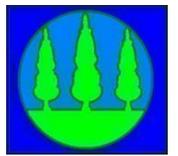


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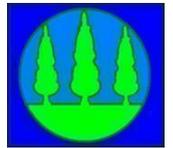


Welcome to this week's newsletter.

GROW Assembly Focus: "British Science Week"

Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers w/c 9 March 2026





Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers w/c 2 March 2026

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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 86,500 points and this week's winning team is – Woodland Trust with 4,760 points. Well Done!

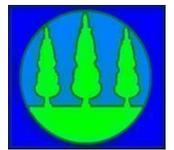


ATTENDANCE- week ending – 13/3/2026

Week ending -13/03/2026

Please consider the impact of taking holidays in schooltime. This is having the **greatest 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:	94.48%
The whole school attendance for the school year is:	93.83%
The Phase 3 winners are:	No class is above 96.2%
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Unfortunately there are no other classes.
The Phase 1 winners are:	Ash - 96.67%
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Unfortunately there are no other classes.
The Phase 2 winners are:	Pine - 98.33%
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Cedar - 97% Willow - 96.3%



DIARY

Important forthcoming dates



Monday 16 March 2026 – Parents Consultation Evening
Wednesday 18 March 2026 – Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 19 March 2026 - Eid Al-Fitr
Monday 23 March 2026- A celebratory Eid Breakfast for all our families. A letter has been sent out with information regarding this event
Thursday 26 March 2026 – Year 5 Eden Camp Trip
Friday, 27 March 2026 -Red Nose Day at Poplars Farm Primary
Friday 27 March 2026-School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April 2026-School re-opens
Friday 17 April 2026 – Spring Bake Sale-during school hours-Blossom Class
Thursday 23 April 2026 – Fluoride Varnish Application for Nursery-Reception and Year 1
Thursday 23 April 2026 – Easter Disco
Wednesday 6 May 2026 – Year 3 Saltaire Village Presentation
Tuesday 19 May 2026 – Year 5 Great Yorkshire Showground Trip

A celebratory Eid Breakfast at Poplars Farm Primary School - Monday 23 March 2026

We are delighted to invite you to a special Eid Breakfast at Poplars Farm Primary School on Monday, 23rd March 2026, at 8:00 am-9:15 am.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate by sharing a variety of breakfast foods from around the world in a relaxed and festive atmosphere.



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BIRD BOX MAKING WORKSHOP a huge thank you to our Year 6 pupil's father who came in and delivered a woodwork project with a group of pupils. Making the bird boxes will help encourage more birdlife to settle in our Forest School and the group used collaborative and communication skills effectively. You can see from the photographs, how proud the pupils are of their creations! Thank you Mr. Khan for making this happen.



POPLARS FARM PRIMARY EASTER DISCO – Thursday 23 April 2026

Reception and KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) children may bring to school their party clothes to change into at the end of the day and collections will be at classroom doors.

KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) children will go home at normal finishing time but will need to return back to school at 5.00pm. Those attending after school club, will be taken to the hall for 5pm if they have purchased a ticket.

	T I C K E T	<p><i>Poplars Farm Easter Disco</i></p> <p>Thursday, 23rd April 2026 Reception-KS1 – 3.30pm to 4.30pm KS2 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm</p> <p>£3.75 per child via ParentPay Refreshments available</p>
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The cost of entry to the disco is **£3.75** per child which includes refreshments. If you would like your child to attend, please log on to 'Parent Pay' to consent and pay for your child's ticket **by Friday, 17 April 2026**. **Please note that places will be allocated on a first come first serve a basis, due to safety reasons only limited tickets will be available for sale.**



Raffle for Easter Eggs: on Friday, 27 March 2026, will be drawn!



School staff will donate **chocolate eggs**. A strip of tickets will be £1. Tickets will be available to purchase from the classroom from Monday, 16 March 2026. All money collected will be donated to the charity, **Kabul Small Animal Rescue** in Afghanistan, for the care of a disabled dog called 'Poplar' (right) from our Poplars to a little Poplar!



RED NOSE DAY- Friday 27 March 2026



Red Nose Day is on Friday, 27 March 2026 at Poplars Farm this year, and we will once again be raising money for this charity event. We will be selling red noses for £2 each in the school office starting on Monday, 23 March 2026. Please note that we have no control over the quality of the noses. We kindly ask that you do not complain to us if a nose breaks or has any issues. Thank you for your understanding!



