

# THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

GROW Assembly Focus: "The Great Big Green Week"

## Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers of the Week



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 Wildlife Trusts with 117,045 and this week's winning team is Wildlife Trusts with 4,120 points. Double winners - well done!

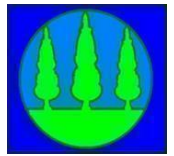


**Week ending -11/06/2026**

**Well done to all the classes mentioned below- you all managed to beat 96.2% A great achievement! Moving around the Attendance-opoly Board, if a class lands on a 'Surprise Mission,' they are able to vote and decide on a free dress day instead. This is organised by the class teacher.**

**Week ending: 11/06/2026**

The whole school attendance for this week is:	94.81%
The whole school attendance for the school year is:	94.19%
The Phase 3 (Years 5, 6) winners are:	Beech with 96.67%
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Unfortunately, there are no other classes
The Phase 1 (Nursery/Reception and Year 1) winners are:	Ash with 97.67%
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Unfortunately, there are no other classes
The Phase 2 (Years 2, 3, 4) winners are:	Sycamore with 97.64%
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Cedar with 96.33%



Please consider the impact of taking holidays during 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.

Recently we have had a significant increase in the number of children arriving late into school.

### **The "Hidden" Impacts of Lateness**

- **Missed Learning & Routine:** Children miss morning announcements, registration, and crucial instructions for the day, which can make them feel confused or anxious.
- **Social & Emotional Cost:** Arriving late can be embarrassing and makes it difficult for a student to settle, often disrupting the rest of the class.
- **Habit Formation:** Consistent lateness creates bad habits that are difficult to break, which can negatively affect future employment.
- **Academic Achievement:** There is a direct link between good attendance/punctuality and high attainment; a student with 90% attendance is deemed a "persistent absentee" and is less likely to reach expected standards.
- **Reduced Confidence:** Students who are regularly late may feel insecure, making them less willing to participate in school activities.

### **Long-Term Consequences**

- **Reduced Performance:** Frequent lateness often leads to falling behind in work and lower scores in exams.
- **Lower Employment Prospects:** Poor punctuality sets a poor precedent, which can translate to difficulties in future employment.
- **Increased Risk of Leaving Education Early:** Without intervention, consistent tardiness is linked to lower academic achievement and a higher risk of dropping out.

### **Impact on Lost Learning Time (Per Year)**

- **5 minutes late every day:** Over 3 days of school lost per year (lessons).
- **10 minutes late every day:** Over 6.5 days of school lost per year.
- **15 minutes late every day:** Equivalent to 2 weeks (10 days) of school lost per year.
- **30 minutes late every day:** Equivalent to 19 days (nearly 4 weeks) of school lost per year

## **Kids With Bricks After School Club at Poplars Farm Primary School**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Kids With Bricks After School Club at Poplars Farm Primary School

We are pleased to be able to offer our Kids With Bricks after school club running from 3:20 - 4:15 every Monday for 6 weeks from 8th June 2026. This club is open for Reception-Year 4 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 national leader board.

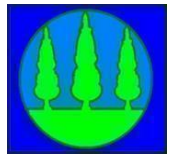
**BOOK ONLINE!**

The club costs £3.50 + VAT per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to [www.kidswithbricks.com](http://www.kidswithbricks.com) to book your child's place.

\* Ticket sales are now live online

Any problems please contact us on [bookings@kidswithbricks.com](mailto:bookings@kidswithbricks.com)





## Community Picnic Saturday 13 June 2026



A massive thank you to staff and parents who helped organise and set up this year's Community Picnic and gave up a chunk of their own time. I would like to give a special thank you to Mrs Amer in the Office who oversaw everything. We held it yesterday, on a Saturday, for the first time and despite the changeable weather, it was wonderful to see so many of you and your families.

All money raised will go to school and the children.

We will share more photos next week, as all I have at the moment are from the face painting!



