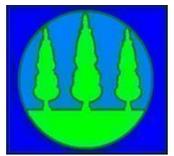


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Welcome to this week's newsletter.

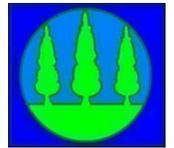
GROW Assembly Focus: "International Women's Day"

This is a great website to find out about some of the inspirational women in history:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/international-womens-day/>

[Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers w/c 3 March 2026](#)





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 81,930 points and this week's winning team is – RSPB with 4,710 points. Well Done!



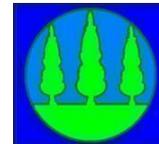
ATTENDANCE- week ending – 6/3/2026

Week ending -05/03/2026

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.

Week ending: 05/03/2026

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| The whole school attendance for this week is: | 94.29% |
| The whole school attendance for the school year is: | 93.8% |
| 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: | No class is above 96.2% |
| The classes who are above 96.2% are: | Unfortunately there are no other classes. |
| The Phase 2 winners are: | Pine - 98.67% |
| The classes who are above 96.2% are: | Cedar - 98% Oak - 97.67% |



DIARY

Important forthcoming dates



Monday 16 March 2026 – Parents Consultation Evening

Wednesday 18 March 2026 – Parents Consultation Evening

Friday, 20 March 2026 -Red Nose Day

Thursday 19 March 2026 - Eid Al-Fitr

Monday 23 March 2026-A celebratory Eid Breakfast for all our families. Details to follow soon.

Thursday 26 March 2026 – Year 5 Eden Camp Trip

Friday 27 March 2026-School closes for Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April 2026-School re-opens

Thursday 23 April 2026 – Fluoride Varnish Application for Nursery-Reception and Year 1

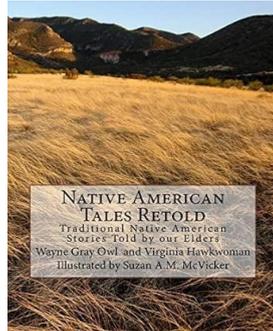
Thursday 23 April 2026 – Easter Disco

Wednesday 6 May 2026 – Year 3 Saltaire Village Presentation

Tuesday 19 May 2026 – Year 5 Great Yorkshire Showground Trip



WORLD BOOK DAY – 5 March 2026



We continued our theme of **Voices of the Elders** this year and learnt animal stories told by Elders of the Cherokee people.

Mrs Speak (aka Mrs Wolf) told the story about how rabbit taught the wolves to dance.



Thank you for helping your children to be part of the great day and thank you to the staff for joining in! We had

so many animals arrive at school including, elephant, coyote, butterflies, monkey, birds, capybarra, tigers, frogs, snakes, zebras, tigers, ladybirds, deer, lion, rabbits, a busy bee and many, many more!





British Science week 2026 @ PoplarsFarm Poster competition - ENTRIES in by 27th March 2026

Early years and KS1

POSTER COMPETITION SUPPORTING RESOURCES

What makes children's lives good?

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, leaflets 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 POSTER COMPETITION

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

Instructions
 Introduce the poster competition theme using the following question:

What makes children's lives good?

To get children thinking about this question, you could talk 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?

Make your poster
 Once children have had the opportunity to explore the question 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 2D image of them (e.g. photo, jpeg or PDF file) so they can be sent to us online for judging. Children can use materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, collage and pens 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: britishscienceweek.org/poster-competition

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

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

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

<https://www.tlclive.com/blog/british-science-week-2025-fun-ways-to-explore-science-at-home>

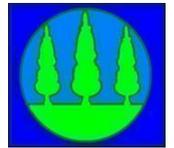
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<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>



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Primary resources



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

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

Primary KS2

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION

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

Instructions
Introduce the poster competition theme using the following questions:

- 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 questions, they could think about:

- What things make your life positive now?
- You could ask other children in your class or school 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 33-36 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, clay, 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.

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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...

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

Are there any people that make your life 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?

