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Friday 9th January 2026

Parent Consultation Meetings

A message was sent to parents and carers earlier this week to inform of a change of date to the upcoming parents' evenings. The meetings will now be held on **Monday 19th and Thursday 22nd January 2026, 3:30-6:30pm**. Please note: these meetings are only for years 1 - 6. Meetings for Reception will be held in March. Meetings will be held in the KS1 hall for children in Year 1 and Year 2 – please enter and exit via our main school office. For children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6, meetings will be held in the KS2 hall – please enter and exit through the school doors on Main Street. When booking your appointments, please remember to leave a gap between meetings for different children, to allow time to travel between buildings. **Parents and carers should book a meeting via the Arbor app or Parent Portal.** If you are having difficulty doing this, please contact the school office.

Online Safety Newsletter

The January edition of the Knowsley City Council Online Safety Newsletter has been published. This month's edition focuses on online gaming, Snapchat and Instagram. Parents and carers can view the newsletter via our website by [clicking here](#).

We have also sent parents and carers an informative digital flyer detailing '10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators' regarding 'Essential Online Safety.'



This Week in Year 4

Our Year 4 classes enjoyed Digestion Day this week to start their new Science unit. The children began the day by creating their own version of the digestive system - including breaking food down in the stomach and removing moisture and nutrients in the intestines before getting rid of the waste. Yuck! They also created detailed labelled diagrams of the key organs.



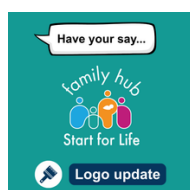
Have your say - Best Start in Life and Family Hub logos

Since 2023, the Family Hub Start for Life logo has been used in the Bradford District to label:

- Family Hubs, and their services for families with children of all ages,
- Specific 'Start for Life' services for families who are pregnant or with babies and young children.

Following the government's introduction of a new '[Best Start in Life](#)' national website and logo, we are asking Bradford District's families to help decide how we adapt to this change.

To find out more and have your say, please visit the [feedback form](#) on the website. The deadline is 31st January 2026.



Family Links Nurturing Programme

Bradford Children's Trust are running a 10-week Family Links Nurturing Course at Crossflatts Primary School from Monday 19th January 2026 followed by 10 sessions every Monday (term time only). The course is available to parents/carers of children aged 2-14 years. For more information, please [click here](#). To book a place, please phone Crossflatts Primary School on 01274 782070.

Dates for your diary: check [our website](#) for more!

Saturday 17 January: Cross Country Event @ Addingham

Monday 19 January: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Thursday 22 January: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:30pm

Saturday 31 January: Cross Country Event @ Ashlands Primary (KS2 Only)

Saturday 7 February: Cross Country Event @ Ghyll Royd School

School Admissions for 2026

The [online admissions system](#) will be available for Reception applications from 17th November 2025 until 15th January 2026 for children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.8%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 96.61%. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Lime** with 100% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.

School Lunch Menu - WC: 12/01/2026 Week 2

Please [click here](#) for updated information and pricing for the school meal menu.

School meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. **For Years 3 to 6, the cost of school meals is £2.75 per day/ £13.75 per week.** Please ensure your Parent Pay account is in credit prior to meals being taken by children. **If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals, please contact Facilities Management on 07973 841632 or email michelle.thomas@bradford.gov.uk**

Monday: Battered Fish Fillet, Vegetable Pakoras, Arrabiata Pasta, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Tuesday: Creamy Chicken Pasta, Vegetable Samosa, BBQ Quorn Pasta, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Meat Dinner, Halal Roast Chicken Dinner, Spicy Pepper Pasta, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Savoury Rolls, Spaghetti Marinara, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

Friday: Beef & Lentil Bolognese, Halal Keema Biryani, Mexican Style Burrito, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Please note: halal options are strictly reserved for halal children



If you are looking to purchase pre-loved, good quality uniform, please email fompsuniform@gmail.com. We currently have high stock levels in most ages.

Riverside Gardens Junior Parkrun

Join a fun and friendly weekly 2k event for children aged 4 to 14 year olds, held every Sunday at 9:00am at Riverside Gardens, 33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley. It is free to take part, but please [register](#) before you first come along. You only need to register with parkrun once. Remember to bring a scannable copy of your barcode with you - if you forget it, you won't get a time! [Click here](#) for further details.

Susan Hughes Performance Drama School

Susan Hughes Drama School will be running a holiday camp in the February half-term. The camp theme is 'Wicked for Good,' and will be held at The Queen's Hall in Burley from Monday 16th till Friday 20th February, 9:00am - 3:30pm. Parents are invited to a performance at 3:30pm on the Friday afternoon. The camp is open to children aged 4 and above. Please contact Sue on 07806 640661 to book a place.



Events in the Bradford District

As the new year begins, it's the perfect moment to look ahead at all the incredible events and shows coming to the Bradford district in 2026. From festivals celebrating gaming to performances by rock legends, classic musicals, and vibrant celebrations of food and heritage, there's so much to enjoy. [Click here](#) to discover everything you can experience when you visit Bradford this year.

- **Making Music:** Head to Victoria Hall in Saltaire on Saturday 10th January for a unique chance to play the Saltaire Wurlitzer theatre organ.
- **Celebrating Nature:** The Bradford Pennine Gateway National Nature Reserve has been named as one of the seven wonders of the world to visit in 2026. The reserve showcases some of the district's most beautiful countryside. Plan your 2026 visit and explore the reserve along one of the many walking routes that take you through the area's most spectacular sights.

Hyde & Seek

See family-friendly [screenings of magical movies](#) for film-fans of all ages. Many are Pay What You Can. On Saturdays, enjoy free crafts from 10:30am before the screening. The Sunday showings at 11:00am the Hyde & Seek screening is autism friendly.

Useful Links for Parents

- **Cool Milk:** if you would like to register your child to receive milk in school, please do so via the [Cool Milk website](#). For more information regarding school milk, visit our [website here](#).
- **Stikins:** [click here](#) to order name labels for your child's uniform. Quote our Fundraising Number: 13253 and we will earn 30% commission on orders!
- **Medicine & Leave of Absence Forms:** [click here](#) to visit our website's 'Useful Forms' page, where you can download medicine and Leave of Absence forms.
- **ParentPay:** to make online payments for school lunches and trips, [click here](#).
- **Arbor:** [click here](#) to view our website's Arbor page with direct links to download the app on Android and IOS.



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