### DIARY

#### Important forthcoming dates



**Wednesday 17 June 2026 – Whole School Road Safety Lessons**

**17 -22 June 2026 – Book Fair: detail in this newsletter**

**Wednesday 24 June 2026 – Year 3 Road Safety Practical Lessons**

**Thursday 25 June 2026- Year 4 St George's Trip- The Halle School Trip**

**WC 29 June 2026 – Bikeability Week**

**Wednesday 1 July 2026 - Choir and Dance Concert**

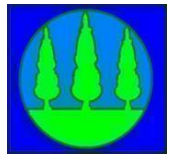
**Wednesday 1 July 2026 – Year 5 STEM Festival**

**Thursday 2 July 2026 – Year 2 Scarborough Trip**

**Thursday 9 July 2026 – Reception Hesketh Farm Visit**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July- Festival of Learning (dates given in this Newsletter)**

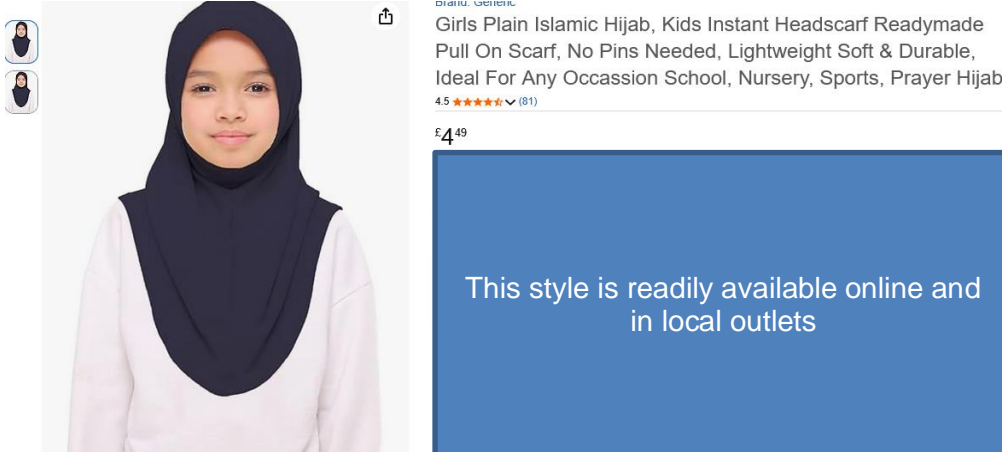
**Friday 17 July 2026 – Year 6 Leavers' assembly  
 School closes for Summer Holidays**



## The wearing of scarves in school

It has been suggested by a couple of parents that we share the following item with you for those children who wear a scarf for religious reasons. This type simply pulls over the head and does not need to be fastened or is hanging down.

We did have a nasty injury a few weeks ago on the body boards due to a scarf getting caught in the equipment, and so we thought that these are a much safer option to wear in school. Of course, the wearing of scarves is completely down to parental choice and we are not stating that scarves must be worn.



## Back to School Loan Offer

We're pleased to share our **Back to School** Loan offer is back, designed to support individuals and families with limited access to affordable credit.

You can find full details and apply here: [Back to School Loan - BDCU Credit Union](#)

The offer includes a £250 loan and a £50 savings incentive, with £10 paid at the start and £40 on completion, helping individuals cover essential school costs and more while building financial stability.

### **Key benefits:**

- Build credit profile
- Improve financial confidence
- Develop a savings habit

### **Who it's for:**

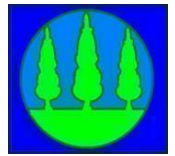
- Individuals with low credit scores
- New and existing BDCU members – previous Back to School Loans must be fully repaid

### **What it can be used for:**

- Cost of uniform, clothing, equipment and more



We'd appreciate your support in sharing this with those who may benefit



## Poplars Farm Primary Book Fair -16-22 June 2026

We are very excited to inform you that **we are running our Book Fair through Scholastic from Tuesday 16 June 2026 through to Monday 22 June 2026**. There are hundreds of new Children's books to browse and buy. The Book Fair will be open before and after school with a wide variety of titles to choose from, and book prices starting from only £1.99, and there is also an offer of 3 books for the price of 2 (you pay for the 2 most expensive books and get the cheapest free). We hope to see as many of our parents/carers visiting the fair with their children. School staff will be on hand to support you with payments and queries.

