



Newsletter Friday 3rd October 2025

Ben Rhydding Primary School

Dear Parents,

Please take time to read the weekly newsletter and keep up to date with news and upcoming events.

Message from Mr Timms

Dear Parents/Carers,

This weeks learning value has been Responsibility. We talked this week in assembly about Black Lives Matters and Black History Month and how through history people like Rosa Parks have taken responsibility into their own hands. It has been great to see how our pupils take on responsibility every day in their learning and supporting other pupils- this week is no exception as Year 1 and 2 were fantastic on their visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. We also had some of our Gardening Club visit Ilkley Railway Station to help with the planters there. I'd like to take the opportunity to wish Year 6 all the best for their Residential to Robinwood next week and remind everyone it is cross Country at Westville House on Saturday! Enjoy your weekend.

Attendance Update

We continue to have excellent attendance at our school and thank you for following our policy of making an appointment to see me if you should have a leave of absence request prior to filling in the absence request form. I just wanted to inform you that Bradford Authority have updated their letter templates from August 2025, in a plain English format. This means some information that was included in last years letters has gone. I just want to clarify for transparency, a leave of absence, whilst affecting a child's record and learning, does not ordinarily attract a Penalty Fine unless it amounts to 5 days (10 sessions) over a period of 10 rolling weeks. I wanted to communicate this ahead of any letters being received. Thankyou everyone in supporting our efforts with attendance.

SEND

Please see the below link for Bradford Councils SEND newsletter.

[SEND Local Offer News - October](#)

Upcoming events:

Monday 6th – Wednesday 8th October – Y6 Robinwood residential

Monday 6th October – 9.00am
– Y1 Stay & Play session

Friday 10th October – Y4 to Mayfield care home

Saturday 18th October –
Open morning for prospective parents

Tuesday 21st October – 2-3pm
Harvest Festival

Tuesday 21st October – PTA
Halloween disco after school

Thursday 23rd October – Y5
Bake sale after school

Friday 24th October – 8.45am
– Autism network meeting

Friday 24th October – School
closes for the half term break

Monday 3rd November –
school re opens after the half term break

Monday 3rd November – Y6
lantern making workshop

Tuesday 4th November –
4.30pm – High Adventure
meeting for Y3 parents

Also saved on the website at
<https://benrhyddingprimary.co.uk/parents/weekly-newsletters/>



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PTA News

Reminder, Christmas card artwork is due back next Friday 10th October, spare templates are available from the office. All funds made via the sales will go towards the school playground refurb project.

Class Magazine subscription renewals are on the schools wishlist this year. If anyone is able to donate anything towards the renewals it can be done via ParentPay (Magazine Subscription Donation), it would be greatly appreciated.

Would you, family or friends like the chance to win money or fab prizes whilst supporting the school? You can do so via our weekly lottery. Communications have been sent via ping and to class WhatsApp Groups. Tickets are just £1 each.

Planters at the railway station

Our gardening club walked to the railway station on Thursday to do some planting and tidying up of the Ben Rhydding display. It is looking lovely now. Please take a look when you are next in Ilkley.



Upcoming events continued...

Thursday 6th November –
Reception – fluoride varnish

Tuesday 11th November – 9-10am Reception stay & play

Our Learning Value this week was Responsibility. Our Learning Heroes have been chosen because they have demonstrated this learning value this week.

Our Learning Heroes are:

Year 1: Mali C-S

Year 2: Delilah H

Year 3: Jacob T

Year 4: Charlie L

Year 5: Jessie L

Year 6: Henry M

Our Learning Value next week is Patience. Please do support your child by talking about the importance of this learning value.

Please see attached flyers and leaflets about upcoming clubs and events.



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Our learning heroes this week, well done!





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Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a trip to the Methodist Church to view an art display





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Trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Our Y1&2 students had a wonderful day out at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park and came back with lots of stories to tell.

