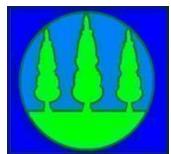


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Welcome to this week's newsletter.

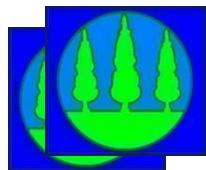
**GROW Assembly Focus: "Children's Mental Health Awareness"**

Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers



Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England





## Team Merit Points

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



**Our current overall leading team is RSPB with 70,100 points and this week's winning team is – Woodland Trust with 4,110 points. Well Done!**



**WOODLAND TRUST**

## **ATTENDANCE**

### ATTENDANCE- week ending – 5/2/2026

#### **Week ending -05/02/2026**

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

The whole school attendance for this week is:	93.48%
The whole school attendance for the school year is:	93.87% This is significantly below our target and national expectations.
The Phase 3 winners are:	Rowan - 96.54%
The classes that are above 96.2% are:	
The Phase 1 winners are:	Unfortunately, there are no classes in Phase 1 with attendance above our target. The superheroes hope to visit you next week.
The classes that are above 96.2% are:	
The Phase 2 winners are:	Oak - 96.62%
The classes that are above 96.2% are:	Unfortunately, there are no other classes.

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## International School Award

*On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Mrs. Speak and Mrs. Simpson attending the awards ceremony at the Houses of Parliament in London. This is an amazing achievement for everyone at Poplars Farm. What is even more special is that third is the third time that we have been awarded it! We felt very proud as we were the only Primary School there from Yorkshire! The accreditation runs from 2025-2028 and you will see the plaque in the entrance to school.*



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## DIARY

### Important forthcoming dates



**Monday 9 February 2026 – Year 6 Parents Consultation Evening -3.30pm-4.30pm**

**Tuesday 10 February 2026 – Year 6 Parents Consultation Evening – 3.30pm – 7.00pm**

**Wednesday 11 February 2026 – Year 2 Thackray Museum of Medicine visit**

**Friday 13 February 2026 – School Closes for Half term**

**Monday 23 February 2026 – School Reopens**

**Thursday 26 February 2026 – Year 1 Abbey House Museum Trip**

**Thursday, 5 March 2026 - World Book Day**

**Friday, 20 March 2026 -Red Nose Day**

**Thursday 19 March 2026 - Eid Al-Fitr**

**Monday 23 March 2026-A celebratory Eid Breakfast for our families**

**Thursday 26 March 2026 – Year 5 Eden Camp Trip**

**Friday 27 March 2026-School closes for Easter Holidays**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026-School re-opens**



## Year 4 Bradford Industrial Museum Trip – 5 February 2026



## 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](mailto: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.

(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 – 15:15 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 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

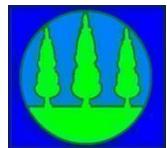
<https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/> and register your child. Please note following the registration of your child, it takes 2 weeks for the company to process your order before your child starts to have milk in school.

## PARKING

Please consider the safety of our pupils when driving and parking near school.



Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.  
Kind regards, Mrs. J Speak



## 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!

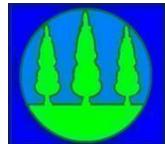
### Details:

**Where:** The City Hub, 36 Valley Parade, Bradford, BD8 7DZ

**When:** Every Tuesday, 3.30pm - 5.30pm, starting Tuesday 20th January

**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>





## Events in the locality

Funded February Half Term Holiday Club In Bradford

**NHS** **Ofsted** **5-18** **YOUNG EXPLORERS**

**KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB**

16<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

8:30AM - 7PM MONDAY - FRIDAY EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

OUR HOLIDAY CLUB INCLUDES FUN-PACKED ACTIVITIES, RANGING FROM:

DOTING TRIPS BAKING ARTS & CRAFTS GAMES AND SPORTS MUCH MORE!

NHS Staff (ID Required) can book a full week of childcare in school holidays and get a free trip included in the package!

Breakfast Club

**FREE ESOL CLASSES**

FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION  
FOR MORE CONFIDENCE  
FOR A BETTER FEELING

SIGN UP & GET YOUR PLACE TO STUDY ENGLISH!!

**Course Details:**

Women only!  
Course assessment & enrollment will be on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Introduction to ESOL will start on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026  
The accredited ESOL course will start 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026

The ESOL course will run from February 2026 - January 2027. Classes will be held weekly, every Monday and Thursday 12:00pm-2:30pm at Laisterdyke Youth & Community Centre (Laisterdyke Hub), Manse Street, Bradford, BD3 8RP.