### **Book Fair Invitation**

You can browse the highlights before the Book Fair arrives.

**SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS**

Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

# COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

Book covers shown include: Dog Man, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Mega Evolution, Capibara Kingdom, The Scarecrows Wedding, Tom Gates, Pesky Pets, and others.

**GO ALL IN!**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Scan to pay securely online!

Discover books from **£2.99**

# MORE NEW BOOKS YOU'LL LOVE!

Book covers shown include: 7 Days of Spidey Stories, Emerald and the Lost Treasure, Dragon Tales, Night Bus Hero, Bluey, The Explorer, Quiz Book, and Nora Night Sky.

Includes 4 free mini figures!

All books subject to availability.

**DISCOVER MORE BOOKS ONLINE!**

[www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases)

**Payment at our Book Fair**

- Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books
- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay) and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers) to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

**HELP EARN FREE BOOKS**

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

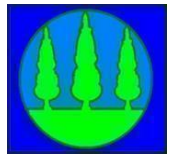
\*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organizer or Scholastic Book Fairs for details. All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. - Warning: Not suitable for children under 5. Small parts.

## Festival of learning 2026-save the dates

The children share their learning from throughout the year with parents and carers in the Arts space!

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July @ 2.30pm Reception classes**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July- morning: Year 6. Afternoon: Year 5**  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July- morning Year 1. Afternoon: Year 2**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July- morning Year 3. Afternoon: Year 4**  
 Nursery will contact parents about their times and date.  
 We hope that you will be able to join us.





## Summer 2

<b>MONDAY</b>	Kids With Bricks Club – Reception to Year 4 Multi-Ball Games Club – Year 2
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Multi Sports Club – Year 1 Express to Impress Girls Dance Club – Year 6 Girls Football Club- Year 3-4-5-6 Cricket Club –Year 5-Year 6
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Choir High-Five Club - Year 4 and Year 5 Play and Learn Games Club – Reception and Year 1
<b>THURSDAY</b>	STARBOOK Reading Club – Year 3-Year 4 Gardening Club- Year 2 Art Club – Year 3-Year 4-Year 5-Year 6
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Football Club – Year 4 Board Games Club – Year 6

## Poplars Farm Primary – Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your continuous support.



**Thank you for your support**

To \_\_\_\_\_ Poplars Farm Primary School

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Your collection total \_\_\_\_\_ £243.30

District total \_\_\_\_\_ £68,294.43



**Thank you**

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces Community.

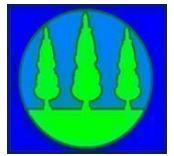
Without your efforts, we couldn't do the work we do.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit [rbl.org.uk/poppypeal](http://rbl.org.uk/poppypeal)

Royal British Legion  
199 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1AA  
Registered charity number: 219279



POPLARS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 Together we aspire, learn and GROW Spring  
 term NEWSLETTER W/C 8 June 2026



**Poplars Farm Primary School Menu**

Week 1: 13th Apr, 4th May, 20th May, 16th Jun, 6th Jul, 27th Jul, 17th Aug, 7th Sep, 28th Sep, 19th Oct

Homemade Bread, Selection of seasonal Vegetables / Fresh Salad & Fresh Fruit served daily.

Selection of cold Sandwiches served daily.

