

Together we aspire, learn and GROW

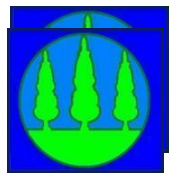
Welcome to this week's newsletter, the last this half term.



GROW assembly focus: World Animal Day

Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers





Attendance

The whole school attendance from September 2025 is 96% and last week's attendance was 95.3 which is below our target.

Ash 96.3%, Sycamore 96.6%, Rowan 97.1%, Pine 97.7%, Willow 97.8%, NPM 98% and Beech 99.3% classes are above the target. All classes will receive extra playtime.

<u>DIARY</u>
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
Friday, 14 November 2025 – BBC Children in Need
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

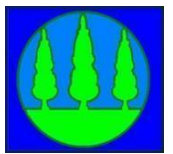
New school website: the new website has gone live! However, it is very much work in progress as we arrange pages and content. Thank you for the positive comments!

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!

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](#)



2025

ONLY for Potential Reception Starters for September 2026

Fluoride Varnish Programme for Nursery, Reception and Year 1



Poplars Farm Primary School
Open Day for potential Reception starters for September 2026
Wednesday 5th November 2025
 Information for parents/carers with tours and talks throughout the day
1:30pm—5:00pm
 Please contact the school office on 01274 307490 or email office@poplarsfarm.bradford.sch.uk to book a tour.




Please consider the health of others and cancel the appointment if you are experiencing any Covid-19 like symptoms. We will readily rearrange your appointment for you when you are well again. Thank you.



'Bradford Healthy Smiles'

NHS
 Bradford District Care
 NHS Foundation Trust

Fluoride Varnish Programme



The Community Dental Service will be visiting
Poplars Farm Primary School
 for the Fluoride Varnish Application Session
 On
Tuesday 18th November 2025

better lives, together www.bdct.nhs.uk @BDCT

Leaflets will be given out by NHS nurses later in




In aid of BBC Children In Need, Friday 14th November 2025 will be a non-uniform day (WEAR SOMETHING SPOTTY).

Please make a minimum of a £1 donation. All monies raised will be given directly to the charity. Please keep in mind the weather and ensure your child is suitably dressed for PE lessons. We look forward to seeing your outfits on the day!


Kids with Bricks Club

Year 1 'Hero Day' – Thursday 6th November 2025

Kids With Bricks is coming to your school!







Creativity - Teamwork - Problem Solving
 Challenge yourself to create and build, exploring new topics every half term. Work independently and as part of a team to compete in a new exciting interschool competition every week!



£3.99 + VAT (per child per session)
To find out more and book tickets visit...
www.kidswithbricks.com




Follow us on social media to see all of the amazing work created in schools across England and Wales!

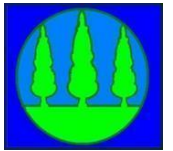
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-  Kids with bricks
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Year 1 'Hero Day' – Thursday 6th November

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-19 pandemic. We will be celebrating the children's **of inspiration, imagination, and celebration.**



POPPY APPEAL - Royal British Legion

Once again we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal and have two boxes of poppies and other items to sell. These items can be purchased before and after school at the main school office for a suggested donation of at least 30p for each poppy and each poppy sticker. Other Poppy Merchandise can also be purchased. This includes:



Poppy Reflector
- 50p



Snap Band – £2



Wristband – £1

ON SALE

from the school office from 3rd to 11th November 2025.



School Meals app from Bradford

Council

www.schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk



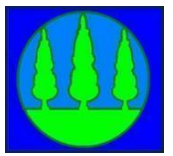
Click on **Poplars Farm Primary School** and see the meals we serve in school.

NOTIFICATION OF NEW SCHOOL MEALS PRICES FROM NOVEMBER 2025



Price (per meal)

Nursery	£2.35
Years 3-6	£2.55



New School Menu starting from 3 November 2025!

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

Dear Parents and Carers

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 help to look after the planet.

