

# POPLARS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

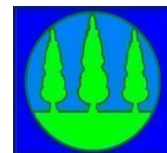
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Welcome to this week's newsletter, the first this half term.

### Congratulations to ALL our Wonderful Workers

**GROW Assembly Focus: Buy Nothing Day-let's all try to reduce waste and buy only what we need!**



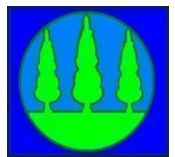
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Workers of the Week!



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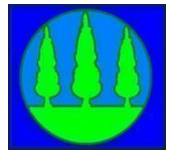
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**ATTENDANCE**



The whole school attendance from September 2025 is 94.5% and last week's attendance was 92% which is significantly below our target of 96.2%.

Sadly, only the only class with over 96.2% attendance is Elder class with 98%.

<b><u>DIARY</u></b>	
<b>Wednesday 3 December 2025 – Rocksteady and Choir concert</b>	
<b>Wednesday 10 December 2025 – KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Production</b>	
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Children of the World</b>
<b>Wednesday 10 December 2025 – Reception Christmas Production - 2.30 pm</b>	
<b>Thursday 11 December 2025 – KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Christmas Production</b>	
<b>2.30 pm</b>	<b>Children of the World</b>
<b>Thursday 11 December 2025 – Reception Christmas Production – 9.30am</b>	
<b>Thursday 11 December 2025 – Christmas Jumper Day</b>	
<b>Tuesday 16 December 2025 – Nursery Christmas Performance</b>	
<b>10.30am-11.30 and 2pm-3pm</b>	
<b>Thursday 18 December 2025 – Christmas Disco</b>	
<b>Friday 19 December 2025 – School closes for half term</b>	
<b>Tuesday 6 January 2026 – School reopens</b>	
<b>Wednesday 7 January 2026 – Pantomime trip – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs</b>	



## **Telegraph & Argus**

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# **EDUCATION AWARDS**



We Have been asked to share this with you:

"Good Afternoon, We are thrilled to announce that The Telegraph & Argus, is bringing back the prestigious *Bradford & District Education Awards* for April 2026! This annual event shines a spotlight on the incredible achievements of schools, teachers, governors, support staff, and pupils across the Bradford district. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the dedication, hard work, and inspirational stories that shape our education

## **Celebrating Education and Learning in 2026**

community. Whether it's in the classroom, behind the scenes, or through wider community engagement, the awards honour those making a real difference. We invite you to nominate individuals or teams for these awards and help us celebrate the fantastic work happening in education. It's time to recognize those who go above and beyond, whether it's a dedicated teacher, a tireless support worker, an inspiring governor, or an exceptional pupil. And what's more, this year we will be introducing a new category. The Education Hero Award is new for 2026 and acknowledges someone in education who has been dedicated, committed and compassionate, leaving a lasting mark on pupils, parents and colleagues or someone who has dedicated a lifetime of service to the education sector. We can't wait to read their story. Don't miss the chance to be part of this inspirational event! Please submit your nominations by [Clicking Here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0w9msPA-c0q0Tvk8KX-vFVndI2vgtXtHhbm1RqS3hLxUM0JWUFJWRE1HTUJMRVc5VIVTWTJaRVNPSy4u)

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or simply email me your nomination.

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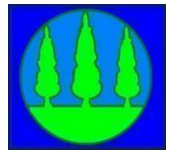
## **Christmas Jumper Day**

**This will take place on Thursday 11 December 2025.**



Please put on your most Christmassy jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children. This will help children everywhere have the best future possible. It's also Christmas dinner that day too!





## Poplars Farm Primary School Christmas Lunch Menu – 11 December 2025



## Poplars Farm Christmas Disco – Thursday 18 December 2025

Our school will be holding a Christmas disco on Thursday 18 December 2025 in the school hall. Reception / KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) disco will run from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm and the KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) disco will run from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

The cost of entry to the disco is **£3.75** per child, including refreshments. If you would like your child to attend, please log on 'Parent Pay to consent and pay for your child's ticket by Thursday 11 December 2025.

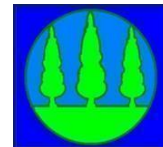


Please note that places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis, due to safety reasons only limited tickets will be available

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**Year 6 Residential to Marrick Priory:** thank you to Mr Morris, all our fabulous staff and Mr Mortimer, Chair of Governors for enabling our Year 6 children to have such a fantastic time at Marrick Priory.

We plan to share all the photographs with the children who went on the residential...but here they are on arrival back at school, with many stories of adventure to share!



## New School Menu starting from 3 November 2025!

Here is a letter from FM Catering and Bradford Local Authority

in collaboration with the University of York:

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will recall our school has been selected to take part in an exciting project called **"Transformation Towards Healthy and Sustainable School Meals" (Green Menus).**

This initiative is being led by the FixOurFood team at the University of York, in partnership with Bradford City Council and aims to develop new school food menus that not only support children's health but also help to look after the planet.

