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Friday 20th March 2026

Red Nose Day & World Down Syndrome Day Fundraiser

This year we will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day and Red Nose Day on **Friday 27th March**, the last day before we break up for the Easter holidays. Children can wear red clothing next Friday. Our School Council has organised a fundraising fair where Year 5 and 6 pupils will run their own stalls selling handmade items. The proceeds of the fundraiser will be donated to the [Down Syndrome Training & Support Centre in Bingley](#). Last year, pupils sold sweet treats, paintings, bracelets and potted plants. Year 5 and 6 pupils wishing to run a stall should sign up with the school council at lunchtime or break time. **Any edible goods should be clearly labelled with the ingredients and should not contain nuts or sesame.** All year groups will have an opportunity to visit the fair so we suggest children bring in a **maximum of £5** to spend at the stalls.



A Message from our School Council

The National Year of Reading is a new UK wide campaign to encourage people of all ages to enjoy reading and to make it a regular part of their lives. This year's theme is "Go All In". Among young people, reading for pleasure is at its lowest level in 20 years so we would love your child to try and get involved in this amazing event. Go All In aims to increase reading for pleasure by asking children to read anything that interests them! Lots of famous faces are supporting this global campaign. National Year of Reading ambassador and footballer Leah Williamson, who plays for Arsenal and captains England, says "The National Year of Reading 2026 is your chance to really go all in on your passions." If you don't like reading, it might just be that you haven't found the right thing for you - you could read comics, articles or even annuals - it doesn't have to be a story book! So seize the moment and take that chance to go all in with reading. To find out more, you can visit [National Year of Reading 2026 | National Literacy Trust](#). Happy reading!

Eid Mubarak!

Eid Mubarak to all who are celebrating! We wish you all a joyful day filled with peace, kindness, and togetherness.



Cross-Country Success!

This year's league cross-country season proved to be a challenging one, with only two out of the six scheduled races able to go ahead due to the weather. However, our pupils showed fantastic determination and still achieved some brilliant results. A huge congratulations to: Lauren (Y3) - 3rd place, Isobel (Y5) - 2nd place & Charlotte (Y5) - 3rd place. We are very proud of all the children who trained hard and represented the school with such enthusiasm. A special mention also goes to the children who took part in the cross-country relays at Nell Bank last Saturday. It was a debut for some. Our 5 girls' team - Charlotte, Eleanor and Isobel - put in an outstanding performance and finished 1st place. The Y6 mixed team secured an impressive 6th place in the U11 Mixed Team event, with our second U11 mixed team finishing 13th. MPS also celebrated outstanding results across the age groups: U11 Girls - 1st place, U11 Boys - 6th and 8th places, U9 Girls - 5th place and U9 Boys - 6th place. An amazing achievement! Well done to everyone involved. Fingers crossed for a much drier cross-country season in 2026/27!



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

Thursday 26 March: Cross-Country Event @ Cliffe Castle (invite only)
Friday 27 March: World Down Syndrome Day, Red Nose Day & school closes at 3:15pm for the Easter Holidays (Care Club will remain open till 6pm)
Monday 13 April: School reopens

Lost Property

The lost property box is very full and will be cleared on **Thursday 26th March** (the day before we break up for Easter). Please can all parents and carers come to the school office to check the box.



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. Tickets are now available for the WOMP women's walk on **Saturday 13th June 2026**. Please [click here](#) to purchase your ticket. Join us for some summer fun on a walk in our beautiful countryside with food, drinks and a luxury raffle!

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. **To continue supporting the charity, we will be collecting blue gingham dresses and grey shorts.** If you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school office.

School Lunch Menu - WC: 23/03/2026 Week 3

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: Fish Fingers, Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake, American Style Quorn Hotdog, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Tuesday: Chicken Pie, Halal Chicken Bhuna, Vegetable Tikka Curry, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

Wednesday: Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding, Halal Cottage Pie, Vegetable Chinese Curry, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Mini Powerball Pizza, Arrabiata Pasta, Jacket Potatoes or Sandwiches

Friday: Loaded Beef Chilli Wedges, Vegetable Jambalaya Rice, Mascarpone Pasta, Cheese Panini or Wraps

Please note: halal options are strictly reserved for halal children

World Record Attempt

We're proud to share that Bobby D from Year 4, alongside his dance team from Inspirations Dance, will be joining around 1,500 performers in a Guinness World Record attempt at Odsal Stadium today. The group will perform as backing dancers during a live show before the Bradford Bulls match.

Good luck to Bobby D and the whole team!

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.8%. Our school attendance for the year to date is 96.54%. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Cherry** with 100% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.

Parent/Carer Support Group

The Bradford and Craven NHS Mental Health Support Team will be holding an online parent support group via MS Teams. The sessions are a safe space for them to share experiences, build positive relationships and receive peer support. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th March, 10:30am-12:00pm or 7:00pm-8:30pm. To register your interest and receive a joining link, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



Easter Holiday Clubs



PE People Easter Holiday Club

Mr Langan is excited to announce that bookings are now open for his Easter holiday club! Book now by [clicking here](#).



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



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.](#)



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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