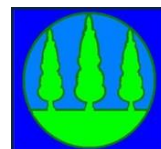


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Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year!

An extra special hello to our new families joining us at Poplars Farm!

What a fantastic start to the school year! The children have returned to school full of welcoming smiles, enthusiastic to settle into their new classes with their new teacher(s) and staff.

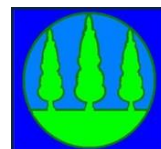
We have been particularly proud of our new children starting in Reception-they even joined us for the Friday achievement assembly today! Lovely to see you grown-ups too after the Summer holiday!

Here is a reminder of our start/finish times, to make sure we are ready to start the day on time. You will also see our classes and teachers for this new school year:

From September 2025	Morning start time	Afternoon finishing time
Nursery	8.30am-11.30am	12.15pm-3.15pm
Reception	8.45am	3.15pm
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)	8.50am (8.40am early drop off)	3.20pm
Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)	8.45am	3.15pm

Year Group	Class Name	Teacher
Nursery		Mrs Austin
Reception	Bluebells	Ms Dix
Reception	Sunflowers	Mrs Barber
Year 1	Birch	Miss Khan
Year 1	Ash	Ms Duerden & Mrs Warrender
Year 2	Elm	Mrs Khan
Year 2	Pine	Mrs Jackson
Year 3	Oak	Ms Rogers
Year 3	Sycamore	Miss Begum
Year 4	Cedar	Ms Parker
Year 4	Willow	Ms Wall
Year 5	Rowan	Ms Ryley
Year 5	Beech	Ms Hussain
Year 6	Hazel	Mr Morris
Year 6	Elder	Ms Ryan

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DIARY

Tuesday 2 September 2025- School reopens for the 2025 school year

W/C Monday 8th September 2025- Open Doors Event, come and see your child's new classroom and join them for the start of the day!

Thursday 9 October 2025 – Whole School Photography

Friday 17 October 2025 – Nasal Flu Immunisation

Monday 20 October 2025 and Wednesday 22 October 2025 – Parent Consultation Evenings

Friday 24 October 2025 – School closes for half-term

Monday 3 November 2025 – School reopens

Tuesday 18 November 2025 – Fluoride Varnish for Nursery-Reception and Year 1

Thursday 6 November 2025 – Open Day for children due to start Reception in September 2026

w/c 24 November 2025– Year 6 Residential School Trip

Congratulations to our two pupils who have received the rare 'GROW Award'

We are very proud of Aya in Reception showing responsible attitude to being in Reception! Very well done, Aya!

Idris in Year 4 also was awarded the GROW award for a fantastic achievement and giving his best in the White Rose Chess competition!
What a trophy! He has also been selected for a 10

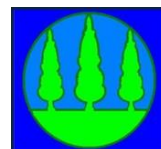
under 10 Development Programme by his chess club in recognition of his progress and ability. We are very proud of you Idris!



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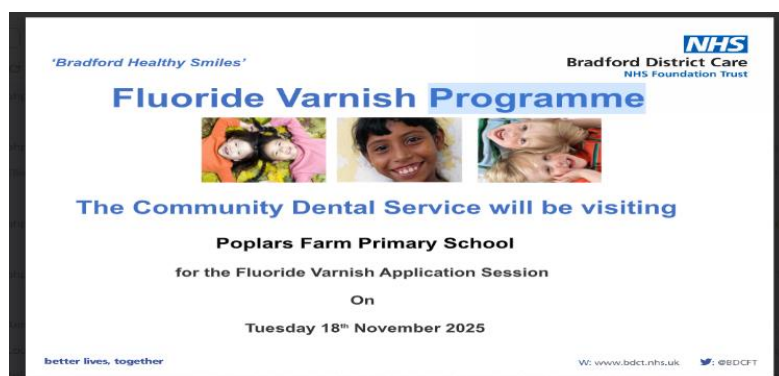
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We also would like to share this lovely image of our two Little Poplars pupils receiving their Worker of the Week award. Classes across school were awarded whole class certificates in recognition of a fantastic start to the new school year. Wow! Keep up the positive attitude everyone!



Fluoride Varnish Programme for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 students



Leaflets will be given out by NHS nurses later in November.

Is your child
eligible for
Free School
Meals?

Can I apply for free school meals?