The event is completely voluntary and we appreciate your support.

Dressing Up For Red Nose Day: £1 donation

- Children can wear their own clothes with a crazy hairdo. This can be as silly as the children want to go and can take the form of colorful hair or a crazy style
- Children can wear red to school - the more red the better!
- Alternatively, children may wear their regular PE uniform, provided it includes a red T-shirt

POSTER COMPETITION SUPPORTING RESOURCES

What makes children's lives good?

Give your children a chance to think carefully about the main question before they create their posters. We are most interested in their own original ideas, but some initial discussion and thinking could help them to develop their responses. You could use the prompts from the competition brief and share ideas together or give children a chance to speak to each other about the question. Use your discretion when talking about 'good' childhoods, being conscious of any children who may not feel positive about their lives.

Create an image bank to generate thinking and discussion. You could create an image bank to support discussion. Make sure that your collection of images includes a wide variety of pictures for children to consider - you could use online picture banks, accessible symbols, as well as printed images from magazines, websites and brochures.

Once children have developed their own ideas, they could use the template on the next page to record their thinking, before they then go on to create their posters.

You could group images under the headings below:

- Objects
- People
- Occasions
- Places
- Interests
- Activities

Early years poster competition resource to support children with thinking and discussion ahead of creating their entries

British Science week 2026 @ Poplars Farm Poster competition

ENTRIES in by 27th March 2026 Early

years and KS1

Science and STEM at home

Explore your child's curiosity when it comes to Science at home by checking out some of these websites for ideas

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

What are children and young people's visions for a better childhood?

Instructions
 Introduce the poster competition theme using the following question: **What makes children's lives good?**

What makes children's lives good?

To get creative thinking about this question you could ask together using some of these prompts:

- What do you like about being a child?
- Do you have any favourite people, objects or places?
- What do your friends enjoy? Ask children in your class or family.

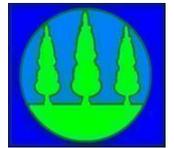
Make your poster
 Once children have had the opportunity to explore the question and collect their thoughts, it's time for them to engage by creating their own poster to present their ideas. Posters must be A4 or A3 in size and you'll need to be able to supply 20 images of them (e.g. photos, apps or PDF files) so they can be sent to us online for judging. Children can use materials such as pencils, pens, crayons, collage and glue to create their posters. Digitally created posters are also allowed. Shortlisted posters are often shared publicly, so please don't include any personally identifiable information such as names or photos of real people.

Send us your posters
 Once the children's posters are complete, parents should send the hard file and submit them for a chance of winning an array of prizes. For more details, along with the full set of poster competition rules and tips, check out our website britishscienceweek.org/poster-competition.



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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/zg9c3j6#znxfmn>

<https://www.britishsienceweek.org/>

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<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Primary resources

Primary KS2



British Science Week 2026 – Live Lesson: Monday, 9 March

Join us for British Science Week 2026 with a Horrible Science themed Live Lesson.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

What are children and young people's visions for a good/positive future?

This year, the British Science Week poster competition is taking curiosity to the next level! We're working with a team of scientists who are curious about what children and young people think will make a 'good'/'positive' childhood in the future. We will all be thinking together about the same question:

What makes children's lives positive?
What will a positive childhood look like in the future for children your age?

You might like to discuss the words 'positive' and 'childhood' here, particularly with younger children. 'Childhood' is a broad phase of life (from 0-18!), so we would encourage you to focus

their ideas on children who are the same age as them, although they may also bring in thoughts about friends/siblings, which is fine.

To get pupils exploring the question, they could think about:

- What things make your life positive now?
- You could ask other children in your class to share about what they enjoy and what makes their life good/positive. You might like to think about people, places, things, occasions, interests and activities.
- What did a good/positive childhood look like in the past? Ask some grown-ups to tell you about what made their life good when they were children.
- Imagine your own children, if you have them, in the future. What would a positive childhood look like for them? What will they be playing / doing / eating / learning / thinking? Who will they be doing these things with?
- What do children in other countries around the world enjoy? How is this the same or different to what makes your life positive?

There are some additional resources on pages 33-38 that you can use to help children consider some of these prompts.

Make your poster
 Once children have had the opportunity to explore the questions and collect their thoughts, it's time for them to respond by creating their own poster to present their ideas. Posters must be A4 or A3 in size and you'll need to be able to supply a 2D image of them (e.g. photo, jpeg or PDF file) so they can be sent to us online for judging. Children can use pop-up pictures, pull out tabs or materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, collage and paper to create their posters. Digitally created posters are also allowed. Shortlisted posters are often shared publicly, so please don't include any personally identifiable information such as names or photos of real people.