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:-

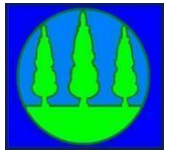
- Cowboy Sausage and Beans
- Loaded Mexican-Style Wedges
- Indian-style Sausage Roll
- Creamy Cauli Mac ‘N’ Cheese and Peas
- Curry Club Dahl Chickpeas and a Coriander Yogurt
- Coronation Chickpea Sandwich

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.





Clean air We have received notification of this publication:

https://thevoiceofearlychildhood.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Clean-air-guide.pdf?fbclid=IwZnRzaANYvzRleHRuA2FibQIxMQABHsVscB-FHDD-85XmnleePqjEuczUEQtwdK0SqseuNKEqvYx3ObECZqAyHC9Z_aem_UI8gLTAYFDg8fyBInuFBEG

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

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!

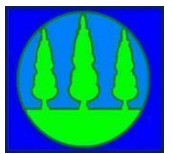
From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160. Fines 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.**

After the holiday the Council has issued new procedures regarding holidays in term time. The details will be shared with you by email, during the first week back.



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.

SCHOOL MILK PROVIDERS - Our school milk company - COOL MILK

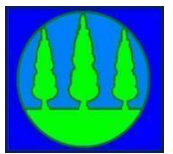
Please find our new milk company's details for your information. Your child is eligible for free school milk if they are under 5 years old or eligible for free school meals. If you would like your child to have milk in school please go to

<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.



Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England





You will find our Twitter/X page on the home page of the school website-this shares current news and events @PoplarsFarmSch.

Thank you for your support, this half term. It's been a great start to the new academic year-the children settled so quickly back in September. One of the many highlights was attending St George's Hall with Choir for a celebration of Black music and history. We had such fun singing and dancing to a live band and joined by over 10 Bradford schools! Wishing you all a lovely week, with warm wishes,
Mrs J Speak (Headteacher)

Community events over half term



Poplars Farm @PoplarsFarmSch · 5d
The choir is getting ready for the Swing Low Sing Up @StGeorgesHall #BlackHistoryMonth



1 comment, 3 likes, 138 views



Poplars Farm @PoplarsFarmSch · 5d



OCTOBER HALF-TERM clip'n climb ILKLEY All age family fun

Halloween Climb

Spiderman Climb

Café on site

Open every day from 9.30am-5pm

Please Book Online

Follow us on Social media for updates

www.clipnclimbilkley.co.uk Call: 01943 603829 Email: info@clipnclimbilkley.co.uk

AT BRADFORD ACADEMY

SPORTS FACILITIES ENTRANCE ON LISTER AVENUE, NEW TOP

STARTING WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025

NEW PLAYERS IN AID OF AVOIDING INJURY, THE CLUBS/INDIVIDUALS PLACES ARE AVAILABLE

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

TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT 'BRADFORD ACADEMY' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP TO: 07846 770 250

Fun Science

HALF TERM Spooktacular

4 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

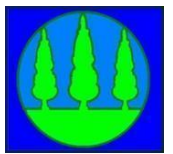
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BOOKING INFORMATION

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COMING SOON

AUTUMN TERM ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



HALF TERM STAY + PLAY

Stay and Play - Addingham

Monday 27 October 2025
Drop in session from 10:00 - 15:00
£8 per family.

Our ever popular Stay and Play session in our home base. Come try our bouncy castles, our bikes, trikes and scooters, our games consoles and much more!

AWARE membership required, you can join on the day!

Addingham Youth Centre
Barton Road, Addingham,
LS29 0JH.

Scan for directions

Stay and Play - Bradford

Tuesday 28 October 2025
Drop in session from 10:00 - 15:00
£8 per family.

Come and build with our Lego, relax in the sensory area, or get creative in the craft area.

AWARE membership required, you can join on the day!

Green Lane Primary School
Orchard Building, Wood Place,
Bradford, BD5 8JF

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Stay and Play - Keighley

Wednesday 29 October 2025
Drop in session from 9:30 - 13:00
£8 per family.

