



Bradleys Both Community Primary School

Friday News

24th October 2025



Dear Children, Parents and Staff

We have reached the end of our first half term of the year. Everyone have settled into the new school year's routines and made a great start to their learning. It has been positive to welcome our new children and families to Bradleys Both and see them quickly become part of our whole school family.

Thank you for everyone's support over the last few days with the dreaded bugs and illness that have descended upon school. We hope that everyone is feeling better soon and that the half term break from school helps to clear the bugs for when we return.

The NHS team visited school today to administer the flu vaccinations. Anyone who missed this today, the team will be visiting school again on Wednesday 19th November.

This afternoon we have said farewell to Mrs Harrison who leaves her position at Bradleys Both. The children presented her with good luck cards and a lovely hand painted plate to remember her time at school. We all wish Nicola the very best of luck in her new role.



500 Words Writing Competition



BBC 500 Words is a fantastic opportunity and excuse for your child to practise their creative writing. Last year, one of our current Year 4 children, Charlotte, reached the finals for their age group and had their short story published on the BBC website. Charlotte was invited to attend the finalist's ceremony held at Buckingham Palace last year.

500 Words is now open for this year's entries! Make sure you submit your stories before 9pm on Friday 7 November. There are two age categories: **5-7- and 8-11-year-olds** and spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity! There are **prizes** to be won - each winner will take home a bundle of books and the gold winners will also win 500 books for their school library.

50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded grand final at Windsor Castle in February 2026, which will once again be hosted by Her Majesty Queen Camilla. If that's not enough, each winner will also see their story be read aloud by a superstar celebrity on TV, which will be shown as part of a special 500 Words programme with The One Show in early March.

Please let your child's teacher know if they enter the competition. It would be great to read and share their story with the rest of their class. For further details please follow the link below where you will find the rules of the competition.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr>



Governors Curriculum Meeting

On Monday evening the Local Governing Body held their first Curriculum meeting of the school year. As part of this meeting the Governors reviewed a selection of curriculum subjects to investigate our school's recent improvements, focus areas for 2025-2026 and plans for each subject for this school year. History, Geography, Mathematics, Music and Early Years were presented to the Governors.

In addition, Governors reviewed our school's attendance figures. Data for 2024-2025 identified our school as having the highest attendance compared to 20 similar schools. The DfE continue to monitor every school's attendance, and it is important for everyone to continue to support their children by ensuring they attend school regularly. Our school's current attendance is 94.7%.

Safeguarding: Kinship Care

Kinship care occurs when a family member, such as a grandparent, uncle, or aunt, or a close family friend, is caring for a child because their parents are unable to. Kinship care can be informal, a private arrangement between parents and relatives/friends without official involvement, where parents retain legal responsibility and can reclaim the child at any time. It can also be formal, occurring when a child is placed by the local authority with a relative or friend who is approved and overseen as a kinship foster carer. Formal kinship care involves legal processes, like Child Arrangement Orders or Special Guardianship Orders, and may provide financial support, while informal care often does not.

As a school we fully appreciate the importance of privacy and understand that some families may prefer not to share personal details. However, knowing more about your family circumstance can help us provide the most appropriate support for the children and young people in our care. Our aim is always to work in partnerships with families to ensure every child receives the understanding and help they need to thrive. If you require any further details about Kinship Care, please request to speak to either Miss Emma Fawcett as our Designated Safeguarding Lead or myself as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. We are both here to talk to, help and support you and your families.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair returns to school after the half term break. The Book Fair will be open after school on Thursday 6th November, Friday 7th November and Monday 10th November at 3.30pm until 4.00pm in the school Hall. In addition to finding some lovely and exciting new books to read and share at home, all purchases will support our school with earning commission to replace books for the children's class libraries. We hope you will come along to buy some early Christmas presents!

Christmas Performances and dates for your calendar

Please see the dates list at the bottom of this newsletter for further details.

