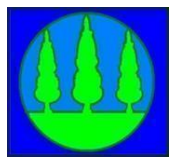


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Welcome to this week's newsletter, the first this half term.

Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers

GROW Assembly Focus:

Anti-Bullying Week and World Children's Day

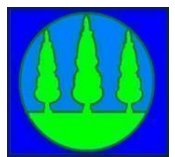


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The whole school attendance from September 2025 is 94.8% and last week's attendance was 92.8% which is **significantly** below our target of 96.2%.

Sadly only classes with over 96.2% attendance are: Hazel 96.3%, Rowan 97% and Pine and Sycamore with 96.3%.

DIARY

26-28 November 2025– Year 6 Residential School Trip

Friday 28 November 2025 – Year 4 Leeds City Museum School Trip

Wednesday 10 December 2025 – KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Production
9.30 am Children of the World

Wednesday 10 December 2025 – Reception Christmas Production - 2.30 pm

Thursday 11 December 2025 – KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Production
2.30 pm Children of the World

Thursday 11 December 2025 – Reception Christmas Production – 9.30am

Thursday 11 December 2025 – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 18 December 2025 – Christmas Disco

Friday 19 December 2025 – School closes for half term

Tuesday 6 January 2026 – School reopens

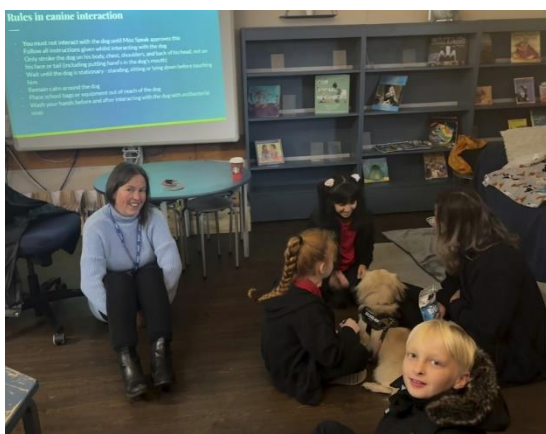
Wednesday 7 January 2026 – Pantomime trip – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs



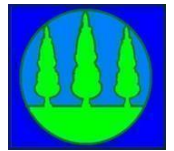
Meet Buzz, our therapy dog! Buzz regularly joins us in the library for children to read to him.

Why we invite Buzz in to school: The non-judgmental, calm presence of a dog creates a safe space for students to practise reading aloud, which boosts their motivation, improves their fluency, and fosters a positive attitude towards learning. Therapy dogs help with social-emotional development by increasing empathy and teaching responsibility.

Buzz with his own disability also helps our children embrace difference and supports our view of inclusion. He really is a doggy superstar and can be guaranteed to put a smile on everyone's faces!



Thank you to Ms Speak for giving up her own time and bringing Buzz into school.



Telegraph & Argus

BRADFORD & DISTRICT

EDUCATION AWARDS



We Have been asked to share this with you:

“Good Afternoon, We are thrilled to announce that The Telegraph & Argus, is bringing back the prestigious *Bradford & District Education Awards* for April 2026! This annual event shines a spotlight on the incredible achievements of schools, teachers, governors, support staff, and pupils across the Bradford district. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the dedication, hard work, and inspirational stories that shape our education

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community. Whether it's in the classroom, behind the scenes, or through wider community engagement, the awards honour those making a real difference. We invite you to nominate individuals or teams for these awards and help us celebrate the fantastic work happening in education. It's time to recognize those who go above and beyond, whether it's a dedicated teacher, a tireless support worker, an inspiring governor, or an exceptional pupil. And what's more, this year we will be introducing a new category. The Education Hero Award is new for 2026 and acknowledges someone in education who has been dedicated, committed and compassionate, leaving a lasting mark on pupils, parents and colleagues or someone who has dedicated a lifetime of service to the education sector. We can't wait to read their story. Don't miss the chance to be part of this inspirational event! Please submit your nominations by [Clicking Here](#)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0w9msPA-c0q0Tvk8KX-vFVndI2vgtXtHhbm1RqS3hLxUM0JWUFJWRE1HTUJMRVc5VIVTWTJaRVNPSy4u>

or simply email me your nomination. Warm regards, Natalie “

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Christmas Jumper Day

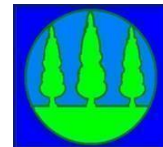
This will take place on Thursday 11 December 2025.



Please put on your most Christmassy jumper and donate £1 to

Save the Children. This will help children everywhere have the best future possible.

It's also Christmas dinner that day too!



Poplars Farm Christmas Disco – Thursday 18 December 2025

Our school will be holding a Christmas disco on Thursday 18 December 2025 in the school hall. Reception / KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) disco will run from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm and the KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) disco will run from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

The cost of entry to the disco is **£3.75** per child, including refreshments. If you would like your child to attend, please log on 'Parent Pay to consent and pay for your child's ticket by Thursday 11 December 2025.