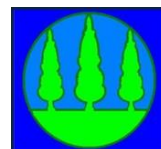
You can apply for school meals if you receive:

- Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- the 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400

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<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/>

PE DAYS 2025-2026

PE DAYS 2025-2026		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Sunflowers					
Reception	Bluebells					
Year 1	Birch					Active Friday
Year 1	Ash					Active Friday
Year 2	Elm					Active Friday
Year 2	Pine					Active Friday
Year 3	Oak					Active Friday
Year 3	Sycamore					Active Friday
Year 4	Cedar					Active Friday
Year 4	Willow					Active Friday
Year 5	Beech					Active Friday
Year 5	Rowan			Swimming		Active Friday
Year 6	Hazel					Active Friday
Year 6	Elder					Active Friday

Please send your child/children to school in their PE kit on their PE days (green boxes in the table below). Please ensure that this is a plain red t-shirt/polo shirt with black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and either a black tracksuit top or school jumper/cardigan. Please bring the PE kit in a bag, if it doesn't follow our uniform requirements; your child will then be able to change before the PE lesson. Thank you.

School Uniform

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school

UNIFORM DOES NOT HAVE TO INCLUDE THE SCHOOL'S LOGO.

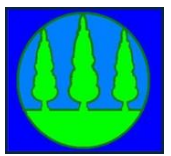
We have a number of interpretations of what is and is not acceptable uniform, especially PE uniform and we believe it is time to clarify our expectations for students and parents. The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference, but please see the additional guidance below:

Uniform for pupils in Reception and Years 1-6:

Shirt	Jade green polo shirt, with or without school logo
Skirt/trousers/shorts	Grey (or navy) Sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper Navy blue, with or without school logo Summer Dress
	Green or blue checked school dress
Socks	Plain white, navy or grey
Tights	Plain white, navy or grey
Footwear	Indoor: black traditional pumps.
	Outdoor: black, sensible, plain school shoes.
Outdoor Clothing	Sensible, warm, waterproof outdoor coat appropriate for school wear. Expensive items are worn at own risk.



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PE Clothing

Pupils in Reception and in Years 1-6 are expected to have a full change of clothing to participate in Physical Education. For indoor work children can wear pumps or may participate in bare feet. **Children can wear school PE kit to school on PE days. Children who do not have the correct PE kit must bring their clothes in a bag to change into.**

Holidays in term time

PLEASE READ THE NEW GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORK ON ATENDANCE:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

We have already received requests for holidays in term time during this first week back in school!

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160. Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government. The money is not given to school.

We hope that you will look at the calendar on the school website for 2024-25 to check when our school holidays are planned before booking your holiday or trip abroad. **Please make sure you make an appointment to see Mrs Speak after having completed the request form.**

OPEN DOORS EVENT w/c 8th September 2025

We hope you will be able to join us for the Open Doors event. It's an opportunity to informally meet your child's teacher and staff team and for your child to show you their new classroom.

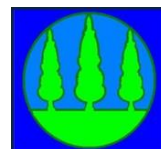
Day and time	Classes
Tuesday 9 th September 2025 - 9.00am-9.15am	Hazel and Elder (Year 6)
Tuesday 9 th September 2025 - 9.15am-9.30am	Elm and Pine (Year 2)
Wednesday 10 th September 2025 - 9.00am-9.15am	Cedar and Willow (Year 4) Rowan and Beech (Year 5)
Wednesday 10 th September 2025 - 9.15am-9.30am	Birch and Ash (Year 1)



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Thursday 11 th September 2025 - 9.00am-9.15am	Oak and Sycamore (Year 3)
Thursday 11 th September 2025 - 2.45pm-3.15pm	Bluebells (Reception)
Friday 12 th September 2025 - 2.45pm-3.15pm	Sunflowers (Reception)

Parking: We have already received a complaints from a resident after being back in school for 1 day!

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE. As I have said previously, the complaints come to me, taking up time which should be used on the education of your children. It is negatively impacting the reputation of Poplars Farm Primary School.

It has been commented on parents must:

- Not park on the yellow zig zags or double yellow lines (this is illegal)
- Use the mini roundabout to turn direction, not make 3 point turns at the place of parking (this causes congestion and is dangerous).
- Not block residents' driveways.
- Contact the Police if you have been verbally or physically abused by a road user. There is no place for swearing and physical behaviour outside a school with children around.
- We have had many cars damaged in the past, with 2 written off due to irresponsible drivers. Ask school to check CCTV footage if this happens to you.

To those who follow the rules of the road and park safely, apologies for the moan!

We believe that recent changes by the Council have not helped the situation, it is even a tighter squeeze for cars to pass each other. Please contact the Council if you feel the same, thank you.

Wraparound Care - Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club::

Breakfast Club is for pupils in Nursery (ONLY 4 years old and above), Reception to Year 6. 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 3:15pm until 6pm.

