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Welcome to this week's newsletter

# **GROW** assembly focus: World Food Day

# 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 Wildlife Trust with 23,495 points and this week's winning team is – Wildlife Trust with 3,895 points. Well Done!



#### **Attendance**

Good news! The whole school attendance from September 2025 is 96% and last week's attendance was 96.1 only slightly below our target.NFT 96.4%, Rowan 96.4%, Willow 97%, Sycamore 97.2%, Hazel 97.7%, Bluebells 97.7%, Birch 98%, Oak 98.3%, Beech 99.6% and Elm 99.7%. All classes will receive extra playtime.

#### **DIARY**

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 - Flouride Vanish for Nursery-Reception and Year 1

Wednesday 5 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

Thursday 18 December 2025 - Christmas Disco

Friday 19 December 2025 - School closes for half term

Tuesday 6 January 2026 - School reopens

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

**New school website:** the new website has gone live! However, it is very much work in progress as we arrange pages and content. Thank you for the positive comments! Here is the link:

#### https://www.poplarsfarm.bradford.sch.uk/

You will find detail of our exciting French Poetry competition as a pop up on the website. **Auditions will be held next Friday (24th October)-**get practising children!





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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"

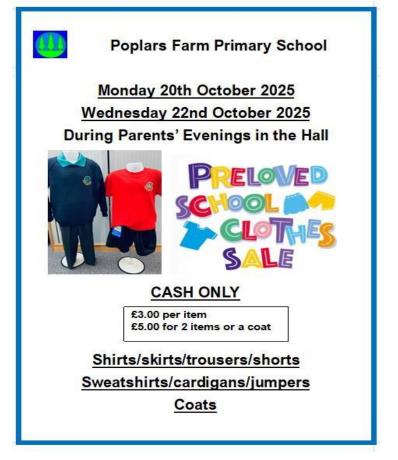
Here is a reminder of our start/finish times, to make sure we are ready to start the day on time. You will also see our classes and teachers for this new school year:

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

#### ONLY for Potential Reception Starters for September 2026



#### **Preloved School Clothes Sale**





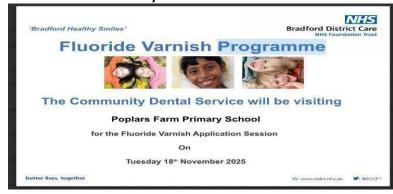


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Fluoride Varnish Programme for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 students

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



#### **School Meals app from Bradford Council**

www.schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk

#food quarter

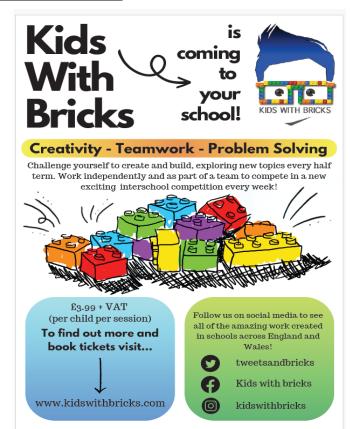
Click on **Poplars Farm Primary School** and see the meals we serve in school.

# NOTIFICATION OF NEW SCHOOL MEALS PRICES FROM NOVEMBER 2025



Nursery £2.35 Primary School YR3-YR6 £2.55

### Kids with Bricks Club



### Year 1 'Hero Day' - Thursday 6th November 2025



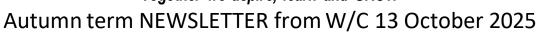
#### <u>Year 1 'Hero Day' –</u> Thursday 6th November

Next half term, our topic will be "Do all heroes wear capes?" To launch our new topic, we'll be holding a special Hero Day on Thursday 6th November. On this day, children are invited to come to school dressed as a hero of their choice. This could be a traditional superhero or a real-life hero such as a doctor, nurse, firefighter, teacher, vet, police officer, or someone who inspires them. Throughout the day, we'll be exploring what makes someone a hero and learning about real-life heroes like Rosa Parks, who stood up for equality, and Marcus Rashford, who helped families in need during the Covid pandemic. It's sure to be a day full of inspiration, imagination, and celebration!





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Here is a letter from FM Catering and Bradford Local Authority in collaboration with the University of York:

As you will recall our school has been selected to take part in an exciting project called "Transformation Towards Healthy and Sustainable School Meals" (Green Menus).

This initiative is being led by the FixOurFood team at the University of York, in partnership with Bradford City Council and aims to develop new school food menus that not only support children's health but also

During the development stage, children from your child's school also took part in a tasting event to help make any improvements to the meals. As part of the project, our school will be introducing a new two-week menu on a trial basis for 12 weeks starting 3rd November 2025.

