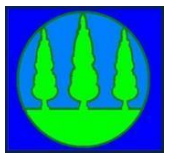


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Welcome to this week's newsletter

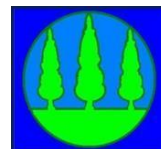
GROW assembly focus: Black History Month

Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers



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Team Merit Points

Remember children who are workers of the week now gain 100 team merit points each for their charity!



Our current overall leading team is RSPB with 16,430 points and this week's winning team is – Wildlife Trust with 3,610 points. Well Done!



Attendance

Good news! The whole school attendance from September 2025 is 96.3% and last week's attendance was 96.8%, which is above our target and above the National percentage. Oak 96.4%, Elm 97.2%, Hazel 97.3%, Bluebells 97.4%, Pine 97.6%, Sunflowers 97.7%, Willow 97.8%, Sycamore 97.9%, NPM 98%, Elder 98% and Beech 98.9%. All classes will receive extra playtime.

Holidays in term time: we are starting to see a growing number of holiday requests submitted. Please consider the impact on your child's education and likelihood of receiving a fine. Thank you.

DIARY

Monday 6 October 2025 – Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement

Thursday 9 October 2025 – Whole School Photography

Friday 17 October 2025 – Nasal Flu Immunisation

Monday 20 October 2025 – Choir Trip to St George's Hall Bradford

Monday 20 October 2025 and Wednesday 22 October 2025 – Parent Consultation Evenings

Friday 24 October 2025 – School closes for half-term

Monday 3 November 2025 – School reopens

Tuesday 18 November 2025 – Fluoride Varnish for Nursery-Reception and Year 1

Wednesday 5 November 2025 – Open Day for children due to start Reception in September 2026

w/c 24 November 2025– Year 6 Residential School Trip

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

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

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!

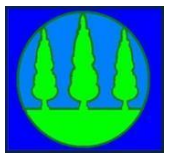
Here is the link:

<https://www.poplarsfarm.bradford.sch.uk/>

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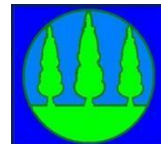
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A message from Bradford Authority

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](#)”

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 2025	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

ONLY for Potential Reception starters for September 2026



Poplars Farm Primary School
Open Day for potential
Reception starters for September 2026
Wednesday 5th November 2025
Information for parents/carers with tours and talks
throughout the day
1:30pm—5:00pm
Please contact the school office on 01274 307490 or email
office@poplarsfarm.bradford.sch.uk to book a tour.



Please consider the health of others and cancel the appointment if you are experiencing any Covid-19 like symptoms. We will readily rearrange your appointment for you when you are well again. Thank you.





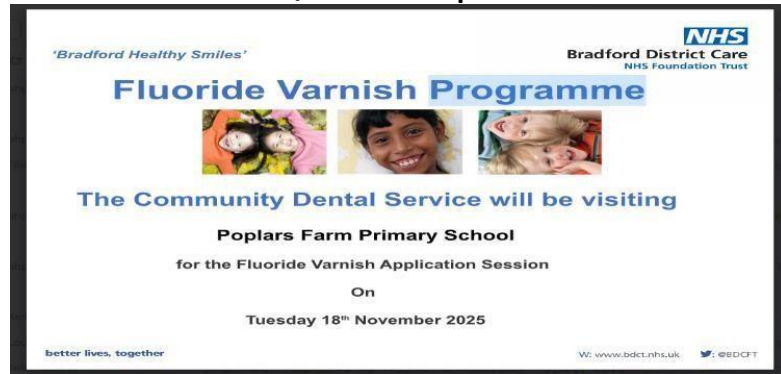
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Fluoride Varnish Programme for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 students

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



'Bradford Healthy Smiles'

NHS
Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Fluoride Varnish Programme

The Community Dental Service will be visiting
Poplars Farm Primary School
for the Fluoride Varnish Application Session
On
Tuesday 18th November 2025

Better lives, together W: www.bdcct.nhs.uk [@bdcct](https://twitter.com/bdcct)



Autumn 1

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

SCHOOL PARKING



When taking children to school teach them to **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN** and **THINK** before they cross the road

Hold hands **Find a safe place to cross**

STOP

LOOK

LISTEN

THINK

Every time you cross the road set a good example and do it safely.
For further information call the Road Safety Team on 01274 437409

The wording in this publication can be made available in other formats such as audio, large print and Braille. Please call 01274 437409.

School parking

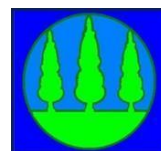
Keep the zig-zags clear – no excuses!

