

Together we aspire, learn and GROW

Welcome to this week's newsletter

GROW assembly focus: Grow Values

Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers

This is how we GROW

We are

G giving (give our very best, use manners, support each other)

R responsible (make good choices, complete homework, make positive changes)

O open-minded (listen to others, have a growth mindset, embrace difference)

W welcoming (value diversity, be eager to share our school and greet visitors and new arrivals with a smile!)



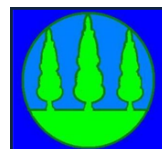
Team

Worker of the Week Class: Birch Reason: For an amazing start to Year 5, you are all demonstrating a brilliant willingness to learn, resilience and enthusiasm. Signed: J. Spink Date: 11/09/2026	Worker of the Week Class: Bluebellie Reason: Well done for an amazing start to reception, you have settled in amazingly well! Signed: J. Spink Date: 11/09/2026	Worker of the Week Class: Cedar Reason: For an amazing start to Year 4, for working hard, following expectations and showing a positive attitude towards learning. Keep it up! Signed: J. Spink Date: 11/09/2026	Worker of the Week Class: Elder Reason: For an amazing start to Year 6, you are all demonstrating a brilliant willingness to learn, resilience and enthusiasm. Signed: J. Spink Date: 11/09/2026
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Worker of the Week Class: Oak Reason: Well done Oak Class for such a fantastic start to Year 3! You have settled in so well and have shown great enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards your learning. Keep up the brilliant work! Signed: J. Spink Date: 11/09/2026	Worker of the Week Class: Ash Reason: Well done Ash class on a fabulous start to Year 1! You have worked so hard to settle into our new routines and expectations. You have been responsible, looked after our classroom and shown such a positive, open-minded attitude towards trying new things. We are so proud of you all! Signed: J. Spink Date: 11/09/2026	Worker of the Week Class: Elm Reason: What an amazing start to Year 2! Teachers have felt so welcomed when coming into Elm class and everyone has consistently used their GROW values. We have already had a brilliant start to our work! Signed: J. Spink Date: 11/09/2026	
Worker of the Week Class: Sycamore Reason: For a FANTASTIC start to year 3! You have settled in quickly and shown great enthusiasm and excitement towards your learning. Keep up the positive attitude and continue to approach each day with such confidence and eagerness to learn. WELL DONE. Signed: J. Spink Date: 11/09/2026	Worker of the Week Class: Birch Reason: For having such an amazing start to Year 1! You have all settled so well into Birch and have shown you are Year 1 ready! Well done for settling into our new routines and showing great responsibility towards your new classroom environment. Keep up all of your hard work! Signed: J. Spink Date: 11/09/2026	Worker of the Week Class: Pine Reason: Wow Pine Class! You have made an amazing start to the year. You have been really open-minded to learn new things and challenge yourselves. You are consistently using your GROW values and we are already seeing fantastic progress! Keep up the hard work. We are so proud of you all. Signed: J. Spink Date: 11/09/2026	

Merit Points

Remember, children who are workers of the week now gain 200 team merit points each for their charity

Our current overall leading team is RSPB with 3,040 points and this week's winning team is – RSPB with 3,040 points. Well Done!



Week ending –11/09/2026

This week's attendance - 97.11%

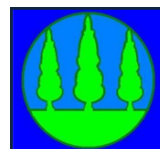
Whole school year - 96.1%

Classes whose attendance was above 96.2% this week: Beech, Elder, Rowan, Hazel, Bluebells, Birch, Ash, Sunflowers, Cedar, Pine, Willow and Oak.

All classes will receive extra playtime.

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 2026	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



DIARY

W/C Monday 14th September 2026- Open Doors Event, come and see your child's new classroom and join them for the start of the day!

