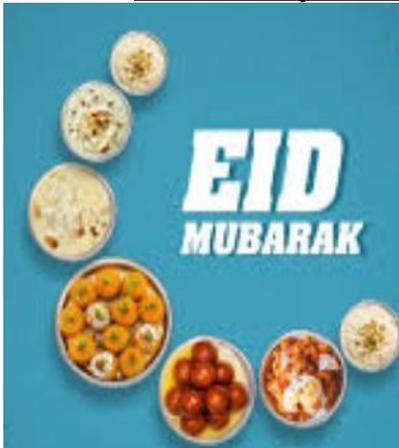


Welcome to this week's newsletter.

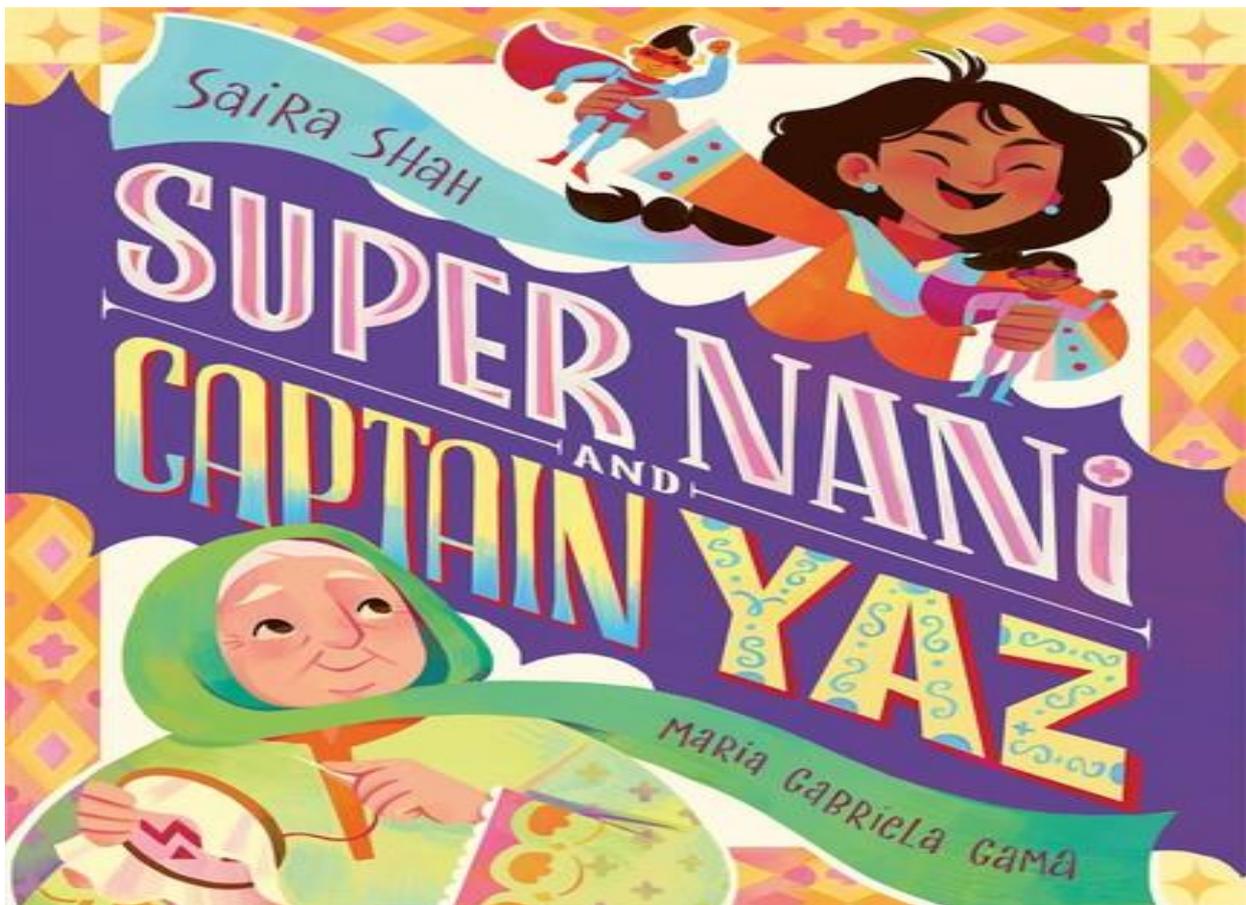
GROW Assembly Focus: "International Day of Happiness"