Send us your posters
 Once the children's posters are complete, schools should select the best five and submit them for a chance of winning an array of prizes! For more details, along with the full set of poster competition rules and tips, check out our website: [britishsienceweek.org/poster-competition](https://www.britishsienceweek.org/poster-competition).

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POSTER COMPETITION SUPPORTING RESOURCES

What makes children's lives positive?
What will a positive childhood look like in the future for children your age?

You could use the questions below to find out what other children your age think...

Are there any people that make your life positive?

What makes your life 'good' or 'positive'?

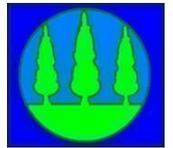
Are there any objects or occasions that make your life positive?

Where do you enjoy being? What do you enjoy doing?

What do you think a positive childhood will look like in the future?

Primary poster competition resource to support children with thinking and discussion ahead of creating their entries.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2026 PRIMARY 32



Revised PE days from 23 February 2026

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

Improvement to break and lunchtimes - We are looking for donat

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We are looking for donations!

If you have any of the following, please hand them in at the school office



We are also aiming for every child in school to have a pair of wellies and waterproofs.

Should you already have these at home, please could you bring them to the school. Any additional donations would be appreciated.





General Information



Spring 2

MONDAY	Kids With Bricks Club – Reception-Year 6
TUESDAY	Multi Sports Club – Year 3 Drama Club- Year 5-6 Express to Impress Girls Dance Club – Year 6 Girls Football Club- Year 3-4-5-6
WEDNESDAY	Choir Creative Writing Club-Year 4-5-6 Benchball Club- Year 4-5
THURSDAY	STARBOOK Reading Club – Year 3-Year 4 Study Club – Year 6 Gardening Club- Year 3
FRIDAY	Football Club – Year 6

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 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.

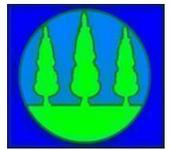


POLITE REMINDER

Behavior that will not be tolerated in person or over the telephone/email towards our staff members

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches)
- Swearing, or using offensive language
- Talking in an aggressive tone, displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils or other parents
- Threatening another member of the school community
- Sending abusive messages to another member of the school community, including via text, email or social media

I'm saddened to have to send this reminder out.



SPRING BAKE SALE-17 April 2026

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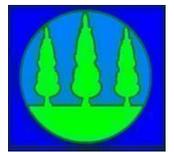
DATE- 17TH APRIL
TIME- 12PM TO 3PM
LOCATION- BLOSSOM ROOM

AT POPLARS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL, BLOSSOM CLASS WILL BE HOSTING A BAKE SALE. OUR STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLES, EARN REAL LIFE EXPERIENCE AND HELP SUPPORT THEIR COMMUNITY. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS RESOURCES FOR OUR SENSORY ROOM. WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead. Spring is here!

Kind regards,
Mrs J Speak





COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP HUB

EVERY TUESDAY
 3.30PM - 5.30PM

CITY HUB, 36 VALLEY PARADE,
 BRADFORD, BD8 7DZ

SCAN TO REGISTER

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!

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>



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:

Take Notice – Stress, Anxiety and Worry

This session will give parents and carers a greater understanding to what stress, anxiety and worry is for young people and share useful tools to support their young person at these times.

Date: Tuesday 24th 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: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



Dear Parent,

NHS DENTAL SCHOOL INITIATIVE

We are pleased to announce that we have a limited number of NHS dental funded places available for children at **ShIPLEY DENTAL CENTRE**.

We are working with schools in the local area to offer NHS dental places for children and are delighted to be able to offer your child/children this opportunity.

Regular visits to the Dentist help to motivate and educate children to take care of their teeth in their formative years. Sadly, tooth decay is still one of the main reasons for children being admitted into hospital in the UK.



Scan Me

We welcome parents who would like to take advantage of this offer to scan the QR code and complete the online form or by following this link <https://zfrmz.eu/BJMF0UfqLaXzTZfroM9l> so that we can make an appointment as soon as possible.

Alternatively, please give us a call on **01274 590777**.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the practice.

Kindest regards,

Lydia Daxner
 Centre Manager
 Shipley Dental Centre



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