

Autumn term NEWSLETTER from W/C 22 September 2025

Welcome to this week's newsletter

European Day of Languages 2025

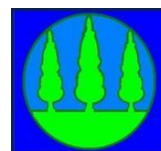
Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers



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Team Merit Points

Remember children who are workers of the week now gain 100 team merit points each for their charity!



Our current overall leading team is RSPB with 13,215 points and this week's winning team is – Wildlife Trust with 4,150 points. Well Done!



Attendance

Good news! The whole school attendance from September 2025 is 96.1% and last week's attendance was 96.8%, which is above our target and above the National percentage. Classes with the on/above target were: Elm 96.2%, Birch 96.2%, NPM 96.3%, Beech 96.3%, Bluebells 96.8%, Ash 97%, Rowan 97%, Elder 97.1%, Oak 97.4% and Pine 97.4%. All classes will receive extra playtime.

CENSUS DAY SPECIAL MENU-2 October 2025

On Thursday, 2 October 2025, all schools across the country will submit census data to the Department for Education. This census data significantly affects the funding allocated to schools, making this a crucial day for all educational institutions.

We are therefore inviting all pupils to join us for a hot school dinner on Thursday. Please see the Census Day Menu on the right.

If your child receives hot school dinners, they will continue to receive their lunchtime meal as usual, and you can pay via ParentPay. Children entitled to free school meals, including those in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2, do not incur any cost.

Thank you for your continued support.

CENSUS DAY SPECIAL MENU

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Help us make Census Day count – join us for a delicious school dinner!

Marinated Chicken Pizza

Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Savoury Roll

Served with

- Fries
- Baked Bean
- Assorted Salad

Gallydale Biscuit

Jelly & Ice Cream

FM SERVICES

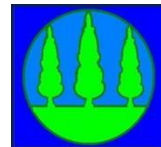
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WEEK 1					
MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	
Chicken Fian (served with veggie, potatoes, bread & dessert)	Meat Lasagne (served with veggie, potatoes, bread & dessert)	Roast Dinner (served with veggie, potatoes, bread & dessert)	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons (served with veggie, potatoes, bread & dessert)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (served with veggie, potatoes, bread & dessert)	
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A message from Bradford Authority

Need help with finding support for additional needs? Visit [the SEND Local Offer website](#), [sign up](#) to receive a monthly SEND Newsletter and follow on [Facebook @LocalOfferBd](#)

DIARY

Monday 6 October 2025 – Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement

Thursday 9 October 2025 – Whole School Photography

Friday 17 October 2025 – Nasal Flu Immunisation

Monday 20 October 2025 – Choir Trip to St George's Hall Bradford

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 Vanish 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

Friday 28 November 2025 – Year 4 Leeds City Museum School Trip

Wednesday 7 January 2026 – Pantomime trip – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

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:

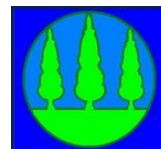
From September 2025	Morning start time	Afternoon finishing time
Nursery	8.30am-11.30am	12.15pm-3.15pm
Reception	8.45am	3.15pm
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2)	8.50am (8.40am early drop off)	3.20pm
Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)	8.45am	3.15pm



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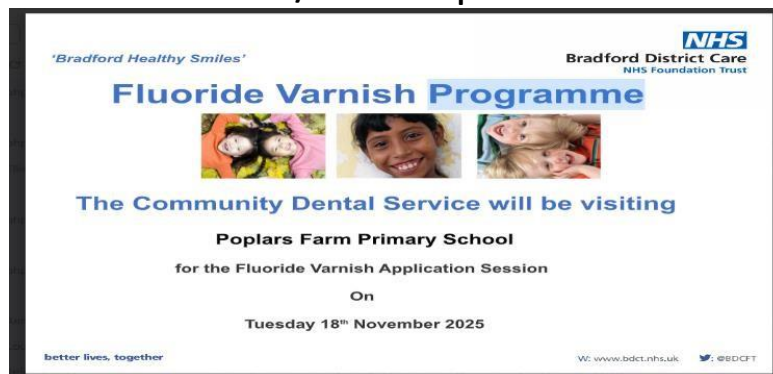
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Fluoride Varnish Programme for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 students