This menu will feature 6 brand new dishes:-

- Cowboy Sausage and Beans
- Loaded Mexican-Style Wedges
- Indian-style Sausage Roll
- Creamy Cauli Mac 'N' Cheese and Peas
- Curry Club Dahl Chickpeas and a Coriander Yogurt
- Coronation Chickpea Sandwich

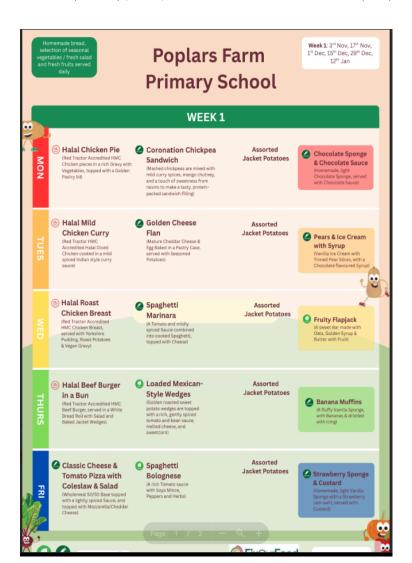
Throughout the 12-week period, the FixOurFood team will visit the school on three separate occasions during the lunchtime period. During these visits, they will:-

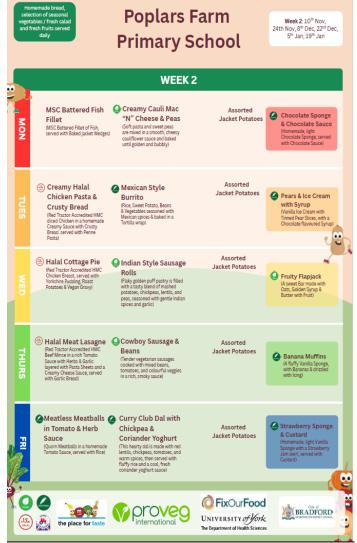
- Observe lunchtimes and take photos of the plates of food the children choose (please note: no photos of children will be taken),
- Interview our head chef to hear their thoughts on the new and improved recipes,
- Invite a small number of children to take part in a focus group to share their views and experiences of the menus. You will get a separate letter about this if your child is invited to this group.

We believe this is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to contribute to shaping healthier and more sustainable school meals for the future.

We are excited to see how our children respond to the new dishes and to play an active role in this important project. Please be assured that no child will go hungry during this trial as there is likely to always be a more familiar dish on the menu.

This letter is for information only and you do not have to do anything different. All of the same information will be provided about the school meals and any allergy information will be considered in the same way as usual. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support.





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#### Clean air

We have received notification of this publication:



https://thevoiceofearlychildhood.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Clean-air-guide-.pdf?fbclid=lwZnRzaANYvzRleHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHsVscB-FHDD-85XmnleePqiEuczUEQtwdK0SqseuNKEqvYx3ObECZqAvHC9Z aem Ul8qLTAYFDq8fyBlnuFBEq

This is something we take very seriously at Poplars Farm. We have had:

- Classrooms fitted with HEPA filters
- Extra cleaning of touch points throughout the day
- Active Fridays and
- The Forest School

#### **Parking**

Unfortunately, I have had 2 complaints regarding parking this week. One from a resident involving a red car blocking driveways. This was a mum of two of our pupils (residential area near the pylon). The second one involving a black Audi with the dad blocking the road and then shouting at a mum, who was left shaken. Please consider others.

#### 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 are reasoning an increasing number of 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.

#### Wraparound Care - Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club::

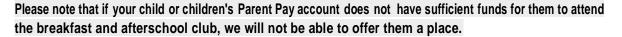
Breakfast Club is for pupils in Nursery (ONLY 4 years old and above), Reception to Year 6. It runs daily from 7.45am until the start of school. Our After School Club runs daily for pupils from Reception to Year 6 from 3:15pm until 6pm. Children who are in receipt of PPG are attend the breakfast club 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

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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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# 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.

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.

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**







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#### **AUTUMN TERM ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**



#### **HALF TERM STAY + PLAY**

#### Stay and Play -Addingham

#### Stay and Play -Bradford

#### Stay and Play -Keighley

Join us for a playful session almed at our younger mem

#### **PARENT SESSIONS**

#### Parent Information Event

The session is run 'Market Piace' style. Hear short introductions from each service, choose the

#### AWARE Meet Up -Girlington

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#### AWARE Meet Up -Bingley

tosted by AWARE Support Workers, this relaxed peer to peer session is a great chance to get advice, share your own incowledge, or simply chat about ast night's tv over a cuppal

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