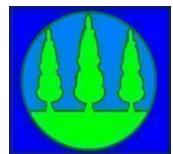


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Welcome to this week's newsletter.

GROW Assembly Focus: "Martin Luther King Day and Role Models"

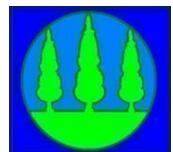
Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers



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Great job Mrs Barber! New directions for our International work at Poplars Farm...

Last week Mrs. Barber took part in a project meeting in Krakow, Poland. Organised by the British Council it enabled Mrs Barber to meet our new partner from Kherson, Ukraine. The project will centre on reading and it will be Year 3 who will be work collaboratively with pupils from Ukraine first. We hope that this will be the first project of many with our new link school. Unfortunately, the pupils are working online due to their school getting bombed but as we use Google Classroom and Zoom at Poplars Farm we will be able to invite them to our assemblies and events virtually.

Thank you, Mrs. Barber, for representing Poplars Farm, Bradford, Yorkshire and the UK!



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 58,130 points and this week's winning team is – RSPB with 4,635 points. Well Done!



ATTENDANCE- week ending – 15/01/2026

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The whole school attendance for this week is:	94.08%-we are dropping!
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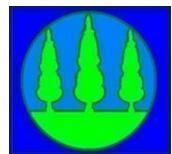
The whole school attendance for the school year is:	93.89%-this is below our target
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The Phase 3 winners are:	Beech - 97.93%
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The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Rowan - 96.92% Elder - 96.7%
The Phase 1 winners are:	Ash - 96.67%
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Unfortunately there are no other classes that have reached our school target this week.
The Phase 2 winners are:	Pine - 99%
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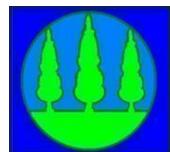
Year 3 Leeds City Museum Trip- 14 January 2026

A successful day to extend history learning...



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DIARY

Monday-Wednesday 19-21 January 2026 – Year 4 Lineham Farm 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

Kids with Bricks Club

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...



www.kidswithbricks.com

Follow us on social media to see all of the amazing work created in schools across England and Wales!



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kidswithbricks

We have been alerted that some older pupils/ex pupils with siblings in school have been entering the school carpark/back entrance to school at weekends and late evening. Please can I remind you that this is trespassing and our CCTV will be triggered, with the Police likely to attend. Thank you for supporting us with this and speaking to your children if they are playing out in the locality.



Children are prohibited from playing in the parking area



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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.

Breakfast Club – 7:45am – Start of School -£1.50 per session which (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! 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.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.
See you soon,
Mrs. J Speak,
Headteacher



Spring 1

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

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

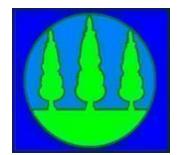
Who: Families with children aged 11 or under in Bradford and the wider area who would like to access food and wellbeing support. Here is the registration form: <https://forms.gle/VMih95BsSrW34ELW8>

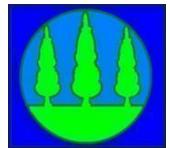


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Events in the locality

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.



Bradford Children and Families Trust **Family hub** **NHS**
Bradford District Care **NHS Foundation Trust**

School Nursing

Drop-in

Drop-in today and have a chat to about:

- Relationships
- Growing up
- Sleep
- Stress
- Anxiety
- Low mood
- Nutrition
- Lifestyle
- Alcohol
- Smoking
- Vaping
- Drug use
- Gender
- Sexuality
- Anger

And much, much more...

Where: Barkerend Family Hub
365 Barkerend Road, BD3 8QX
01274 437523

When:
6th February 2026
10.00–12.00
Then the first Friday of each month

[W: www.bdct.nhs.uk](http://www.bdct.nhs.uk) [@BDCTFT](https://twitter.com/BDCTFT)

Bradford Football Development



At Hanson Academy (Sports Hall)
 Swain House Rd, Sutton Ave, Bradford, BD2 1JP
 Starting on Monday 26th January 2026

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1
 School years - Year 2 & Year 3
 School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

6:00pm – 6:45pm
 6:45pm – 7:30pm
 7:30pm – 8:30pm

Dear parents,
 Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Monday at Hanson Academy, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football', building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Bradford City, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Manchester United, Liverpool, Leeds United, Everton and Oldham.

The cost of the course is £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star of the course. Player of the week, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

Ben

0113 457 3715 or 07514 316534

www.firstkick.co.uk



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks
 Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked



AT BRADFORD ACADEMY

SPORTS FACILITIES ENTRANCE ON LISTER AVENUE, BD4 7QS.

STARTING WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2026

(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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