**Mon**

- ProVeg Beef & Red Lentil Bolognese & Garlic Bread
- Soya Mince Chilli with Rice & Nachos
- American-style Quorn Hot Dog
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Lemon Shortcake & Custard

**Tue**

- Pork & Apple Whirl
- Halal Chicken & Spinach
- Pomodoro Pasta
- Sprinkle Cake

**Wed**

- Roast Meat Dinner
- Halal Roast Chicken Breast
- Golden Cheese Roll
- Decorated Fruit Jolly

**Thu**

- MSC Breaded Fish Fingers
- MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
- Arrabbiata Pasta
- Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

**Fri**

- Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
- Baked Tortilla Wrap
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Vanilla Cookie

FM CATERING SERVICES

**Poplars Farm Primary School Menu**

Week 2: 20th Apr, 11th May, 18th Jun, 22nd Jun, 12th Jul, 3rd Aug, 24th Aug, 14th Sep, 8th Oct, 28th Oct

Homemade Bread, Selection of seasonal Vegetables / Fresh Salad & Fresh Fruit served daily.

Selection of cold Sandwiches served daily.

**Mon**

- ProVeg Mild Chicken Curry
- ProVeg Creamy Mac & Cheese
- Mascarpone Pasta
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Paris Sandwich

**Tue**

- Super Savoury Roll
- Homemade BBQ Quorn with Rice
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Peaches & Ice Cream with Syrup

**Wed**

- Roast Meat Dinner
- Halal Roast Chicken Breast
- Toad in the Hole
- Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll
- Lemon Ditzzie

**Thu**

- Beef Burger
- Halal Chicken Burger in a Bun
- Quorn Pattie
- Pomodoro Pasta
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Marble Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

**Fri**

- Tuna & Sweetcorn Pizza
- Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Glyndale Biscuits

FM CATERING SERVICES

**Poplars Farm Primary School Menu**

Week 3: 27th Apr, 18th May, 8th Jun, 29th Jun, 20th Jul, 10th Aug, 31st Aug, 21st Sep, 12th Oct, 2nd Nov

Homemade Bread, Selection of seasonal Vegetables / Fresh Salad & Fresh Fruit served daily.

Selection of cold Sandwiches served daily.

**Mon**

- ProVeg Rich & Creamy Meat Lasagne
- Rich & Creamy Vegetarian Mince Lasagne
- Homemade BBQ Quorn with Rice
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Flapjack

**Tue**

- Traditional Chicken Pie
- Golden Cheese Whirl
- Arrabbiata Pasta
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll
- Strawberry Sponge & Custard

**Wed**

- Sausage Pie
- Halal Roast Chicken Breast
- Quorn Roast Dinner
- Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll
- Pears & Ice Cream with Syrup

**Thu**

- MSC Breaded Fish Fingers
- Vegetable Fingers
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

**Fri**

- Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
- Mint Power Ball Pizza
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Butterfly Buns

FM CATERING SERVICES



New School Meal Menu- commencing 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**New School Meals Prices from August 2026**

Price (per meal)

Nursery	£2.45
Primary	£2.55

**ASK YOURSELF**

Why aren't you choosing a school meal?

Across the country, a significant number of pupils almost 1 in 4 are not choosing a school meal. What's the reason for this? It's not just about the cost of the meal, it's about the quality of the food, the variety of the menu, the way the food is prepared, the way the food is served, the way the food is presented, the way the food is eaten, the way the food is enjoyed, the way the food is shared, the way the food is loved.

FM Catering are looking to work in partnership with schools and academies to address these challenges and improve uptake levels. The initial step will be to do a joint survey of the school's parents to identify the reasons why they aren't taking up a school meal. And then FM Catering will develop and agree a bespoke action plan with our schools designed to increase meal uptake.

**BENEFITS OF A SCHOOL MEAL**

- Improves overall health and learning outcomes
- Nutritious, freshly prepared food with hot and cold options
- Promotes healthy food choices and food education
- Provides hot choices on odd days, and cold choices on hot days!
- Theme days to support curriculum activities and calendar events
- Families save approximately £37 per month in total on food spending. (Based on a household with two adults and two primary aged children)
- Religious, medical and food allergen diets are catered for
- Pupils wanting a packed lunch (FM can provide packed lunch choices with the "select and fill your packed lunch" option)

FM SERVICES

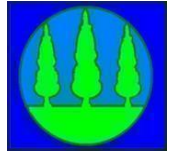
(Please note that All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals)

**Increasing Uptake of School Meals-School Lunch Survey for Parents**

Please click on the link below to have your say.

