.

Helpful advice and support

Meet other SEND parents

Signposting to services

Free refreshments

Children welcome

Come and join us at our next session!
Wednesday 20th May
10.00am - 11.30am
Kirkgate Community Centre, 39A Kirkgate, Shipley, BD18 3EH



To register with the project, scan the QR code or visit our Facebook page - Mencap Family Engagement Project Bradford and follow the link. For further information email us at: BradfordFEP@mencap.org.uk



Parent and Carer Support Group

From the Mental Health Support Team

Our online Parent and Carer Support Group offers a safe and welcoming space to explore ways of supporting your child's emotional wellbeing, and your own.

Each half term, we cover a new wellbeing topic inspired by the Five Ways to Wellbeing, and share practical tips and ideas. It's also a chance to connect with other parents, share experiences, and support one another.

This half-term's topic:

Keep Learning – Feel it, Name it, Tame it

This session will focus on helping parents and carers support young people in understanding and managing emotions. Together we will share simple, practical ways to help young people recognise, name, and respond to big feelings.

Date: **Wednesday 6th May 2026**

Times: **10:30am or 7:00pm**

Platform: **Microsoft Teams**

To register your interest and receive a joining link, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.nhs.uk



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W: www.bdct.nhs.uk

T: @BDCFT

Who: Families with children aged 11 or under in Bradford and the wider area who would like to access food and wellbeing support. Here is the registration form:
<https://forms.gle/VMih95BsSrW34ELW8>

UNDERSTANDING TOGETHER

Supporting Your Neurodivergent Child with Confidence

A 6-Week Workshop for Parents & Caregivers

Are you raising a **neurodivergent child** and looking for **understanding**, support, and practical guidance?

Join us for a welcoming and supportive 6-week workshop designed to **empower you with knowledge** and connect with others who truly understand your journey.

What the Workshop is About

- ✓ Understanding Neurodivergence
- ✓ Connecting with Your Child
- ✓ Sharing & Learning Together
- ✓ Reflecting on Challenges & Strengths

What You'll Gain

- ✓ Practical Strategies
- ✓ Build Confidence
- ✓ Deeper Understanding
- ✓ Supportive Community

Why Attend?

You are not alone. Grow, learn, and connect with fellow parents in a safe, supportive space.

📅 6 Week Program

📍 Mayfield Centre, Bradford, BD5 9NP

🕒 10am - 12pm every Wednesday

✉ Email: info@step2.org.uk

For More Info & To Register:
 Call: 01274 720185
 Email: info@step2.org.uk



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SEN FAMILY PLAY SESSIONS

Refreshments and snacks provided

11AM - 2PM
5-14 YRS

£3 PER CHILD

SESSIONS ARE FORTNIGHTLY CHECK EVENT RITE FOR DATES

Outdoor Adventure play
Sensory Play, Low Level Woodwork, Arts & Crafts, Free Play, Messy Play, Trampolines, Zipline & The Big Swing
NUMBERS ARE LIMITED PRE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

REGISTER USING THE QR CODE OR PHONE **01274 613254**

PLAY BRADFORD
452 Harrogate Rd
BD10 0EU

School Holiday Park Day

SEN focused day for kids/teens/young adults.

Activities include football, sensory play tubs & toys suitable for all ages, packed lunch picnic, fun outside with friends/parents/siblings.

A free drop in day @ Lister Park, BD9 4PX
Wednesday 27th May from 12 - 3pm.

Meet in the sports area.