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

If you would like your child to attend the afterschool club provision starting from 5 September 2023, 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 times.

Please note that if your child or children's Parent Pay account does not have sufficient funds for them to attend the breakfast and afterschool club, we will not be able to offer them a place.

Breakfast Club – 7:45am – Start of School - £1.50 per session which includes breakfast

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

Afterschool Club – 15:15pm – 16:30pm collection - £4.00 per session which includes a drink and light snack

Afterschool Club – 15:15pm up to 18:00pm collection - £6.00 per session which includes tea

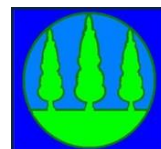
Our charges still remain much lower than other provisions!



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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.



Kids With Bricks After School Club at Poplars Farm Primary School

We are pleased to be able to offer our Kids With Bricks after-school club running from 9th September 2025 every Tuesday for 7 weeks between 3:15pm – 4:15pm. This club is open for years,

Reception – YR 6, and there are a maximum of 19 spaces available.

BOOK ONLINE OR SCAN THE QR CODE!

The club costs £3.99 + VAT per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to <http://www.kidswithbricks.com> to book your child's place.



SCHOOL MILK PROVIDERS - Our school milk company - COOL MILK

FREE and subsidised school milk
Register your child today!

Is your child entitled to FREE milk?

- Child under 5?**
Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.
Register your child online for FREE school milk today.
- Child over 5?**
Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term.
Register online now and you can pay straight away!

Register your child for school milk today.
Sign them up in a few clicks...

Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com

Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on 0800 321 3243 or via email at registrations@coolmilk.com

This offer is only available to support school milk. Milk for under 5s is only available to order via the School Milk Scheme. Milk for over 5s is subsidised by the School Milk Scheme. Company registration no. 1046551 England

Please find our new 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 <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/> and register your child. Please note following the registration of your child, it takes 2 weeks for the company to process your order before your child starts to have milk in school.



For our newer parents, the Parents' What's App group OR ANY SPECIFIC CLASS GROUP are NOT linked to school directly.

However, we will challenge any inappropriate comments made which are linked to members of our staff. We also cannot verify any information given.

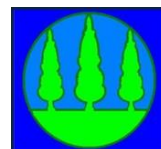
Our primary way of contacting parents/carers is via text and email. If you have changed your mobile number or e-mail address, please ensure you inform us.



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Thank you. You will find our Twitter/X page on the home page of the school website-this shares current news and events @PoplarsFarmSch and for the Early Years Foundation Stage classes @LPoplars.

Thank you for your support, with warm wishes, welcome back!
Mrs J Speak (Headteacher)

Fun Science

HALF TERM Spooktacular

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY, 27TH OCTOBER – FRIGHTFUL PHYSICS

- RACE FLYING BATS AND BROOMSTICKS
- CREATE ELECTRIFYING SPARKS WITH OUR VAN DE GRAAFF GENERATOR
- BRING SHADOW PUPPETS TO LIFE

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER – SPOOKY BIOLOGY

- EXPLORE SKELETONS AND CREEPY CRAWLIES
- MAKE AND PLAY WITH SLIME
- DISCOVER HAIR-RAISING HALLOWEEN SURPRISES

FRIDAY, 31ST OCTOBER – CAULDRON CHEMISTRY

- STIR UP MAGICAL POTIONS IN BUBBLING CAULDRONS
- CREATE FASCINATING FOG EFFECTS
- PAINT WITH CAPILLARY ACTION PATTERNS
- MAKE OOOOOZING SLIME!

PRICES

1 DAY – £26.50 (SIBLINGS £25 EACH)
2 DAYS – £53 (SIBLINGS £50 EACH)
3 DAYS – £79.50 (SIBLINGS £75 EACH)

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE UNTIL 15TH SEPTEMBER

BOOK NOW

3 DAYS

10AM - 3PM

KIRKGATE CENTRE, 39A KIRKGATE, SHIPLEY, BD18 3EH

SCAN ME



AT BRADFORD ACADEMY

SPORTS FACILITIES ENTRANCE ON LISTER AVENUE, BD4 7QS.

STARTING WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR(PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE))



Group 1	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 4 - 6
Group 2	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Ages 7 - 8
Group 3	7:30pm – 8:30pm	Ages 9 - 12

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY WEDNESDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term(usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£30) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. **We have the use of excellent facilities with the course held indoors in the large sports hall.**

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT 'BRADFORD ACADEMY' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP TO:

07846 770 250

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)