

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

GROW Assembly Focus: "Empathy Week"

Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers of the Week



Team Merit Points- which team will be champions this year and earn £100 for their charity?



Our current overall leading team is Wildlife Trusts with 121,477 and this week's winning team is Wildlife Trusts with 4,432 points. **Double winners - well done!**



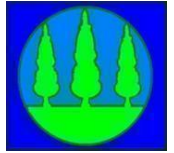
ATTENDANCE

Weekending -18/06/2026

Well done to all the classes mentioned below- you all managed to beat 96.2% A great achievement! Moving around the Attendance-opoly Board, if a class lands on a 'Surprise Mission,' they are able to vote and decide on a free dress day instead. This is organised by the class teacher.

Week ending: 18/06/2026

The whole school attendance for this week is:	91.9%
The whole school attendance for the school year is:	93.41%
The Phase 3 winners are:	Rowan with 97.04%
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Unfortunately, there are no other classes
The Phase 1 winners are:	N/A
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Unfortunately, there are no other classes
The Phase 2 winners are:	N/A
The classes who are above 96.2% are:	Unfortunately, there are no other classes



Please consider the impact of taking holidays during schooltime. This is having the **greatest negative impact** on attendance and of course, your child's education. It is highly likely that you will receive a fine. Recently we have had a significant increase in the number of **children arriving late into school.**

The "Hidden" Impacts of Lateness

- **Missed Learning & Routine:** Children miss morning announcements, registration, and crucial instructions for the day, which can make them feel confused or anxious.
- **Social & Emotional Cost:** Arriving late can be embarrassing and makes it difficult for a student to settle, often disrupting the rest of the class.
- **Habit Formation:** Consistent lateness creates bad habits that are difficult to break, which can negatively affect future employment.
- **Academic Achievement:** There is a direct link between good attendance/punctuality and high attainment; a student with 90% attendance is deemed a "persistent absentee" and is less likely to reach expected standards.
- **Reduced Confidence:** Students who are regularly late may feel insecure, making them less willing to participate in school activities.

Long-Term Consequences

- **Reduced Performance:** Frequent lateness often leads to falling behind in work and lower scores in exams.
- **Lower Employment Prospects:** Poor punctuality sets a poor precedent, which can translate to difficulties in future employment.
- **Increased Risk of Leaving Education Early:** Without intervention, consistent tardiness is linked to lower academic achievement and a higher risk of dropping out.

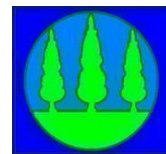
Impact on Lost Learning Time (Per Year)

- **5 minutes late every day:** Over 3 days of school lost per year (lessons).
- **10 minutes late every day:** Over 6.5 days of school lost per year.
- **15 minutes late every day:** Equivalent to 2 weeks (10 days) of school lost per year.
- **30 minutes late every day:** Equivalent to 19 days (nearly 4 weeks) of school lost per year

Year 5 -St George's Hall Bradford - Tuesday 16th June 2026

Year 5 children performed Hamlet on stage at St George's Hall Bradford.





DIARY

Important forthcoming dates



17 -22 June 2026 – Book Fair: details in this newsletter

Wednesday 24 June 2026 – Year 3 Road Safety Practical Lessons

Thursday 25 June 2026- Year 4 St George's Trip- The Halle School Trip

WC 29 June 2026 – Bikeability Week

Tuesday 30 June 2026 – Blossom class - Broadway Bradford Visit

Wednesday 1 July 2026 - Choir and Dance Concert

Wednesday 1 July 2026 – Year 5 STEM Festival

Thursday 2 July 2026 – Year 2 Scarborough Trip

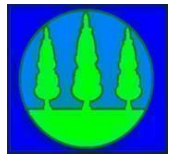
Wednesday 8 July 2026 – Year 6 Bradford Science Museum Trip

Thursday 9 July 2026 – Reception Hesketh Farm Visit

Thursday 9th July 2026- Active Poplars sports event: parents welcome (letter to follow)

Friday 10th July to Thursday 16th July- Festival of Learning (dates given in this Newsletter)

**Friday 17 July 2026 – Year 6 Leavers' assembly
School closes for Summer Holidays**



FESTIVAL OF LEARNING 10-16 July 2026

We invite you into school to see a presentation of children's work. Children have looked back and reflected on their learning this year and chosen their highlights to share with you.