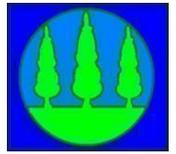


A celebratory Eid Breakfast at Poplars Farm Primary School - Monday 23



We are delighted to invite you to a special Eid Breakfast at Poplars Farm Primary School on Monday, 23rd March 2026, at 8:00 am-9:15 am. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together and celebrate by sharing a variety of breakfast foods from around the world in a relaxed and festive atmosphere.





INVITATION

To Parents/Guardians and **SUPERSTAR** Children,

My name is Saira Shah and I am a children's author. I'm so excited to let you know that I will be visiting your fantastic school on **Tuesday, 24th March 2026**. I've heard all about your amazing project, Voices of the Elders, and I've even seen photographs of the brilliant rag dolls you've all been making. To celebrate the project, I'll be delivering superhero-themed story workshops to all children.

VIP Meet & Greet Book Signing

I've attached to this invite a pre-order book form for my picture book **SUPER NANI AND CAPTAIN YAZ** priced at **£8**. If you purchase the book now, your family will become V.I.Ps and get to take part in a special Meet and Greet Book Signing with me at home time. Woo hoo!

Parents/Guardian, I'll be sharing updates during my visit on my Instagram account: @sairas_writes. So make sure you check out my 'Stories' to see all the fun we'll be having on the day. There's also FREE kids' resources on there and a #TeamKids parent community I'm building to help our superstars with their reading and writing.

I can't wait to meet you all. See you soon,

Saira

Team Merit Points

Remember children who are workers of the week now gain 150 team merit points each for their charity!

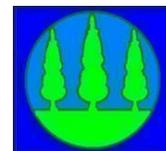


Our current overall leading team is RSPB with 86,500 points and this week's winning team is – Woodland Trust with 4,760 points. Well Done!



Message to all children: Remember we are holding a poster making competition based on our 4 charities. Simply make a poster of your team and hand in to Mrs. Speak.

Don't forget to write your letters for Takeover Day too! I wonder who you will apply to be?!



DIARY

Important forthcoming dates



Monday 23 March 2026- A celebratory Eid Breakfast for all our families.

Tuesday 24 March 2026 – Whole school Author Event - Saira Shah

Wednesday 25 March 2026 – Rock Steady and Choir Performance

Thursday 26 March 2026 – Year 5 Eden Camp Trip

Friday, 27 March 2026 -Red Nose Day at Poplars Farm Primary

Friday 27 March 2026-School closes for Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April 2026-School re-opens

Friday 17 April 2026 – Spring Bake Sale-during school hours-Blossom Class

Friday 17 April 2026 – Poplars Farm Primary Takeover Day

Thursday 23 April 2026 – Fluoride Varnish Application for Nursery-Reception and Year 1

Thursday 23 April 2026 – Easter Disco

Wednesday 6 May 2026 – Year 3 Saltaire Village Presentation

Tuesday 19 May 2026 – Year 5 Great Yorkshire Showground Trip

POPLARS FARM PRIMARY EASTER DISCO – Thursday 23 April 2026

Reception and KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) children may bring to school their party clothes to change into at the end of the day and collections will be at classroom doors.

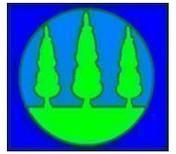
KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) children will go home at normal finishing time but will need to return back to school at 5.00pm. Those attending after school club, will be taken to the hall for 5pm if they have purchased a ticket.