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School entrances

If you travel to school by car, do not stop (even to drop off or pick up) on "School - Keep - Clear" markings. Park well clear of the school entrance. A stationary car can prevent a driver seeing a child crossing the road. Don't be pressured by bad weather into parking too close to the school - better a wet coat than a visit to the A&E!

Do not park on pavements

Inconsiderate drivers who park their vehicles wholly or partially on the pavement not only cause danger - but also commit an offence of obstruction. They cause danger to pedestrians, especially children and parents with prams and pushchairs. Pavements are not constructed to take the weight of vehicles. The local authority may make a claim against you for the damage caused to the footpath.

Do not obstruct

You only visit the school twice a day, so why ruin the quality of life of residents? Parking across or near driveways obstructs the views of those trying to manoeuvre in and out of them. It is also anti-social behaviour.

**The zig-zags are there for a purpose:
To provide a clear area in which children
can cross more safely**

Please remember

- Don't let very young children out on their own.
- Make sure that they know roads are dangerous.
- Because of their size, children cannot see if the road is clear from behind parked cars.
- Drivers cannot see small children hidden by parked cars.
- When children go to and from school, there is usually a lot of traffic.

Can you park on Yellow zig zag lines outside a school?

Yellow zig zag lines and School Keep Clear markings outside schools that have signs listing the hours of operation will be enforced by the local council; this will include use of camera cars, CCTV or parking wardens to issue a penalty charge notice. The hours stated on signs usually relate to drop off and pick up times. You cannot drop off, pick up, wait or stop on zig zag lines and School Keep Clear markings during the hours of operation.

Do you stop on the zig-zags?

Friday 17 October 2025 – Nasal Flu Immunisation

The School Immunisation team cannot vaccinate your child without your consent – we need to know "Yes" or "No". Submit your online flu vaccine consent form by Thurs 30 Oct to enter a draw to win a £100 or £30 shopping voucher. Find out more: https://tinyurl.com/yp9r23cz	Your consent today will protect your child tomorrow We need your consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine - "yes" or "no", we need to know. Scan to find out more! 
You can opt for your child to have the flu vaccine without porcine gelatine – an injection rather than the nasal flu spray, but we must have your consent. Submit your online flu vaccine consent form by Thurs 30 Oct to enter a draw to win a £100 or £30 shopping voucher. Find out more: https://tinyurl.com/yp9r23cz	Did you know there's a choice of flu vaccine for your child with or without porcine gelatine?  Scan to find out more!
If your child has the flu vaccine, it helps to stop the spread of flu in your family and community. Flu viruses change, so even if they had it last year, they need it again this year. Submit your online flu vaccine consent form by Thurs 30 Oct to enter a draw to win a £100 or £30 shopping voucher. Find out more: https://tinyurl.com/yp9r23cz	Vaccinating your child can help protect other family members against flu We need your consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine - "yes" or "no", we need to know. Scan to find out more! 
The flu vaccine is a quick and simple nose spray. It's safe, effective, free and will stop the spread of flu, protecting not just your child but other family members. Submit your online flu vaccine consent form by Thurs 30 Oct to enter a draw to win a £100 or £30 shopping voucher. Find out more: https://tinyurl.com/yp9r23cz	Each winter 1000s of children need hospital care because of flu We need your consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine - "yes" or "no", we need to know. Scan to find out more! 
If you prefer your child to have an inactivated flu vaccine injection rather than the nasal spray which contains gelatine, that's fine. Let us know when you return the consent form - submit it by Thurs 30 Oct to enter a draw to win a £100 or £30 shopping voucher. Find out more: https://tinyurl.com/yp9r23cz	"Yes" or "No" – we need to know if you consent to your child having the flu vaccine Nasal spray – inert ingredients: small amounts of porcine gelatine Injection – no porcine gelatine  Scan to find out more!
If you home-school your children, they can still	

Have you returned your flu consent form?

The School Immunisation team will be in school soon to vaccinate children from Reception to Year 11 against flu. Your child will not receive the vaccine if you have not given your consent so, "Yes" or "No", the School Immunisation team needs you to please fill in the consent form which will be sent to you from school.

The flu vaccine is slightly different each year due to different strains of flu, so even if your child was vaccinated last year, they need the vaccine again this year and your consent is required.

Flu is not "just a bad cold", it is a nasty illness that can be very unpleasant for children and can also cause serious problems, such as pneumonia

Symptoms can come on quickly. They can include a sudden high temperature, an aching body, cough, sore throat, loss of appetite, pain in the ear, diarrhoea or tummy pain, feeling and being sick and difficulty sleeping. Children will also appear less active.

