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Friday 6th March 2026

World Book Day

We had an absolutely fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! The children loved coming into school dressed as their favourite book characters, and the creativity on display was wonderful to see. From magical heroes to mischievous villains, the costumes brought stories to life all around the school. Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed special reading activities, shared stories with friends, and took part in lots of book-themed fun. It was a joyful reminder of how exciting and inspiring reading can be.



Jason Beresford - Author Visit

Children were excited to welcome our visiting author, Jason Beresford, to MPS. Jason delivered interactive assemblies and workshops to every year group in school. What a lot of fun was had by all!



Singing Children of Africa - Uniform Appeal

Educate the Kids is a not-for-profit charity that relies on volunteers and donations. We have had a long-standing relationship with the organisation and have supported them by collecting school uniforms on many occasions. Last year, we were delighted to welcome some of their students from Kenya to our school. **To continue supporting the charity, we will once again be collecting uniform items: blue gingham dresses and grey shorts.** If you have any of these items in good condition and would like to donate them, please drop them off at the school office.



Online Safety Newsletter

The March edition of the Knowsley City Council Online Safety Newsletter has been published. This month's edition is focused on YouTube, VPNs, mobile phone usage and social media algorithms. Parents and carers can view this month's edition by [clicking here](#).



Reception Parents' Evening

The parents' evenings for Reception will be held on **Monday 16th March** and **Thursday 19th March**, 3:30 - 6:30pm. The booking window is now open. **Parents should book an appointment via the [Arbor app](#) or [Arbor Parent Portal](#).** Please contact the school office if you are struggling to book.

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

Monday 9 March: Y3 Trip to Herd Farm & Parent Science Workshops to make the start of [Science Week!](#) (more information on year group newsletters).
Thursday 12 March: Y6 IGS Science Morning
Saturday 14 March: Cross Country Event @ Nell Bank
Monday 16 March: Reception Parents' Evening 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday 19 March: Reception Parents' Evening 3:30-6:30pm
Thursday 26 March: Cross Country Event @ Cliffe Castle (invite only)
Friday 27 March: World Down Syndrome Day

Cross Country Superstars!

Congratulations to Isobel and Charlotte (Y5), who took part in the West Yorkshire Schools Cross Country Games on Tuesday. In a very competitive field of 150 runners, the girls performed incredibly well, finishing 6th and 16th respectively. Isobel's excellent result means she has qualified for the national final, which will take place later this month. Good luck, Isobel!



FOMPS

We have two great events coming up: the YOMP men's walk event will take place on **Saturday 27th June, 2026**. Start with bacon butties and tea/coffee at the Malt Shovel before taking the coach to Burnsall to hike back through the fabulous Yorkshire Dales, via various refreshment stops, to Menston. To secure your seat on the coach, [click here](#) to buy your ticket now. Save the date for the WOMP women's walk on **Saturday 13th June 2026**. Join us for some summer fun on a walk in our beautiful countryside with food, drinks and a luxury raffle! More details coming soon.

A Reminder about Parking Considerately

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful when parking around the school. Please ensure you are not blocking driveways or restricting access for local residents. For everyone's safety, and to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, please park safely, legally, and considerately at all times. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

School Lunch Menu - WC: 09/03/2026 Week 1

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: Southern Fried Chicken Goujons, Halal Chicken Nuggets, Vegetable Dippers, Spaghetti Marinara, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Tuesday: Chicken Tikka Masala, Mac n Cheese, Arrabiata Pasta, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

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

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Rainbow Veg Pizza, Pomodoro Pasta, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

Friday: Lasagne, Vegetable Lasagne, Bombay Biryani, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Please note: halal options are strictly reserved for halal children

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 97.7%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 96.51%. The class with the highest attendance this week is with **Birch** 99.3% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.

Events in the Bradford District

March is arriving in the Bradford district and spring is on the way, bringing longer days, warmer weather and beautiful blooms across the area. The month ahead is packed with brilliant events, activities and shows to help you get ready to step into spring.

[Click here](#) to take a look at some of the highlights coming up in March.



Parkrun

Every Sunday Riverside Gardens, Ilkley, hosts a Junior 2k Parkrun event at 9:00am. The event is free to attend for juniors aged 4-14 years. The event takes place at Riverside Gardens, 33 Bridge Lane, Ilkley, LS29 9EU. See [Course page](#) for more details. Please remember to [register](#) before you first come along. Once you have registered with parkrun, don't forget to bring a scannable copy of your barcode, otherwise you won't get a time! [Click here](#) for more details. Nearby Saturday Parkrun events for adults (ages 15+) can be found by [clicking here](#).



Let's Move Bradford!

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport are launching a new "Let's Move!" campaign in areas of Bradford where children are often less active, or where they find it harder to access opportunities for play and exercise. "Let's Move!" aims to help families find and enjoy simple, pressure-free ways to move more together and have fun whilst doing it. When children move, they feel happier and healthier. [Click here to find simple ideas to get active together on the JU:MP website.](#)



Susan Knowles Easter Drama School

Susan Knowles Drama School will be running an Easter camp for children at The Queen's Hall, Burley. The theme of the camp is The Lion King. The camp will run from Monday 30th March - Friday 3rd April, 9:00am till 3:30pm. Parents are invited to a performance at 3:00pm on Friday afternoon. To book, please contact Sue on 07806 640661

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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