

# POPLARS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome to this week's newsletter, the first one for the Spring term and 2026!

GROW Assembly Focus: "International Thank You Day"

Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers



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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 53,4955 points and this week's winning team is – Marine Conservation Society with 3,230 points.  
Well Done!



## ATTENDANCE

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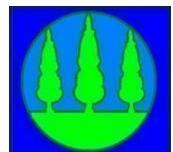
The whole school attendance for this week is:	92.76%
The whole school attendance for the school year is:	93.84%
Upper KS2 winners are:	Rowan - 98.1%
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Rowan - 98.1% and Elder 96.7%
KS1 winners are:	Unfortunately, no classes have reached our school target this week.
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	N/A
Lower KS2 winners are:	Oak 98.3%
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Unfortunately, there are no other classes who have reached the target.



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## DIARY

**Tuesday 6 January 2026 – School reopens**

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

**Wednesday 14 January 2026 – Year 3 Leeds City Museum Trip**

**Thursday, 15 January 2026 – CENSUS DAY**

**Monday-Wednesday 19-21 January 2026 – Year 4 Residential Trip**

**Thursday 5 February 2026 – Year 4 Bradford Industrial Museum Trip**

**Wednesday 11 February 2026 – Year 2 Thackray Museum of Medicine Trip**

**Friday 13 February 2026 – School Closes**

**Monday 23 February 2026 – School Reopens**

**Thursday, 5 March 2026 - World Book Day**

**Friday, 20 March 2026 -Red Nose Day**

**Friday, 20 March 2026 - Eid Al-Fitr**

## **Annual family trip to the pantomime: Snow White and Seven Dwarfs**

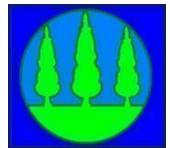
A fabulous time was had by young and older members of our school community last week when we went to the Alhambra



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**Staffing:** we would like to give a huge Poplars welcome to Mrs. H Jamil who is teaching Year 5 Beech and will be leading English across school. Also welcome to our new apprentices Ms Hussain and Mr Rehalu.

**CENSUS DAY- Thursday 15 January 2026**

It is an important day for us...eat with us and enjoy our special Italian menu!

FM Catering Services

# Italian menu



**MAGHERITA**  
Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza

**TONNO**  
Cheese, Tomato, Tuna & Onion Pizza

**ARIABATA PASTA**  
Spicy Tomato Sauce & Pasta

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**ICE CREAM**  
Or  
**FRESH FRUIT**

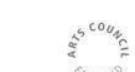
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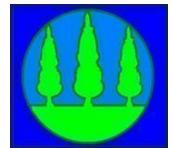
Each year, on a special day, the government conducts a count of how many children have a school dinner, including both free school meals and paid meals. Major funding for school is determined on the number of pupils taking a school dinner on the day.

If every student at our school orders a school dinner on this day, we could receive substantial extra funding for our school.

This year, the count will take place on Thursday 15 January 2026. We encourage everyone to order a school meal on that day!

Reception-Year 1 and Year 2 – Universal Free School Meals  
Year 3-Year 6 who receive Free School Meals will be free, the cost for other children in Year 3-Year 6 is £2.55.





## Kids with Bricks Club

## 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 online 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](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 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.

**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



## **Spring 1**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Multi Sports Club – Year 1 <u>Kidswithbricks Club</u> Express to Impress Girls Dance Club – Year 6
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Choir
<b>THURSDAY</b>	STARBOOK Reading Club – Year 3-Year 4
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Football Club – Year 4



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## 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.

Thank you for your support over the past term. I would also like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you from myself and the staff for all your kind messages, cards and gifts for Christmas. Very much appreciated. We hope everybody had a lovely holiday.

Here's to a new year filled with happiness and good health,

Mrs. J Speak,  
Headteacher





## **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



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Here is the registration form: <https://forms.gle/VMih95BsSrW34ELW8>

## DENTIST for NEW CHILDREN REGISTRATION

Peel park dental practice, 207 Otley Road, BD3 0JF is now taking on new children for registration.

Parents can contact the practice on 01274 638092 to book their children in at the dentist.



## AT BRADFORD ACADEMY

SPORTS FACILITIES ENTRANCE ON LISTER AVENUE, BD4 7QS.

**STARTING WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR PROVIDED PLACES ARE AVAILABLE)



Group 1	5:30pm – 6:30pm	Ages 4 - 6
Group 2	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Ages 7 - 8
Group 3	7:30pm – 8:30pm	Ages 9 - 12

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis **EVERY WEDNESDAY** during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 12. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7.50 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£30) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities with the course held indoors in the large sports hall.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT  
'BRADFORD ACADEMY' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP TO;**

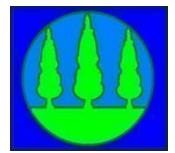
**07846 770 250**

*Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)*

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