Please note that places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. due to safety reasons only limited tickets will be available.

Kids With Bricks

is coming to your school!

Creativity - Teamwork - Problem Solving

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

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

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KIDSWITHBRICKS AT2 Theme farming

AT2 Week 1 weekly winner is



Made by a child in Year 5

BARN with sheep toys

<https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>



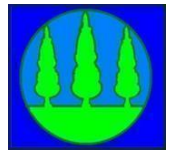
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New School Menu starting from 3 November 2025!

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

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will recall our school has been selected to take part in an exciting project called **“Transformation Towards Healthy and Sustainable School Meals” (Green Menus).**

This initiative is being led by the FixOurFood team at the University of York, in partnership with Bradford City Council and aims to develop new school food menus that not only support children's health but also help to look after the planet.

During the development stage, children from your child's school also took part in a tasting event to help make any improvements to the meals. As part of the project, our school will be introducing a new two-week menu on a trial basis for 12 weeks starting 3rd November 2025.

This menu will feature 6 brand new dishes:-

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

Throughout the 12-week period, the FixOurFood team will visit the school on three separate occasions during the lunchtime period. During these visits, they will:-

- Observe lunchtimes and take photos of the plates of food the children choose (please note: no photos of children will be taken),
- Interview our head chef to hear their thoughts on the new and improved recipes,

• Invite a small number of children to take part in a focus group to share their views and experiences of the menus. You will get a separate letter about this if your child is invited to this group. We believe this is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to contribute to shaping healthier and more sustainable school meals for the future.

We are excited to see how our children respond to the new dishes and to play an active role in this important project. Please be assured that no child will go hungry during this trial as there is likely to always be a more familiar dish on the menu.

This letter is for information only and you do not have to do anything different. All of the same information will be provided about the school meals and any allergy information will be considered in the same way as usual. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Poplars Farm Primary School				
Week 1: 3 rd Nov, 13 th Nov, 1 st Dec, 15 th Dec, 29 th Dec, 12 th Jan				
WEEK 1				
MON	Halal Chicken Pie (Red Tractor Accredited HMC) Chicken pieces in a rich Gravy with Vegetables, topped with a Golden Pastry lid)	Coronation Chickpea Sandwich Marinated chickpeas are mixed with mild curry spices, mango chutney, and a touch of sweetness from raisins to make a tasty, protein-packed sandwich filling!	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Homemade light Chocolate Sponges, served with Chocolate Sauce!
TUES	Halal Mild Chicken Curry (Red Tractor HMC) Accredited Halal Breast Chicken cooked in a mild Indian style curry sauce!	Golden Cheese Flan Mature Cheddar Cheese & Egg baked in a Pastry Case, served with Seasoned Potatoes	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Pears & Ice Cream with Syrup Vanilla Ice Cream with Tinned Pear Slices, with a Chocolate Flavoured Syrup!
WED	Halal Roast Chicken Breast (Red Tractor Accredited HMC) Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Veggie Gravy!	Spaghetti Marinara A tomato and mildly spiced sauce combined into cooked Spaghetti, topped with Cheese!	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Fruity Flapjack A sweet Bar made with Oats, Golden Syrup & Butter with Fruits!
THURS	Halal Beef Burger in a Bun (Red Tractor Accredited HMC) Beef Burger, served in a White Bread Roll with Salad and Baked Jacket Potatoes	Loaded Mexican-Style Wedges Golden roasted sweet potato wedges are topped with a rich, gently spiced tomato and bean sauce, melted cheese, and sweetcorn!	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Banana Muffins A fluffy Vanilla Sponge, with Bananas & drizzled with Icing!
FRI	Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Coleslaw & Salad (Wholemeal 50/50 Base topped with a lightly spiced sauce, and topped with Mozzarella/Cheddar Cheese)	Spaghetti Bolognese A rich Tomato sauce with Sausage, Peppers and Herbs!	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Strawberry Sponge & Custard Homemade light Vanilla Sponges with a Strawberry Jam swirl, served with Custard!
WEEK 2				
MON	MSC Battered Fish Fillet (MSC Battered Fillet of Fish, served with Baked Jacket Potatoes)	Creamy Cauli Mac "N" Cheese & Peas Soft pasta and sweet peas are mixed in a smooth, cheesy cauliflower sauce and baked until golden and bubbly!	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Homemade light Chocolate Sponges, served with Chocolate Sauce!
TUES	Creamy Halal Chicken Pasta & Crusty Bread (Red Tractor Accredited HMC) Roast Chicken in a Homemade Creamy Sauce with Crusty Bread, served with Pease Pottage!	Mexican Style Burrito Rice, Sweet Potatoes, Beans & Vegetables seasoned with Mexican spices & baked in a Tortilla wrap!	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Pears & Ice Cream with Syrup Vanilla Ice Cream with Tinned Pear Slices, with a Chocolate Flavoured Syrup!
WED	Halal Cottage Pie (Red Tractor Accredited HMC) Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Veggie Gravy!	Indian Style Sausage Rolls Flaky golden puff pastry is filled with a tasty blend of minced potatoes, chickpeas, lentils, and peas, seasoned with gentle Indian spices and garlic!	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Fruity Flapjack A sweet Bar made with Oats, Golden Syrup & Butter with Fruits!
THURS	Halal Meat Lasagne (Red Tractor Accredited HMC) Beef Mince in a rich Tomato Sauce with Herbs & Garlic, layered with Pasta Sheets and a Creamy Cheese Sauce, served with Garlic Bread!	Cowboy Sausage & Beans Tender vegetable sausages cooked with mixed beans, tomatoes, and colourful veggie in a rich, smoky sauce!	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Banana Muffins A fluffy Vanilla Sponge, with Bananas & drizzled with Icing!
FRI	Meatless Meatballs in Tomato & Herb Sauce (Quorn Meatballs in a homemade Tomato Sauce, served with Rice)	Curry Club Dahl with Chickpea & Coriander Yogurt (This hearty dahl is made with lentils, chickpeas, tomatoes, and a hint of spice, then served with fluffy rice and a cool, fresh coriander yogurt sauce!)	Assorted Jacket Potatoes	Strawberry Sponge & Custard Homemade light Vanilla Sponges with a Strawberry Jam swirl, served with Custard!