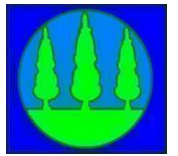
**FESTIVAL OF LEARNING
10 -16 JULY 2026**

**Please see the class allocated
 times below**

Friday 10th July-NURSERY Festival of Learning
 11.00am-11.30 am NAM-NFT
 2.30pm-3.00pm NPM-NFT

DATE	<u>9.15am-10.15am</u>	<u>2.00pm-3pm</u>
Monday 13th July		Reception – Sunflowers and Bluebells
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 – Hazel and Elder	Year 5 – Beech and Rowan
Wednesday 15th July	Year 1 – Ash and Birch	Year 2 – Elm and Pine
Thursday 16th July	Year 3 – Oak and Sycamore	Year 4 – Cedar and Willow

Join us to see our children share their learning from our very own Poplars Curriculum.

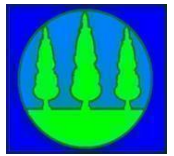


The Community Picnic 2026: more photos from the Traditional Fashion Show



Thank you to our former pupil, Maddison for returning back to Poplars Farm and demonstrating some incredible twirling! No wonder she

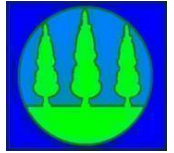




Summer 2

MONDAY	Kids With Bricks Club – Reception to Year 4 Multi-Ball Games Club – Year 2
TUESDAY	Multi Sports Club – Year 1 Express to Impress Girls Dance Club – Year 6 Girls Football Club- Year 3-4-5-6 Cricket Club –Year 5-Year 6
WEDNESDAY	Choir High-Five Club - Year 4 and Year 5 Play and Learn Games Club – Reception and Year 1
THURSDAY	STARBOOK Reading Club – Year 3-Year 4 Gardening Club- Year 2 Art Club – Year 3-Year 4-Year 5-Year 6
FRIDAY	Football Club – Year 4 Board Games Club – Year 6

POPLARS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Together we aspire, learn and GROW Spring
 term NEWSLETTER W/C 15 June 2026



Poplars Farm Primary School Menu

Week 1: 13th Apr, 4th May, 25th May, 15th Jun, 6th Jul, 27th Jul, 17th Aug, 7th Sep, 28th Sep, 19th Oct

Homemade Bread, selection of seasonal Vegetables / Fresh Salad & Fresh Fruit served daily.

Selection of cold Sandwiches served daily.

Mon

- ProVeg Beef & Red Lentil Bolognese & Garlic Bread
- Soya Mince Chilli with Rice & Nachos
- American-style Quorn Hot Dog
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Lemon Shortcake & Custard

Tue

- Pork & Apple Whirl
- Halal Chicken & Spinach
- Pomodoro Pasta
- Sprinkle Cake

Wed

- Roast Meat Dinner
- Halal Roast Chicken Breast
- Golden Cheese Roll
- Decorated Fruit Jolly

Thu

- MSC Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers
- MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcakes
- Arrabbiata Pasta
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

Fri

- Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
- Baked Tortilla Wrap
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Vanilla Cookie

FM CATERING SERVICES

Poplars Farm Primary School Menu

Week 2: 20th Apr, 11th May, 1st Jun, 22nd Jun, 12th Jul, 3rd Aug, 24th Aug, 14th Sep, 8th Oct, 29th Oct

Homemade Bread, selection of seasonal Vegetables / Fresh Salad & Fresh Fruit served daily.

Selection of cold Sandwiches served daily.

Mon

- ProVeg Mild Chicken Curry
- ProVeg Creamy Mac & Cheese
- Mascarpone Pasta
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Paris Sandwich

Tue

- Super Savoury Roll
- Homemade BBQ Quorn with Rice
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Peaches & Ice Cream with Syrup

Wed

- Roast Meat Dinner
- Halal Roast Chicken Breast
- Toad in the Hole
- Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll
- Lemon Drizzle

Thu

- Beef Burger in a Bun
- Halal Chicken Burger in a Bun
- Quorn Patisserie
- Pomodoro Pasta
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Marble Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

Fri

- Tuna & Sweetcorn Pizza
- Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Gillygate Biscuits

FM CATERING SERVICES

Poplars Farm Primary School Menu

Week 3: 27th Apr, 18th May, 8th Jun, 29th Jun, 20th Jul, 10th Aug, 31st Aug, 21st Sep, 12th Oct, 3rd Nov

Homemade Bread, selection of seasonal Vegetables / Fresh Salad & Fresh Fruit served daily.