Each winter thousands of children who do not have a health condition need hospital care because of flu. Because children catch and spread flu easily, they can also pass it to people in your family or community who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people.

Most children are offered the nasal spray flu vaccine. It contains a small amount of gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine). A flu vaccine injection is available that does not contain gelatine. If you do not want your child to have the nasal spray vaccine, please ask for the flu vaccine injection on the school consent form.

Find out more about the children's flu vaccine and giving your consent on Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust's Family Health Services website.

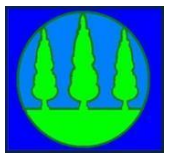
Read what the [British Islamic Medical Association](#) and [British Fatwa Council](#) say about the flu vaccine.

All consent forms returned by Thursday 30 October will be entered into a draw to win one of 30 shopping vouchers worth £30 or two worth £100.

Throughout flu we offer clinics in various locations over the school holidays and some Saturdays. If we missed your child in school or you prefer a clinic appointment you can contact the team on **01274 221269** to book an appointment. Depending on the number outstanding in schools we will try and offer a catch-up session within school.

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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 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 2024-25 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.**

PANTOMIME -SNOW WHITE and the SEVEN DWARFS



Oh yes it is! Pantomime time again: Snow White and the Seven Dwarves at the Alhambra Theatre.

The family event has now become an annual occurrence. We are delighted to inform you that once again, we have been offered heavily reduced tickets for this year's pantomime, 'Snow White and Seven Dwarfs' at Bradford's Alhambra theatre. The performance will be on Wednesday 7 January 2026 at 2 pm.

The cost of the tickets is: children £11.00 and adult £15.50. Please complete and return the slip with your ticket preference, we will then enable the service on ParentPay so you can pay for your tickets. All payments should be made to one account only. If parents/carers have more than one child in school, the payment service for this trip will be allocated to the eldest sibling. Please note, children who do not attend Poplars Farm are unable to attend.

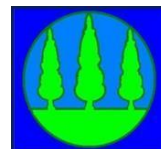
This event is strictly on a first come, first served basis. Once the tickets have gone they have gone!

Please return this slip, which was sent out on 12/09/25, as soon as possible to reserve your tickets

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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

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.

For our newer parents, the Parents' What's App group OR ANY SPECIFIC CLASS GROUP are NOT linked to school directly.

However, we will challenge any inappropriate comments made which are linked to members of our staff. We also cannot verify any information given.

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.

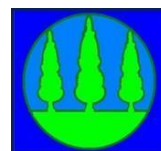
Thank you. You will find our Twitter/X page on the home page of the school website-this shares current news and events @PoplarsFarmSch and for the Early Years Foundation Stage classes @LPoplars.

Thank you for your support, with warm wishes,
Mrs J Speak (Headteacher)

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SCHOOL MILK PROVIDERS - Our school milk company

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 0202 231 2516 or via email at registration@coolmilk.com

- 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.

Community events

Fun Science

HALF TERM Spooktacular

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY, 27TH OCTOBER – FRIGHTFUL PHYSICS

- RACE FLYING BATS AND BROOMSTICKS
- CREATE ELECTRIFYING SPARKS WITH OUR VAN DE GRAAFF GENERATOR
- BRING SHADOW PUPPETS TO LIFE

TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER – SPOOKY BIOLOGY

- EXPLORE SKELETONS AND CREEPY CRAWLIES
- MAKE AND PLAY WITH SLIME
- DISCOVER HAIR-RAISING HALLOWEEN SURPRISES

FRIDAY, 31ST OCTOBER – CAULDRON CHEMISTRY

- STIR UP MAGICAL POTIONS IN BUBBLING CAULDRONS
- CREATE FASCINATING FOG EFFECTS
- PAINT WITH CAPILLARY ACTION PATTERNS
- MAKE OOOOOZING SLIME!

PRICES

1 DAY – £26.50 (SIBLINGS £25 EACH)

2 DAYS – £53 (SIBLINGS £50 EACH)

3 DAYS – £79.50 (SIBLINGS £75 EACH)

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE UNTIL 15TH SEPTEMBER

BOOK NOW

3 DAYS

10AM - 3PM

KIRKGATE CENTRE, 39A KIRKGATE, SHIPLEY, BD18 3EH

SCAN ME

AT BRADFORD ACADEMY

SPORTS FACILITIES ENTRANCE ON LISTER AVENUE, BD4 7QS.

STARTING WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR/PROVIDING 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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