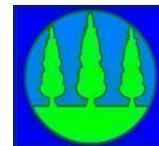
Primary poster competition resource to support children with thinking and discussion ahead of creating their entries

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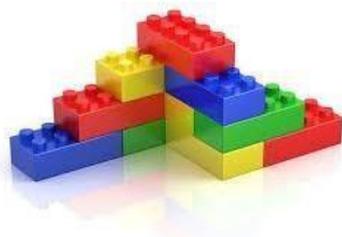


Revised PE days from 23 February 2026

| PE DAYS 2025-2026 | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 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 |

Kids With Bricks After School Club- Poplars Farm Primary School-MONDAYS

We are pleased to be able to offer an exciting and new Kids With Bricks after school club. The club will run from 15:20-16:14 every Monday for 5 weeks from 23 rd February 2026. This club is open for Years 1-6 and there are a maximum of 19 places available. The club is organised, administered and supported by Kids With Bricks Ltd, an external provider who deliver after school clubs across the whole of the UK.



As well as completing a range of exciting educational challenges, students will have the chance to work both individually and to work in teams.

As an added bit of fun, students from the club will also take part in a weekly inter-school competition where parents can vote for their favourites and points are won for the national leaderboard.

BOOK ONLINE!

The club costs £3.50 +VAT per child per session and is paid for half-termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place.

Spring 2 2026 tickets are now live on our website

If you have any questions, please contact us at bookings@kidswithbricks.com.

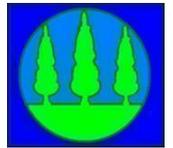
Kind regards,

KWB Team



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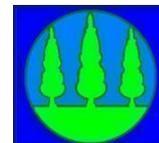
If you have any of the following, please hand them in at the school office



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.





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| 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 <u>Benchball</u> 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 |

General Information

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.

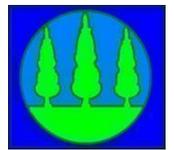
(FSM children no charge, this does not include UIFSM)

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.

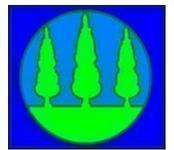
PARKING

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

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead. Spring is on its way!

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!

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>

Bradford Children and Families Trust | family hub Start for Life | NHS Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust

School Nursing Drop-in

Drop-in today and have a chat to about:

- Relationships
- Growing up
- Sleep
- Stress
- Anxiety
- Low mood
- Nutrition
- Lifestyle
- Alcohol
- Smoking
- Vaping
- Drug use
- Gender
- Sexuality
- Anger

And much, much more...

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Where: Barkerend Family Hub
 365 Barkerend Road,
 BD3 8QX
 01274 437523

When:
 6th March 2026
 10.00 – 12.00

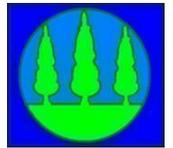
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2nd March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Are you eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals? If so, we are delighted to let you know that we have secured funding from the Department for Education, through Bradford Council, to offer free places at our Easter Holiday Clubs.

Our **Multi-Activity Holiday Clubs in, Queensbury, Bingley and Saltaire** running for 4 days this Easter.

Children can enjoy fun, active days designed for all abilities, with a mix of sports, games and activities. Lunch is included for free.

- **Ages:** 5-12 (Years 1-6)
- **Dates:** Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April
- **Time:** 8.30am - 3.30pm
- **Venues:** Shibden Head Primary Academy, St Joseph's Primary Bingley, Saltaire Primary School
- **Activities:** Sports, games, activities and challenges.

To reserve your free place at any of our Easter Holiday Clubs, please use the link below from 2nd March. Once submitted, we will email to confirm your place and send you a link to complete the booking on our registers. (You will need to create an iPAL account so we have your child's details.)

<https://bradford.haf.fun/login>

Free places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions, please contact us on **07526 600 793**, email office@kangasports.co.uk, or send us a message via the Kanga Sports Facebook page. Please note our office is open **9.30am - 3.00pm** during term time.

Yours faithfully,
 The Kanga Team
www.kangasports.co.uk
 Tel: 07526 600 793



Book Now
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FUN FRIDAYS!
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- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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!

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