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/irhg5c>





---

## IMPORTANT CHANGES in AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING

---

We would like to inform you of some important changes to our after-school club booking system.

Please note the following:

1. If your child attends the after-school club regularly and you need to make any changes to their attendance (for example, they will not be attending or they will be collected before 6:00 pm), please inform the school office by 10:00 am on the day of the change.
2. If your child does not usually attend the after-school club but you would like them to attend on a particular day, please inform the school office by 10:00 am on that day or before.

Due to our new booking system, we may be unable to register children for after-school club if we are not informed of changes or new bookings before 10:00 am. In such cases, your child may not be able to attend the club that day.

---

## IMPORTANT CHANGES in AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING

---

### 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

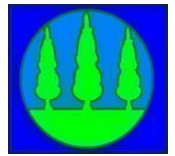
(FSM children no charge, this does not include UIFSM)

Afterschool Club - 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm 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 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 [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) and register your child.



Please note that following the registration of your child, it might take up to 2 weeks for the company to process your order before your child starts to have milk in school.

**Community Linkage**

## Is your child ready to learn?


Your school nursing team wants to ensure your child has a great start to their learning journey. If your child will reach school-age between now and September 2026, we will invite you to one of our helpful "Ready to Learn" sessions.

We'll be sharing tips and advice so your child can:

- Get dressed on their own - putting on and taking off their coat
- Eat without help using a knife, fork and spoon
- Go to the toilet without help
- Listen to their teacher - you'll find out how to help your child concentrate and engage in school, as well as the importance of sleep and bedtime routine
- Begin to write – we'll explore ways to help develop your child's writing skills
- Feel confident and happy – so they settle quicker when you leave them at school.

Please call us on **01274 221203** to book an appointment.

DATE	TIME	HUB	DATE	TIME	HUB
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May:	9.30-1pm 1-4.30pm	Barkerend Farcliffe	Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30-4pm	Gateway
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May:	9.30-1pm 1-4.30pm	TFD Gateway	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.30-4pm	Reevy
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> May:	9:15-12:45 1-4.30pm	Shiplely Lib Farcliffe	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30-4pm	Rainbow
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May:	9.30-1pm 1-4.30pm	Reevy Rainbow	Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.30-4pm	Farcliffe
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> May:	9.30-1pm 1-4.30pm	Farcliffe Barkerend	Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.30-4pm	Shiplely Lib
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> June:	9.30-1pm 1-4.30pm	TFD Gateway	Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.30-4pm	TFD
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June:	9:15-12:45 1-4.30pm	Shiplely Lib Farcliffe	Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.30-4pm	Barkerend



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP HUB

**EVERY TUESDAY**  
**3.30PM - 5.30PM**

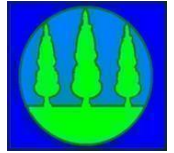
**CITY HUB, 36 VALLEY PARADE,  
 BRADFORD, BD8 7DZ**

**SCAN TO REGISTER**




Artsmark  
Silver Award  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England





## Early Words Together

Enjoy exploring stories, rhymes and being creative  
with your child once a week for six weeks.

These free weekly sessions are packed with fun activities to help your child, aged three to four years, with talking and learning.

**First session:** Wednesday 10 June

**Final session:** Wednesday 15 July

**Timings:** 8.45am (for a 9am start) until 10am

**Venue:** Peel Park Primary School, Peel Park Drive, BD2 4PR

*Places are limited. Secure yours via the link or QR code below.*

[bit.ly/EarlyWordsTogether](https://bit.ly/EarlyWordsTogether)



In partnership with

National  
Literacy  
Trust