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

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



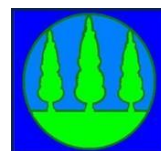
Autumn 1

TUESDAY	Multi Sports Club – Year 3 Girls Football Club Kidswithbricks Club
WEDNESDAY	Choir
THURSDAY	STARBOOK Reading Club – Year 3-Year 4 Gardening Club – Year 5
FRIDAY	Football Club – Year 6



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England





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The School Immunisation team cannot vaccinate your child without your consent – we need to know “Yes” or “No”. Submit your online flu vaccine consent form by Thurs 30 Oct to enter a draw to win a £100 or £30 shopping voucher. Find out more: https://tinyurl.com/vp9r23cz	Your consent today will protect your child tomorrow We need your consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine - “yes” or “no”, we need to know. Scan to find out more:  Twitter: @nhs.uk, Facebook: /nhs.uk
You can opt for your child to have the flu vaccine without porcine gelatine – an injection rather than the nasal flu spray, but we must have your consent. Submit your online flu vaccine consent form by Thurs 30 Oct to enter a draw to win a £100 or £30 shopping voucher. Find out more: https://tinyurl.com/vp9r23cz	Did you know there's a choice of flu vaccine for your child with or without porcine gelatine?   Scan to find out more:  Twitter: @nhs.uk, Facebook: /nhs.uk
If your child has the flu vaccine, it helps to stop the spread of flu in your family and community. Flu viruses change, so even if they had it last year, they need it again this year. Submit your online flu vaccine consent form by Thurs 30 Oct to enter a draw to win a £100 or £30 shopping voucher. Find out more: https://tinyurl.com/vp9r23cz	Vaccinating your child can help protect other family members against flu We need your consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine - “yes” or “no”, we need to know. Scan to find out more:  Twitter: @nhs.uk, Facebook: /nhs.uk
The flu vaccine is a quick and simple nose spray. It's safe, effective, free and will stop the spread of flu, protecting not just your child but other family members. Submit your online flu vaccine consent form by Thurs 30 Oct to enter a draw to win a £100 or £30 shopping voucher. Find out more: https://tinyurl.com/vp9r23cz	Each winter 1000s of children need hospital care because of flu We need your consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine - “yes” or “no”, we need to know. Scan to find out more:  Twitter: @nhs.uk, Facebook: /nhs.uk
If you prefer your child to have an inactivate flu vaccine injection rather than the nasal spray which contains gelatine, that's fine. Let us know when you return the consent form - submit it by Thurs 30 Oct to enter a draw to win a £100 or £30 shopping voucher. Find out more: https://tinyurl.com/vp9r23cz	“Yes” or “No” – we need to know if you consent to your child having the flu vaccine   Scan to find out more:  Twitter: @nhs.uk, Facebook: /nhs.uk
If you home-school your children, they can still	

Have you returned your flu consent form?

The School Immunisation team will be in school soon to vaccinate children from Reception to Year 11 against flu. Your child will not receive the vaccine if you have not given your consent so, “Yes” or “No”, the School Immunisation team needs you to please fill in the consent form which will be sent to you from school.

The flu vaccine is slightly different each year due to different strains of flu, so even if your child was vaccinated last year, they need the vaccine again this year and your consent is required.

Flu is not “just a bad cold”, it is a nasty illness that can be very unpleasant for children and can also cause serious problems, such as pneumonia

Symptoms can come on quickly. They can include a sudden high temperature, an aching body, cough, sore throat, loss of appetite, pain in the ear, diarrhoea or tummy pain, feeling and being sick and difficulty sleeping. Children will also appear less active.

Each winter thousands of children who do not have a health condition need hospital care because of flu. Because children catch and spread flu easily, they can also pass it to people in your family or community who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people.