**THE COURSE WILL COVER**

Speaking  
Listening  
Reading  
Writing  
Confidence building

**Book your place via email:**  
bradfordeastinformation@bradford.gov.uk or call 07816355150

**City of BRADFORD  
INTERIM LOCALITY COURSE**

**NHS**  
Bradford District Care  
NHS Foundation Trust

## 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:  
Give – Doing Good, Feeling Good**

This session will explore simple ways to strengthen communication, build trust, and maintain healthy relationships with your child and family. Together, we'll discuss how small, everyday actions can make a big difference to emotional wellbeing at home.

Date: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Times: 10:30am – 12:00pm or 7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Platform: Microsoft Teams

To register your interest and receive a joining link, please email:  
mhsparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



better lives, together W: www.bdct.nhs.uk [@BDCTFT](#)

**Every Saturday Have Fun!**

**ENGLAND FOOTBALL**  
NEWLANDS AVENUE FC  
YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

**ALL GIRLS WELCOME!**

**Female Coaches**

**HA HA**

**The perfect way for girls aged 4-14 to get involved with football**

**Cost £5**

**GIRLS FOOTBALL**

**Every Saturday**  
**TIME: 12pm-2pm**  
**LOCATION: Frame2 Feather Rd, Bradford BD3 9DJ**

**BOOK NOW**

**Contact: 07798887584**

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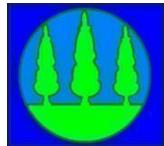
**THE THREE LIONESSES MY-7 COACHING ACADEMY**



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## MULTI ACTIVITY Holiday Club

Keeping children active & entertained in the school holidays

**Book Now** [kangasports.co.uk/holidayclubs](http://kangasports.co.uk/holidayclubs)

**SCAN ME** 

**Sibling Discount Available**

**Kanga**

Throughout the school holidays

COMING TO A VENUE NEAR YOU

**Ages: 4 - 12 years**  
**Standard Day: 8:30AM - 3:30PM**  
**Extended Day: 8:00AM - 5:00PM for a small charge**  
**Price: £25 per day OR full week discount**

**BOOK HERE** [kangasports.co.uk/holidayclubs](http://kangasports.co.uk/holidayclubs)

**Creating a love of sport that lasts a lifetime**

**SCAN ME** 

## Book Now

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### FUN FRIDAYS!

Each week will bring a different fun activity

**Why choose Kanga Holiday Clubs?**

- ✓ Passionate, experienced DBS checked and first aid trained staff, who work in local schools during term time
- ✓ Safe, supportive environment
- ✓ Active kids = happy kids!
- ✓ Great value for families
- ✓ Minimum 300 minutes a day of physical activity

**Ways to save**

- ✓ Sibling discount: 10% off any additional siblings and full week booking discount
- ✓ Check your eligibility for government schemes like tax-free childcare accounts, vouchers, universal credit payback and similar schemes at [beststartinlife.gov.uk](http://beststartinlife.gov.uk)
- ✓ Loyalty offers

**What to bring**

Children only need weather appropriate clothes, a packed lunch, snack and water bottle.

**Kanga will take care of the fun!**

**SCAN ME** 

**office@kangasports.co.uk** **07526 600793**

**kangasportsuk** **kangasports** **kangasports**

## Bradford Football Development

**At Hanson Academy (Sports Hall)**  
**Swain House Rd, Sutton Ave, Bradford, BD2 1JP**  
**Starting on Monday 26th January 2026**

**In association with First Kick Football**

**School years - Reception & Year 1** 6:00pm - 6:45pm  
**School years - Year 2 & Year 3** 6:45pm - 7:30pm  
**School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6** 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,  
Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Monday at Hanson Academy, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Bradford City, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United, Liverpool, Leeds United, Everton and Oldham.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

**\*\*NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT\*\***  
Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

**ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL** at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

**Ben**  
**0113 457 3715 or 07514 316534**  
**[www.firstkick.co.uk](http://www.firstkick.co.uk)**

We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks. Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked.



**AT BRADFORD ACADEMY**  
SPORTS FACILITIES ENTRANCE ON LISTER AVENUE, BD4 7QS.

**STARTING WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

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

		
<b>Group 1</b>	<b>5:30pm - 6:30pm</b>	<b>Ages 4 - 6</b>
<b>Group 2</b>	<b>6:30pm - 7:30pm</b>	<b>Ages 7 - 8</b>
<b>Group 3</b>	<b>7:30pm - 8:30pm</b>	<b>Ages 9 - 12</b>

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****

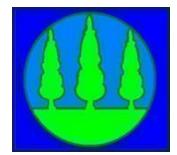
**Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)**



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