The cost of entry to the disco is £3.75 per child which includes refreshments. If you would like your child to attend, please log on to 'Parent Pay' to consent and pay for your child's ticket by Friday, 17 April 2026.

Poplars Farm Easter Disco

Thursday, 23rd April 2026
 Reception-KS1 – 3.30pm to 4.30pm
 KS2 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

£3.75 per child via ParentPay
 Refreshments available

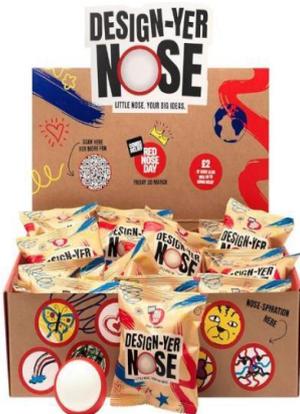


Please note that places will be allocated on a first come first-serve a basis, due to safety reasons only limited tickets will be available for sale.

Raffle for Easter Eggs: on Friday, 27 March 2026, will be drawn!



School staff will donate **chocolate eggs**. A strip of tickets will be £1. Tickets will be available to purchase from the classroom from Monday, 16 March 2026. All money collected will be donated to the charity, **Kabul Small Animal Rescue** in Afghanistan, towards the care of animals and wildlife and of course the disabled dog called 'Poplar' (right) from our Poplars to a little Poplar!



RED NOSE DAY- Friday 27 March 2026

Red Nose Day is on Friday, 27 March 2026 at Poplars Farm this year, and we will once again be raising money for this charity event.

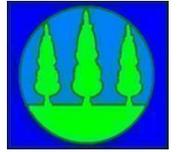
We will be **selling red noses for £2** each in the school office starting on Monday, 23 March 2026. (Please bring exact change.) Please note that we have no control over the quality of the noses. We kindly ask that you do not complain to us if a nose breaks or has any issues. Thank you for your understanding!

The event is completely voluntary and we appreciate your support.



Dressing Up For Red Nose Day: £1 donation

- Children can wear their own clothes with a crazy hairdo. This can be as silly as the children want to go and can take the form of colorful hair or a crazy style
- Children can wear red to school - the more red the better!
- Alternatively, children may wear their regular PE uniform, provided it includes a red T-shirt



Revised PE days from 23 February 2026

PE DAYS 2025-2026		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception	Sunflowers					
Reception	Bluebells					
Year 1	Birch				Active Thursday	
Year 1	Ash				Active Thursday	
Year 2	Elm				Active Thursday	
Year 2	Pine				Active Thursday	
Year 3	Oak				Active Thursday	
Year 3	Sycamore				Active Thursday	
Year 4	Cedar					Active Friday
Year 4	Willow					Active Friday
Year 5	Beech			Swimming		Active Friday
Year 5	Rowan					Active Friday
Year 6	Hazel					Active Friday
Year 6	Elder					Active Friday

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 3:20 - 4:15 every Monday for 5 weeks from 13th April 2026 (No club 4th May- Bank Holiday). This club is open for Years 1-4 and there are a maximum of 19 places available. The club is organised, administered and supported by Kids With Bricks Ltd, an external provider who deliver after school clubs across the whole of the UK.

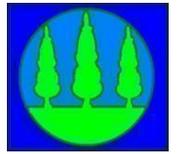
As well as completing a range of exciting educational challenges, students will have the chance to work both individually and to work in teams.

As an added bit of fun, students from the club will also take part in a weekly inter-school competition where parents can vote for their favourites and points are won for the national leader board.

BOOK ONLINE!

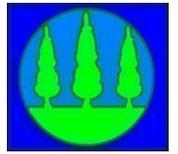
The club costs £3.50 + VAT per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place.