Most children are offered the nasal spray flu vaccine. It contains a small amount of gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine). A flu vaccine injection is available that does not contain gelatine. If you do not want your child to have the nasal spray vaccine, please ask for the flu vaccine injection on the school consent form.

Find out more about the children's flu vaccine and giving your consent on Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust's Family Health Services website.

Read what the [British Islamic Medical Association](#) and [British Fatwa Council](#) say about the flu vaccine.

All consent forms returned by Thursday 30 October will be entered into a draw to win one of 30 shopping vouchers worth £30 or two worth £100.

Throughout flu we offer clinics in various locations over the school holidays and some Saturdays. If we missed your child in school or you prefer a clinic appointment you can contact the team on **01274 221269** to book an appointment. Depending on the number outstanding in schools we will try and offer a catch-up session within school.

Holidays in term time

PLEASE READ THE NEW GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORK ON ATTENDANCE:

<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.

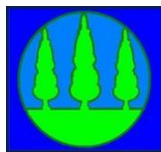
We hope that you will look at the calendar on the school website for 2024-25 to check when our school holidays are planned before booking your holiday or trip abroad. **Please make sure you make an appointment to see Mrs Speak after having completed the request form.**

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PANTOMIME -SNOW WHITE and the SEVEN DWARFS



Oh yes it is! Pantomime time again: Snow White and the Seven Dwarves at the Alhambra Theatre.

The family event has now become an annual occurrence. We are delighted to inform you that once again, we have been offered heavily reduced tickets for this year's pantomime, 'Snow White and Seven Dwarfs' at Bradford's Alhambra theatre. The performance will be on Wednesday 7 January 2026 at 2 pm.

The cost of the tickets is: children £11.00 and adult £15.50. Please complete and return the slip with your ticket preference, we will then enable the service on ParentPay so you can pay for your tickets. All payments should be made to one account only. If parents/carers have more than one child in school, the payment service for this trip will be allocated to the eldest sibling. Please note, children who do not attend Poplars Farm are unable to attend.

This event is strictly on a first come, first served basis. Once the tickets have gone they have gone!

Please return this slip, which was sent out on 12/09/25, as soon as possible to reserve your tickets.

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, 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 after.

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!

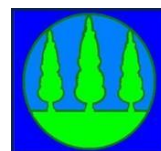
All payments must be made in advance on ParentPay for a child attending our wrap-around care.

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



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Autumn term NEWSLETTER from W/C 22 September 2025 SCHOOL READINESS CLINICS ACROSS BRADFORD

Appointments can be booked directly through the school nursing team and are being held at family hubs across Bradford.

Clinic dates and locations are as follows;

Monday 15th September Gateway children's Centre

Friday 19th September Barkerend Childrens Centre

Thursday 25th September Gateway Childrens Centre

Friday 26th September Barkerend Childrens Centre

Monday 29th September Gateway Childrens Centre

Tuesday 30th September Barkerend Childrens Centre

Is your child ready to start school?

Your school nursing team wants to ensure your child has a great start at school. If they have started reception class in September 2025, why not come along to one of our helpful school readiness sessions?

We'll be sharing tips and advice so your child can:

- Get dressed on their own - putting on and taking off their coat
- Eat without help using a knife, fork and spoon
- Go to the toilet without help
- Listen to their teacher - you'll find out how to help your child concentrate and engage in school, as well as the importance of sleep and bedtime routine
- Begin to write - we'll explore ways to help develop your child's writing skills
- Feel confident and happy - so they settle quicker when you leave them at school.

To book for one of our group sessions, please call **01274 221203**.



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 £10 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 01274 221 2010 or via email at registrations@coolmilk.com

Cool Milk
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For

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.

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

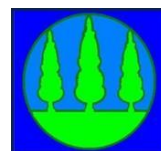
However, we will challenge any inappropriate comments made which are linked to members of our staff. We also cannot verify any information given.

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.

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,
Mrs J Speak (Headteacher)





Community events



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 OOOOZING 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

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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)