Thursday 8 October 2026 – Whole School Photography

Monday 12 October 2026 and Wednesday 14 October 2026 – Parent Consultation Evenings

Friday 23 October 2026 – School closes for half-term

Monday 2 November 2026 – School reopens

Friday 6 November 2026 – Nasal Flu Immunisation

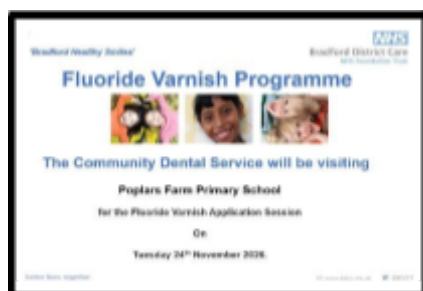
Thursday 12 November 2026 – Open Day for children due to start Reception in September 2027

Tuesday 24 November 2026 – Fluoride Varnish for Nursery-Reception and Year 1

25-27 November 2026– Year 6 Residential School Trip

Monday 30 November 2026 – School is closed-Training Day

Fluoride Varnish Programme for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 students



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

School Meals Prices from August 2026

School Dinners Menu

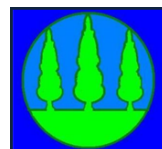
Please follow the link below for our dinner menu

<https://www.poplarsfarm.bradford.sch.uk/info-for-parents/school-dinners>

[chool-dinners](#)

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

Nursery	£2.46 (Per Meal)
Primary	£2.66 (Per Meal)



Can I apply for free school meals?

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

Free school meals provide vital nutrition for children during the school day and play an important role in supporting health, wellbeing, and learning. From September 2026 eligibility will be expanded so that all households receiving Universal Credit will qualify for Free School Meals. This change removes the current £7,400 income cap and is expected to benefit over half a million additional pupils nationwide.

If you think the new criteria apply to your household and either parent/carer receives Universal Credit, please visit

www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals/ for further information.

How to apply: Please click on the link below and enter your details

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/benefits/applying-for-benefits/free-school-meals>

If your application is approved, the council will notify the school of the start date of their Free School Meals entitlement, and the school will contact you via email.

Please be aware that your child will not be eligible for Free School Meals until the school receives the entitlement notification from Bradford Council.

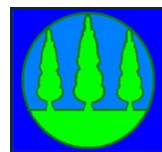
PE DAYS 2026-2027

Poplars Farm
Primary School

PE Days 2026-2027

Autumn 1

Year Group	Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Sunflowers					
Reception	Bluebells					
Year 1	Birch					
Year 1	Ash					
Year 2	Elm					
Year 2	Pine					
Year 3	Sycamore					
Year 3	Oak					
Year 4	Cedar					
Year 4	Willow	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026
Year 5	Rowan	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026
Year 5	Beech	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026	Swimming until 23/10/2026
Year 6	Elder					
Year 6	Hazel					



PE KIT

Please send your child/children to school in their PE kit on their PE days. Please ensure this is a plain red t-shirt/polo shirt with black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and a plain black tracksuit top or school jumper/cardigan on their PE Days.

Children who have swimming lessons need to bring their swimming kit every day. Please contact the school office if this is a challenge. We will try to help.

Changes to School Leadership from January 2027

From January 2027, I will commence a phased retirement. This means I will still have OVERALL Headteacher responsibilities, working Wednesday to Friday each week until January 2028 or even beyond. This was not the plan, however as most of you know, I have faced the challenges of Long Covid for a number of years, but I have always ensured that the needs of school have come first. I have now (finally!) listened to the medical professionals and I believe this change will work for the school and for me. This term, the governors and I will appoint the acting Headteacher for Mondays and Tuesdays. We will communicate the decision as soon as this process has been completed.