Spring 2

MONDAY	Kids With Bricks Club – Reception-Year 6
TUESDAY	Multi Sports Club – Year 3 Drama Club- Year 5-6 Express to Impress Girls Dance Club – Year 6 Girls Football Club- Year 3-4-5-6
WEDNESDAY	Choir Creative Writing Club-Year 4-5-6 <u>Benchball Club</u> - Year 4-5
THURSDAY	STARBOOK Reading Club – Year 3-Year 4 Study Club – Year 6 Gardening Club- Year 3
FRIDAY	Football Club – Year 6



General Information

Improvement to break and lunchtimes

We are looking for donations!

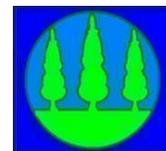
If you have any of the following, please hand them in at the school office



We are also aiming for every child in school to have a pair of wellies and waterproofs.

Should you already have these at home, please could you bring them to the school. Any additional donations would be appreciated.





Wraparound Care - Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club:

Breakfast Club is for pupils in Nursery (ONLY 4 years old and above), Reception to Year6. 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 3.15 pm until 6 pm.

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

If you would like your child to attend the after-school 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.

(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 – 15:15 pm up to 18:00 pm 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.

SCHOOL MILK PROVIDERS - Our school milk company-COOL MILK

Please find our 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 www.coolmilk.com and register your child.

Please note that following the registration of your child, it might take up to 2 weeks for the company to process your order before your child starts to have milk in school.

FREE and subsidised school milk
Register your child today!

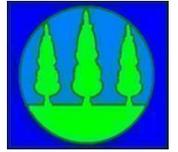
Is your child entitled to FREE milk?

Child under 5
Your child is entitled to free milk if they are under 5 years old.

Child over 5
Every child over the age of 5 that is eligible for free school meals is entitled to free milk.

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

PARKING



Please consider the safety of our pupils when driving and parking near school.



POLITE REMINDER

Behavior that will not be tolerated in person or over the telephone/email towards our staff members

- Disrupting, or threatening to disrupt, school operations (including events on the school grounds and sports team matches)
- Swearing, or using offensive language
- Talking in an aggressive tone, displaying a temper, or shouting at members of staff, pupils or other parents
- Threatening another member of the school community
- Sending abusive messages to another member of the school community, including via text, email or social media

I'm saddened to have to send this reminder out.

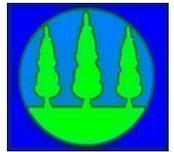
SPRING BAKE SALE-17 April 2026

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead.

Spring is here! Kind regards,

Mrs J Speak





Community Linkage

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP HUB

EVERY TUESDAY
 3.30PM - 5.30PM

CITY HUB, 36 VALLEY PARADE,
 BRADFORD, BD8 7DZ

SCAN TO REGISTER



Parent and Carer Support Group

From the Mental Health Support Team

Our online Parent and Carer Support Group offers a safe and welcoming space to explore ways of supporting your child's emotional wellbeing, and your own.

Each half term, we cover a new wellbeing topic inspired by the Five Ways to Wellbeing, and share practical tips and ideas. It's also a chance to connect with other parents, share experiences, and support one another.

This half-term's topic:

Take Notice – Stress, Anxiety and Worry

This session will give parents and carers a greater understanding to what stress, anxiety and worry is for young people and share useful tools to support their young person at these times.

Date: Tuesday 24th 2026
 Times: 10:30am – 12:00pm or 7:00pm – 8:30pm
 Platform: Microsoft Teams

To register your interest and receive a joining link, please email:
mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



better lives, together

W: www.bdct.nhs.uk @BDCT

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!

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>



Dear Parent,

NHS DENTAL SCHOOL INITIATIVE

We are pleased to announce that we have a limited number of NHS dental funded places available for children at **ShIPLEY DENTAL CENTRE**.

We are working with schools in the local area to offer NHS dental places for children and are delighted to be able to offer your child/children this opportunity.