School Meals app from Bradford

Council

www.schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk



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

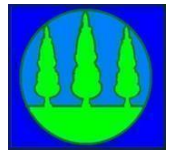
NOTIFICATION OF NEW SCHOOL MEALS PRICES FROM NOVEMBER 2025



Price (per meal)

Nursery	£2.35
Years 3-6	£2.55





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/>

From now, requested for leave in term time will need to be completed on the Bradford Council website and NOT school:

<https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/content/education-safeguarding/attendance/leave-of-absence-e-form>

Please make sure you make an appointment to see Mrs Speak after having completed the request form on line to Bradford Council

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160. Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

Money raised via fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government. **The money is not given to school.**

We hope that you will look at the calendar on the school website for 2025-26 to check when our school holidays are planned before booking your holiday or trip abroad.

Wraparound Care - Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club::

Breakfast Club is for pupils in Nursery (ONLY 4 years old and above), Reception to Year 6. It runs daily from 7.45am until the start of school. Our After School Club runs daily for pupils from Reception to Year 6 from 3:15pm until 6pm.

Children who are in receipt of PPG are attend the breakfast club at no cost.

If you would like your child to attend the afterschool club provision, please email the school office, office@poplarsfarm.bradford.sch.uk stating your child/children's names, classes and dates you would like your child to attend the provision including their pick up times after.

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

Breakfast Club – 7:45am – Start of School – £1.50 per session which includes breakfast (FSM children no charge, this does not include UIFSM)

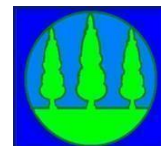
Afterschool Club – 15:15pm – 16:30pm collection - £4.00 per session which includes a drink and light snack
Afterschool Club – 15:15pm up to 18:00pm collection - £6.00 per session which includes tea.

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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.



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TUESDAY	Multi Sports Club – Year 2 Girls Football Club <u>Kidswithbricks</u> Club Express to Impress Girls Dance Club – Year 6
WEDNESDAY	Choir
THURSDAY	STARBOOK Reading Club – Year 3-Year 4
FRIDAY	Football Club – Year 5

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

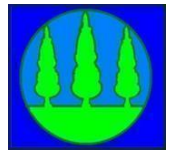
<https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/> and register your

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.

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

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

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Here is the link: <https://www.poplarsfarm.bradford.sch.uk/>

Thank you for your support,
Wishing you all a lovely week, with
warm wishes,

Mrs J Speak (Headteacher)

A message from Bradford Authority

Need help with finding support for additional needs? Visit [the SEND Local Offer website](#), [sign up](#) to receive a monthly SEND Newsletter and follow on [Facebook @LocalOfferBd](#)

PARENT INFORMATION EVENT

Tuesday 25 November 2025
9:30am, online via zoom

- Is your child on the **neurodiversity assessment pathway**?
- Has your child recently **received a diagnosis**?
- Are you **struggling** to **access services**?
- Want to learn more, but don't know where to start?

Join our **FREE Parent Information Event** and hear from:

- AWARE
- Social, Communication, and Interaction Team (SCIL)
- Social Care
- Other support services across the Bradford District

Find out what support is available for your family and how to access it.

Email to book - pie@aware-uk.org
Registration closes 11 November 2025

www.aware-uk.org