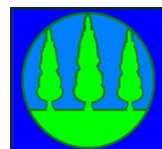


Extra Curricular Clubs



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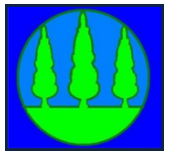
MONDAY	Kids With Bricks Club – Reception-Year 6 Football Club – Year 6 Swimming Club – Year 1
TUESDAY	Swimming Club - Year 2 Multi Sports Club – Year 5
WEDNESDAY	Choir Swimming Club – Year 3 Sewing Club – Year 5 and Year 6
THURSDAY	Swimming Club – Year 3-Year 4 Gardening Club – Year 3
FRIDAY	Swimming Club - Year 5 Drama Club – Year 1-2-3



OPEN DOORS EVENT w/c 14th September 2026

We hope you will be able to join us for the Open Doors event. It's an opportunity to informally meet your child's teacher and staff team and for your child to show you their new classroom.

Day and time	Classes
Tuesday 15 th September 2026 - 9.00 am-9.15 am	Hazel and Elder (Year 6)
Tuesday 15 th September 2026 - 9.15 am-9.30 am	Elm and Pine (Year 2)
Wednesday 16 th September 2026 - 9.00 am-9.15 am	Cedar and Willow (Year 4) Rowan (Year 5)
Wednesday 16 th September 2026 - 9.15 am-9.30am	Birch and Ash (Year 1)
Wednesday 16 th September 2026 – 2.45 pm – 3.00 pm	Beech (Year 5)
Thursday 17 th September 2026 - 9.00 am-9.15 am	Oak and Sycamore (Year 3)
Thursday 17 th September 2026 - 2.30 pm- 3.00 pm	Bluebells (Reception)
Friday 18 th September 2026 - 2.30 pm-3.00 pm	Sunflowers (Reception)



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 have already received 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 22-28 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 2026-27 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.**

Please follow the link for the request form

https://onlineforms.bradford.gov.uk/ufs/SchoolLeaveRequest.eb?ebd=0&ebz=1_1788526412034

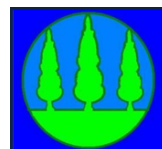
Wraparound Care - Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club:

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/FSM are attend the breakfast club at no cost. If you would like your child to attend the afterschool club provision starting from 2 September 2026, please email the school office, complete and return the wraparound care forms to the school office stating your child/children's names, classes and dates you would like your child to attend the provision including their pick-up times.

Please follow the link for the forms : <https://www.poplarsfarm.bradford.sch.uk/info-for-parents/new-parents> then click on Before and After School Club booking form and policy.

Please note that if your child or children's Parent Pay account does not have sufficient funds for them to attend the breakfast and after-school club, we will not be able to offer them a place.



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Breakfast Club – 7:45 am – Start of School - £2.50 per session, which includes breakfast (FSM children no charge; this does not include UIF)



Afterschool Club – 15:15 pm – 16:30 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!

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.

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 7th September 2026 every Monday for 7 weeks between 3:15pm – 4:15pm. This club is open for years, Reception – YR 6, and there are a maximum of 19 spaces available.

BOOK ONLINE OR SCAN THE QR CODE!

Kids with Bricks – Autumn Term 1, 2026

Bookings are open for our Tuesday after-school club! Spaces are limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis.



Direct Booking Link: [Pegswood Primary Booking Link](https://www.kidswithbricks.com)

All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to <http://www.kidswithbricks.com> to book your child's place.

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 c current news and events @PoplarsFarmSch

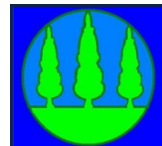
Thank you for your support, with warm wishes,

Mrs J Speak (Headteacher)

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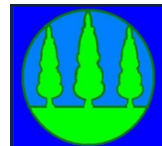
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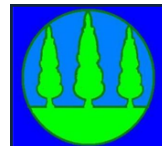
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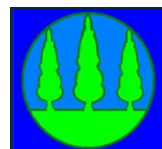


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SCHOOL MILK PROVIDERS - Our school milk company - COOL MILK



FREE and subsidised school milk
Register your child today!

Is your child entitled to **FREE** milk?



Child under 5?

Every child under the age of five is entitled to **FREE** school milk.

 Register your child online for **FREE** school milk today.



Child over 5?

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £18 per term.

 Register online now and you can pay straight away!



Register your child for school milk today.
Sign them up in a few clicks...

 Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com

 Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on 0800 321 3245 or via email at registrations@coolmilk.com



The UK government continues to support school milk. Milk for under 5s is fully funded by DfE via the Primary Milk Scheme. Milk for over 5s is subsidised by DfE via the School Milk Scheme. Company registered no. 1058851 England



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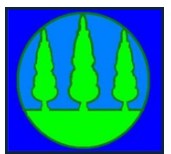
Please find our new milk company's details for your information. Your child is eligible for free school milk if they are under 5 years old or eligible for free school meals.

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.

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The Incredible Years

Incredible Years Preschool Programme

For parents and carers of children aged 3-4 years who live in the Bradford District.

- Routines and behaviour
- Child development
- School readiness
- Speech and language
- Relationships and interaction

The Incredible Years Pre-School Programme will be delivered at

Barkerend Family Hub
365 Barkerend Rd BD3 8QX

Dates: Tuesday 22nd September 2026 until Tuesday 26th January 2027

Times: 12.30PM - 2.30PM

Your facilitators will be: Najam Shafi and Salma Vachhiat
Sessions will not run in the school holidays

Find out more or book a place: fyi.bradford.gov.uk
You can also email IY@barnardos.org.uk
Or call 01274 513300

SCAN ME

BARNARDOS BEST START IN LIFE

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Is your child struggling to go to school due to feelings of worry or stress?

Are you unsure about

HELP AND SUPPORT

school anxiety

EBSA

Emotionally Based
friendly, supportive

Bradford East Locality Family Hub

Barkerend Family Hub
365 Barkerend Road, BD3 8QX

Gateway Family Hub
43 Thackeray Road, Ravenscliffe, BD10 0JR

We also deliver services at:

Communityworks
Undercliffe Lane, BD3 0DW

Canterbury Nursery School
Basil Street, Canterbury, BD5 9HL

Fagley Primary School
Falsgrave Avenue, BD2 3PU

Eccleshill Library
Bolton Road, BD2 4SR

St John's Church
Neville Road, BD4 8TU

Rockwell Centre
Summerfield Road, BD10 8DP

Laisterdyke Youth & Community Centre
Manse Street, BD3 8RP

Shine at St Stephens Church
BD5 7BX

For more information on where we are and what we do, scan the QR code or visit fyi.bradford.gov.uk

PARENTING PROGRAMMES

We have a range of fantastic parenting programmes for parents, carers and teens including online courses that you can access 'on demand', day or night, pause and come back to whenever suits you and groups that you can attend 'live' with other people or families, delivered both online and in person.

You don't need a referral from another service, you can apply yourself on fyi.bradford.gov.uk (select 'parenting' programmes pathway) or call us.

Digital Spaces

Do you need data, access to a laptop, or help to get online? Maybe you need to study, apply for a job, a school place or look for housing?

At Barkerend and Gateway Family Hubs, you can access free Wi-Fi on your own device or book a session to use our computers and quiet space headphones and printing facilities.

We can also give you support with getting online if you need it. Give us a call to book a session, message us on social media or send us an email.

FREE SIM cards

We can now provide 6 months of data to families who need it. For more information please contact us or pop in to Barkerend or Gateway Hubs and see one of our lovely Family Navigators!

Birth registrations - scan the QR code to the left of this page, click here if using the timetable electronically) or call 01274 432151 for an appointment.

SEND Community Support Team - Support for autism/ADHD, sleeping difficulties, financial benefits, speech and language development, relationship issues, information on education and learning and more. Call us for an appointment.

SEND Parent Carer Coffee Morning - A place for parent carers to share experiences and get support.

Baby and Midwife Clinics - including Oliver midwife clinic. Speak to your midwife for an appointment.

Maternity Circle - drop in, we run a wide range of sessions to support pregnant mums and those with children under 2.

Stay and Play - Session for pre school children and parent/carer offering the chance to socialise and play. For Under 5s.