Regular visits to the Dentist help to motivate and educate children to take care of their teeth in their formative years. Sadly, tooth decay is still one of the main reasons for children being admitted into hospital in the UK.



Scan Me

We welcome parents who would like to take advantage of this offer to scan the QR code and complete the online form or by following this link <https://zfrmz.eu/BJMF0UfqLaXzTZfroM9I> so that we can make an appointment as soon as possible.

Alternatively, please give us a call on **01274 590777**.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the practice.

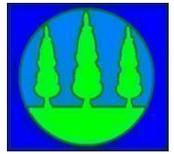
Kindest regards,

Lydia Daxner
 Centre Manager
 Shipley Dental Centre



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2nd March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Are you eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals? If so, we are delighted to let you know that we have secured funding from the Department for Education, through Bradford Council, to offer free places at our Easter Holiday Clubs.

Our **Multi-Activity Holiday Clubs in, Queensbury, Bingley and Saltaire** running for 4 days this Easter.

Children can enjoy fun, active days designed for all abilities, with a mix of sports, games and activities. Lunch is included for free.

- **Ages:** 5-12 (Years 1-6)
- **Dates:** Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April
- **Time:** 8.30am - 3.30pm
- **Venues:** Shibden Head Primary Academy, St Joseph's Primary Bingley, Saltaire Primary School
- **Activities:** Sports, games, activities and challenges.

To reserve your free place at any of our Easter Holiday Clubs, please use the link below from 2nd March. Once submitted, we will email to confirm your place and send you a link to complete the booking on our registers. (You will need to create an iPAL account so we have your child's details.)

<https://bradford.haf.fun/login>

Free places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions, please contact us on **07526 600 793**, email office@kangasports.co.uk, or send us a message via the Kanga Sports Facebook page. Please note our office is open **9.30am - 3.00pm** during term time.

Yours faithfully,
 The Kanga Team
www.kangasports.co.uk
 Tel: 07526 600 793



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Keeping children active & entertained in the school holidays

Sibling Discount Available

Kanga
 Throughout the school holidays
 COMING TO A VENUE NEAR YOU

Ages: 4 - 12 years
 Standard Day: 8:30AM - 3:30PM
 Extended Day: 8:00AM - 5:00PM for a small charge
 Price: £25 per day **OR** full week discount

BOOK HERE
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Book Now
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FUN FRIDAYS!
 Each week will bring a different fun activity

Why choose Kanga Holiday Clubs?

- ✓ Passionate, experienced DBS checked and first aid trained staff, who work in local schools during term time
- ✓ Safe, supportive environment
- ✓ Active kids = happy kids!
- ✓ Great value for families
- ✓ Minimum 300 minutes a day of physical activity

Ways to save

- ✓ Sibling discount: 10% off any additional siblings and full week booking discount
- ✓ Check your eligibility for government schemes like tax-free childcare accounts, vouchers, universal credit, payback and similar schemes at beststartinlife.gov.uk
- ✓ Loyalty offers

What to bring
 Children only need weather appropriate clothes, a packed lunch, snack and water bottle.

Kanga will take care of the fun!

office@kangasports.co.uk 07526 600793

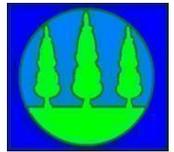
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Easter School Holiday Club In Bradford.

FOR 5-16 YEAR OLDS

KIDS EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

30TH MARCH - 10TH APRIL

8:30AM - 7PM
MONDAY - FRIDAY
 EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS

OUR HOLIDAY CLUB INCLUDES FUN-PACKED ACTIVITIES, RANGING FROM:

EXCITING TRIPS

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BAKING

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ARTS & CRAFTS

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GAMES AND SPORTS

+

MUCH MORE!

AT BRADFORD ACADEMY

SPORTS FACILITIES ENTRANCE ON LISTER AVENUE, BD4 7QS.

STARTING WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 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 £8 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£32) 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)