Selection of cold Sandwiches served daily.

Mon

- ProVeg Rich & Creamy Meat Lasagne
- Rich & Creamy Vegetarian Mince Lasagne
- Homemade BBQ Quorn with Rice
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Flagjack

Tue

- Traditional Chicken Pie
- Golden Cheese Whirl
- Arrabbiata Pasta
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll
- Strawberry Sponge & Custard

Wed

- Sausage Pie
- Halal Roast Chicken Breast
- Quorn Dinner
- Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll
- Pears & Ice Cream with Syrup

Thu

- MSC Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers
- Vegetable Pakoras
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce

Fri

- Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
- Mini Power Roll Pizza
- Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches
- Butterfly Buns

FM CATERING SERVICES



New School Meal Menu- commencing 13th April 2026

New School Meals Prices from August 2026

Price (per meal)

Nursery £2.45
Primary £2.55

ASK YOURSELF
 Why aren't you choosing a school meal?

Across the country, a significant number of pupils almost £16.4 are not choosing a school meal. Whether paid or free, this means many children in our area are missing out on healthy, balanced food that supports their learning, wellbeing, and development.

FM Catering are looking to work in partnership with schools and academy trusts to address these challenges and improve uptake levels. The initial step will be to do a quick survey of the school's parents to identify the reasons why they aren't taking up a school meal, and then FM Catering will develop and agree a bespoke action plan with our schools designed to increase meal uptake.

BENEFITS OF A SCHOOL MEAL

- Improves overall health and learning outcomes
- Nutritious, freshly prepared food with hot and cold options
- Promotes healthy food choices and food education
- Provides hot choices on cold days and cold choices on hot days
- Theme days to support curriculum activities and calendar events
- Families save approximately £37 per month in total on food spending (based on a household with two adults and two primary-aged children)
- Religious, medical and food allergy diets are catered for
- Pupils wanting a packed lunch (FM can provide packed lunch choices with the 'select and fill your packed lunch' option)

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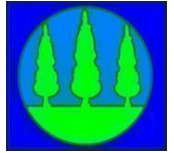
Scan the QR code to let us know your thoughts on school meals.

(Please note that All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals)

Increasing Uptake of School Meals-School Lunch Survey for Parents

Please click on the link below to have your say.

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/irhg5c>



IMPORTANT CHANGES in AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING

We would like to inform you of some important changes to our after-school club booking system.

Please note the following:

1. If your child attends the after-school club regularly and you need to make any changes to their attendance (for example, they will not be attending or they will be collected before 6:00 pm), please inform the school office by 10:00 am on the day of the change.
2. If your child does not usually attend the after-school club but you would like them to attend on a particular day, please inform the school office by 10:00 am on that day or before.

Due to our new booking system, we may be unable to register children for after-school club if we are not informed of changes or new bookings before 10:00 am. In such cases, your child may not be able to attend the club that day.

IMPORTANT CHANGES in AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING

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

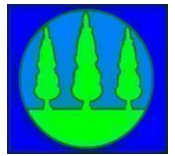
(FSM children no charge, this does not include UIFSM)

Afterschool Club - 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm 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.



Community Linkage

Is your child ready to learn?

Your school nursing team wants to ensure your child has a great start to their learning journey. If your child will reach school-age between now and September 2026, we will invite you to one of our helpful "Ready to Learn" sessions.

We'll be sharing tips and advice so your child can:

- Get dressed on their own - putting on and taking off their coat
- Eat without help using a knife, fork and spoon
- Go to the toilet without help
- Listen to their teacher - you'll find out how to help your child concentrate and engage in school, as well as the importance of sleep and bedtime routine
- Begin to write – we'll explore ways to help develop your child's writing skills
- Feel confident and happy – so they settle quicker when you leave them at school.

Please call us on 01274 221203 to book an appointment.