Kids Time Workshop - a friendly group space for families where parents or carers experiencing a mental health difficulty and their children come together to explore mental health through creative activities and peer support. Pizza and transport provided. Referral only, call Mind on 01274 730815 for more information.

Well Baby/Weighing Clinic - For an appointment, call the Health Visiting service on 01274 221223 or text chat health on 0712282460.

Early Help drop-in - Come speak to our friendly family navigators, we can welcome you into our Family Hub, find groups and activities and signpost to services and support.

Emotionally Based School Avoidance - support group for parents whose child is struggling to go to school due to feelings of worry or stress. Booking is essential - email ebasa@bradford.gov.uk or call 01274 439444.

Education drop-in - for parent/carer of children 5 to 16. Non-judgmental support with school attendance concerns. It's a safe space for you to discuss worries, connect with support workers, and receive advice from attendance support workers. No booking required, email Attendance@bradford.gov.uk for queries.

Inside-out drop-in sessions - for professionals working with families who are currently impacted by imprisonment, as well as families seeking advice around the criminal justice system or impacted by having a loved one currently in prison. This can be Mum, Dad or a sibling.

Bradford East Locality Family Hub - September 2026 Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Midwife Clinics (Barkerend) Sensory Room (Barkerend) Stay and Play Rockwell Centre 9.15am to 11.15am (term time only) SEND parent/carer's resource coffee morning Barkerend, 14th Sept 10.30am to 12 noon Maternity Circle St Andrews Church BD2 4HQ 10am to 12 noon Early Help drop-in Rockwell Centre 14th and 28th Sept 1pm to 3pm (term time only) Maternity Circle CommunityWorks 12.30pm to 2pm	Midwife Clinics (Barkerend) Sensory Room (Barkerend) Well Baby/Weigh in Clinic Barkerend, 22nd Sept 9.30am to 11.30am Education drop-in Barkerend, 15th and 29th Sept 10am to 12 noon Inside-out drop-in session Barkerend, 15th Sept 10am to 11.30am Sensory Room Launch Barkerend, 22nd Sept (Contact the Hub for info/book) Play and Learn Eccleshill Library 1pm to 2pm (term time only) Well Baby/Weigh in Clinic (appointment only) St John's Church, BD4 8TU 2pm to 3.30pm	Midwife Clinics (Barkerend) Sensory Room (Barkerend) Register the birth of your baby at Barkerend (appointment only) Dad's Stay and Play Woodway Centre 10am to 12 noon (term time only) Baby Feeding Support Sessions Gateway 10am to 12 noon Well Baby/Weighing Clinic Barkerend, 22nd Sept 9.30am to 11.30am Health Visitor Development Reviews (by invitation) 9.30am to 12 noon Maternity Circle Gateway 9.30am to 11.30am Play and Learn CommunityWorks 12.45pm to 2.15pm (term time only) Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) parent support group Online via MS Teams 30th Sept, 1pm - 2.30pm	Midwife Clinics (Barkerend) Sensory Room (Barkerend) Stay and Play Barkerend 9.30am to 11am (term time only) SEND Community Support Team (CCST) Barkerend, 8am to 3pm 3rd Sept (appointment only) SEND Coffee Morning Fagley Primary School 10th September 9.15am to 10.15am Well Baby/Weigh in Clinic Woose Health Centre, BD2 1QG (appointment only) 9.30am to 11.30am Play and Learn Burnett Fields 10th, 17th and 24th Sept 9.30am to 11am Maternity Circle Midvale Centre, BD1 2HS 10am to 11.30am Education drop-in Gateway, 24th Sept 10am to 12 noon Early Help drop-in Canterbury Nursery School 10th and 24th Sept 12.30pm to 2.30pm Kids Time Workshop Barkerend, 10th Sept 5pm to 7pm (referral only)	Midwife Clinics (Barkerend) Sensory Room (Barkerend) Maternity Circle Rockwell Centre BD10 8DP 10am to 12 noon Stay and Play Session Fagley Primary 11th, 18th and 25th Sept 10am to 11.30am