This year's Christmas performances will take place as follows:

Ocean Class 1 & Rainforest Class 2 - DRESS REHEARSAL - Tuesday 9th December 2.15pm
Ocean Class 1 & Rainforest Class 2 - Nativity Performance- Thursday 11th December 2.15pm
Polar Class 3, Climate Class 4 & Eco Class 5 - DRESS REHEARSAL - Friday 12th December 9.15am
Polar Class 3, Climate Class 4 & Eco Class 5 - Performance - Monday 15th December 2.00pm
Polar Class 3, Climate Class 4 & Eco Class 5 - Evening Performance - Tuesday 16th December 6.00pm

(PLEASE understand that due to numbers in the first instance only TWO tickets will be provided for each family to attend the evening performance. Families are welcome to attend the afternoon performance as well.)

I would like to wish you all a happy and safe weekend and enjoyable half term week. Children and staff return to school on **Monday 3rd November 2025**.

Kind regards

Mr B Rogers

Important Dates for your diaries

Autumn Term 2 2025

3.11.2025	Return to school
4.11.2025	SEND Parent Meeting opportunity with Claire Ashton SENDCo
5.11.2025	Scholastic Book Fair in School
7.11.2025	Climate Class 4 SSP Football Festival at Sandylands
7.11.2025	Start of NEW half term University module
11.11.2025	SEND Parent Meeting opportunity with Claire Ashton SENDCo
14.11.2025	School Council Children in Need Day
17.11.2025	LGB Finance Meeting 6pm
18.11.2025	Climate Class 4 curriculum visit to Ripon Museum
19.11.2025	Parent Consultation Meetings - booking details to follow after half term
25.11.2025	Parent Consultation Meetings - booking details to follow after half term
26.11.2025	YCAT School Improvement Visit 2 by Jo Robinson (CEO)
1.12.2025	Friends Christmas Fair 5pm
2.12.2025	Present Room opens for each class to visit over the week
8.12.2025	LGB Meeting 6pm
9.12.2025	Class 1 & Class 2 Christmas Performance DRESS REHEARSAL 2.15pm
11.12.2025	Class 1 & Class 2 Christmas Performance 2.15pm
12.12.2025	Class 3, Class 4 & Class 5 Christmas Performance DRESS REHEARSAL - 9.15am
15.12.2025	Class 3, Class 4 & Class 5 Christmas Performance 2pm
16.12.2025	Class 3, Class 4 & Class 5 Christmas Performance 6pm
17.12.2025	Whole School Christmas Dinner
18.12.2025	Whole School Community Sing-a-long 8.45am in Hall - parents & families welcome
18.12.2025	Whole School Visit to Pantomime at Alhambra Theatre
19.12.2025	Last day of term - break up for Christmas holidays
5.1.2026	Staff Inset Training Day 2
6.1.2026	Children return to school

Bradleys Both Community School **WOW Awards of the Week**



Ocean Class 1	Rosie
Rainforest Class 2	Martha S
Polar Class 3	Nell
Climate Class 4	Bridgette
Eco Class 5	Ellis

Congratulations!

**Do you know someone looking for
an Early Years Reception place for
September 2026?**

**We would like to warmly invite
you and your child to come and
visit us at school.**

**Call 01535 633116 to book an
appointment.**



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**Every day is an open day at
Bradleys Both Primary School**
Please arrange a convenient time to come and meet our
children and staff to see them at work and play.
Find out why we enjoy coming to school every day!

Bradleys Both Primary School provides:

- A small, rural, family village school
- Close proximity to Skipton, Silsden & surrounding villages
- Large, spacious outdoor grounds including Woodland area and Sensory garden
- School based wrap around care with our school staff (7.30am - 6pm)
- A safe, secure and stimulating learning environment
- Exciting and purposeful teaching and learning opportunities
- A School family where everyone looks out for each other
- Opportunities for personal and social development
- A learning environment where every child is treated as an individual
- A supportive partnership between home and school
- Building blocks for a lifelong adventure in learning and achievement

Our Headteacher looks forward to meeting you and your child.

**Is your child
due to start
Reception in
September?**

**"Parents are
overwhelmingly positive
about the school"**
(Ofsted, November 2022)

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