DATE	TIME	HUB	DATE	TIME	HUB
Friday 1 st May:	9.30-1pm 1-4.30pm	Barkerend Farcliffe	Weds 15 th July	9.30-4pm	Gateway
Friday 8 th May:	9.30-1pm 1-4.30pm	TFD Gateway	Thurs 23 rd July	9.30-4pm	Reevy
Tues 12 th May:	9:15-12:45 1-4.30pm	Shiplely Lib Farcliffe	Tues 28 th July	9.30-4pm	Rainbow
Thurs 21 st May:	9.30-1pm 1-4.30pm	Reevy Rainbow	Weds 5 th Aug	9.30-4pm	Farcliffe
Thurs 28 th May:	9.30-1pm 1-4.30pm	Farcliffe Barkerend	Thurs 13 th Aug	9.30-4pm	Shiplely Lib
Tues 2 nd June:	9.30-1pm 1-4.30pm	TFD Gateway	Weds 19 th Aug	9.30-4pm	TFD
Friday 12 th June:	9:15-12:45 1-4.30pm	Shiplely Lib Farcliffe	Weds 26 th Aug	9.30-4pm	Barkerend



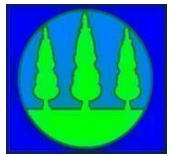
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP HUB

EVERY TUESDAY
3.30PM - 5.30PM

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

SCAN TO REGISTER



Early Words Together

Enjoy exploring stories, rhymes and being creative with your child once a week for six weeks.

These free weekly sessions are packed with fun activities to help your child, aged three to four years, with talking and learning.

First session: Wednesday 10 June

Final session: Wednesday 15 July

Timings: 8.45am (for a 9am start) until 10am

Venue: Peel Park Primary School, Peel Park Drive, BD2 4PR

Places are limited. Secure yours via the link or QR code below.
bit.ly/EarlyWordsTogether



In partnership with



READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

LAUNCH PARTY!

Manningham Library
Saturday 4 July 12:00-2:30pm

Celebrating South Asian Heritage Month and the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge!

Live music | Dance workshops | Mehndi
 Rangoli Painting | Activities & Crafts | Refreshments

Sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge

FREE ALL WELCOME!

THE READING AGENCY | BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL | ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND | GO ALL IN! National Year of Reading 2026

City of BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts & Dance (YACAD)
 Co-op Academy Parkland
 Old Park Road, Bradford, BD10 9BG
 HAF@yacad.org
 01274 020263

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This Summer, we are running four Creative Arts Camps for ages 5-15 years old. All places include lunch with options for a hot meal or sandwiches.

What's on offer!

YACAD - Swain House Creative Camp Ages 5-16 (10:00am -2pm): A fun filled holiday club where children can sing, act and dance while building confidence and creativity. Throughout the week they will work together to create their own performing arts production. Running Monday 3rd August - Friday 7th August.

YACAD - Wycliffe Creative Camp Ages 5-16 (10:00am -2pm): A high-energy holiday camp where kids build confidence and have fun learning aerial hoop, silks, acro dance, and circus skills like juggling, diabolo, and devil sticks. A week of creativity, movement, and lots of fun. Running Monday 27th July - Friday 31st July. Wrap around childcare available 8.30am-6pm.

YACAD - Parkland Creative Camp Ages 8-16 (10:00am -3pm): A creative and expressive holiday club where kids can build new skills in arts and crafts or build confidence in the performing arts through acting and singing. Running Monday 27th July - Friday 14th August (Monday-Friday each week). Wrap around childcare available 8.30am-6pm.

YACAD - Mini Camp Ages 5-7 (10:00am -3pm): A creative and expressive holiday club where kids can build new skills in arts and crafts or build confidence in the performing arts through acting and singing. Monday 27th July - Friday 14th August (Monday-Friday each week). Wrap around childcare available 8.30am-6pm.

FREE PLACES

Your child may be eligible. To see if you're eligible for a FREE HAF funded place, please register at <https://bradford.haf.fun/login>.

Once you are registered on the Bradford HAF portal, you will need to register your child for a club. Please choose one of the camps above. Once registered, a member of our team will be in touch regarding the next steps.

PAID PLACES

Your child can attend our Summer Camps with paid places available at £10 per day, which includes lunch. To book a place, please visit <https://www.yacad.co.uk/summer-camp-booking>.

Kind Regards,

Jessica Leeming (haf@yacad.org)
 Programme Development Manager