Session for 11 year olds and under and their families.

Join us for a playful session aimed at our younger members.

AWARE membership required, you can join on the day!

Strong Close Nursery
Arden Road, Keighley,
BD21 4JL

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PARENT SESSIONS

Parent Information Event

Tuesday 20 November 2025
9:30 - 11:30 Online session.

Learn more from AWARE, Bradford Council's Social, Communication and Interaction (SCI) Team specialists, and other support services from across the district.

The session is run 'Market Place' style. Hear short introductions from each service, choose the ones you're interested in, instantly join their dedicated speaker sessions!

It's a fantastic chance to explore resources tailored to your family's needs, all from the comfort of your own home.

Booking essential.

To book email: info@aware-uk.org

Registration closes 11 November 2025.

AWARE Meet Up - Gillington

Wednesday 3 November 2025
Wednesday 2 December 2025
12:30 - 14:00 Drop in session, held first Wednesday of the month.

Join us in Bradford for our monthly Parent Carer meet, a supportive, inclusive gathering hosted by AWARE Support Workers.

Whether you're seeking advice, want to share your own experiences, or just fancy a chat over a brew, this session is for you.

Sessions are free and may include invited speakers from other support services, or social activities.

AWARE membership required, you can join on the day!

Gillington Community Centre,
Gillington Road, Bradford,
BD5 7JH

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AWARE Meet Up - Bingley

Monday 17 November 2025
Monday 15 December 2025
10:00 - 11:30 Drop in session, held every third Monday of the month.

Join us in Bingley for a warm, welcoming, and inclusive get together for Parent Carers.

Hosted by AWARE Support Workers, this relaxed peer to peer session is a great chance to get advice, share your own knowledge, or simply chat about last night's tv over a support.

Sessions are free and may include invited speakers from other support services, or social activities.

AWARE membership required, you can join on the day!

Bingley Centre,
John Smith Road, Bingley,
BD16 2JF

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TRAINING COURSES

Early Bird and Early Bird Plus

These friendly and practical programmes developed by the National Autistic Society, are designed to help you better understand autism and discover ways to support your child with confidence and ease. Working with small groups of four to six families, we create a safe space to share experiences, swap ideas, and work through challenges together.

The courses are delivered online over eight weeks, and follow a programme of six weekly group sessions, and two 1:1 sessions with our Family Support Manager.

Sessions explore key topics, including:

- Exploring autism and the autistic experience
- Communication strategies
- Interpreting behaviours and encouraging positive interactions
- Daily living support
- Health and wellbeing
- Building connections

Early Bird or Early Bird Plus - What's the Difference?

Both courses have been developed by the National Autistic Society and offer similar support and guidance for families, but they're designed for different age groups:

- Early Bird is for parent carers of children under 6 years old
- Early Bird Plus is for parent carers of children aged 6 to 10 years old

Each course is tailored to suit the developmental stage of your child, helping you feel more confident and supported on your journey.

What else do I need to know?

Early Bird and Early Bird Plus courses are run termly. **Early Bird and Early Bird Plus courses are free.** Both courses have an accompanying course handbook produced by the National Autistic Society. We ask for a £20 donation to cover the cost of the handbook and other course materials. Course materials are also available to borrow.

No diagnosis is required but as we work with a small number of families at a time, there is a **short waiting list**.

For more information and a booking application form email: na@picklesaware@gmail.com

JOINING AWARE

AWARE is a parent-led charity supporting neurodivergent children, young people, and their families. Established in 1993, we have grown from small beginnings, and now support over 1500 families across the Bradford and Craven districts.

AWARE is a membership based charity, and we'd love to welcome your family!

Annual membership is just **£16 per family** and helps us continue running our weekly sessions and activities for children and young people. We're committed to making our services accessible. If cost is a concern, we're here to talk, please get in touch.

info@aware-uk.org | aware-uk.org