During the development stage, children from your child's school also took part in a tasting event to help make any improvements to the meals. As part of the project, our school will be introducing a new two-week menu on a trial basis for 12 weeks starting 3rd November 2025.

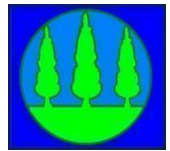
This menu will feature 6 brand new dishes:-

- | Cowboy Sausage and Beans
- | Loaded Mexican-Style Wedges
- | Indian-style Sausage Roll
- | Creamy Cauli Mac 'N' Cheese and Peas
- | Curry Club Dahl Chickpeas and a Coriander Yogurt
- | Coronation Chickpea Sandwich

Poplars Farm Primary School			
Homemade bread, selection of seasonal vegetables & fresh salad and fresh fruits served daily			
Week 1: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov, 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec, 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan			
WEEK 1			
MON	<b>Halal Chicken Pie</b> (Red Tractor Accredited HAC) Chicken pieces in a rich gravy with vegetables, topped with a Golden Pasty lid	<b>Coronation Chickpea Sandwich</b> Marinated chickpeas are mixed with mild curry spices, mango chutney, and a touch of sweetness from raisins to make a tasty, protein-packed sandwich filling!	Assorted Jacket Potatoes
TUES	<b>Halal Mild Chicken Curry</b> (Red Tractor HAC Accredited) Mild Diced Chicken cooked in a mild spiced Indian style curry sauce	<b>Golden Cheese Flan</b> Mature Cheddar Cheese & Egg Baked in a Pasty Case, served with Seasoned Potatoes	Assorted Jacket Potatoes
WED	<b>Halal Roast Chicken Breast</b> (Red Tractor Accredited HAC) Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Veggie Gravy	<b>Spaghetti Marinara</b> A Tomato and mildly spiced sauce combined into cooked Spaghetti, topped with Cheese	Assorted Jacket Potatoes
THURS	<b>Halal Beef Burger in a Bun</b> (Red Tractor Accredited HAC) Beef Burgers served in a White Bread Roll with Salad and Baked Jacket Potatoes	<b>Loaded Mexican-Style Wedges</b> Golden roasted sweet potato wedges are topped with a rich, gently spiced tomato and bean sauce, melted cheese, and sweetcorn	Assorted Jacket Potatoes
FRI	<b>Classic Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza with Coleslaw &amp; Salad</b> (Allergies: 50/50) Base topped with a lightly spiced sauce, and topped with Mozzarella/Cheddar Cheese	<b>Spaghetti Bolognese</b> A rich Tomato sauce with Sopa Mincha, Peppers and Herbs	Assorted Jacket Potatoes
			<b>Chocolate Sponge &amp; Chocolate Sauce</b> Homemade, light Chocolate Sponge, served with Chocolate Sauce
			<b>Pears &amp; Ice Cream with Syrup</b> Vanilla Ice Cream with Piced Pear Slices, with a Chocolate Reduced Syrup
			<b>Fruity Flapjack</b> A Tasty Flapjack with Butter with Fruit
			<b>Banana Muffins</b> A Sweet Bar made with Oats, Golden Syrup & Butter with Raisins
			<b>Strawberry Sponge &amp; Custard</b> Homemade, light Vanilla Sponge with a Strawberry Jam swirl, served with Custard

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Throughout the 12-week period, the FixOurFood team will visit the school on three separate occasions during the lunchtime period. During these visits, they will:-

- Observe lunchtimes and take photos of the plates of food the children choose (please note: no photos of children will be taken),
- Interview our head chef to hear their thoughts on the new and improved recipes,
- Invite a small number of children to take part in a focus group to share their views and experiences of the menus. You will get a separate letter about this if your child is invited to this group. We believe this is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to contribute to shaping healthier and more sustainable school meals for the future.

We are excited to see how our children respond to the new dishes and to play an active role in this important project. Please be assured that no child will go hungry during this trial as there is likely to always be a more familiar dish on the menu.

This letter is for information only and you do not have to do anything different. All of the same information will be provided about the school meals and any allergy information will be considered in the same way as usual. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

## **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://bsc.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 on line 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.

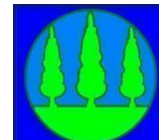
If you would like your child to attend the afterschool club provision, please email the school office,



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[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.



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**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.

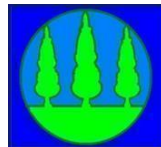


## Autumn 2

TUESDAY	Multi Sports Club – Year 2 Girls Football Club Kidswithbricks Club Express to Impress Girls Dance Club – Year 6
WEDNESDAY	Choir
THURSDAY	STARBOOK Reading Club – Year 3-Year 4
FRIDAY	Football Club – Year 5

**SCHOOL MILK PROVIDERS - Our school milk company**

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**- 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.

You will find our Twitter/X page on the home page the school website-this shares current news and events @PoplarsFarmSch.

**New school website:** the new website has gone live! Here is the link:  
<https://www.poplarsfarm.bradford.sch.uk/>

Thank you for your support,

Wishing you all a lovely week, with  
Warm wishes,  
Mrs J Speak (Headteacher)



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