



Newsletter Friday 5th December 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 week's learning value is Curiosity. In assembly we talked about the discovery of DNA and how it was the curiosity of a small team of scientists at Cambridge University which led to its discovery in 1953. It was also evident how curious our own learners are this week; they always surprise us with their innovative and thoughtfully produced home learning; it was Year 5 and 6's turn this week and there was brilliant learning on display. Thank you to everyone, PTA and staff, who were involved in putting together the hugely successful Christmas Fair and Film Night over the last week. Finally good luck to KS1 in their Nativity next week; I'm sure it will be brilliant! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

SEND

Please see the link below for Bradford Council's December SEND newsletter. [Bradford district's Special Educational Needs newsletter - December 2025](#)

Christmas Bake Off

A reminder that our Christmas Baking Competition takes on Tuesday 16th December. All entries should be brought to the school hall at 8:45am in a container that you don't want returning to you. All entries will be donated to the Ilkley Great Get Together Christmas food parcels. The winners will be chosen by the children and their prizes will be presented in assembly on Friday 19th December.

Autism network meeting change of date

Please note that the last Autism Network meeting of the term will now be held on Friday 12th December at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming events:

Thursday 11th December – 5.00pm – KS1 Nativity

Friday 12th December – 10-11am – Autism Network meeting

Friday 12th December – 9.00am – KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 16th December – 9-10am – Reception stay & play

Tuesday 16th December – 2-3pm – KS2 Christmas carol concert

Wednesday 17th December – 10-11.30am – Y2 -Visit to Emmandjay Court singing

Wednesday 17th December – School Christmas dinner + jumper day

Thursday 18th December – KS2 Christmas party

Friday 19th December – Winning house non-uniform day

Friday 19th December – School closes for the Christmas break

Tuesday 6th January – School reopens after the Christmas break



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PTA News

Massive thank you to everyone that supported the Christmas Fair this year. We are still awaiting the final number on the funds raised, however, we believe this will push us past the 50% mark for the School playground funds.

We hope all children who attended the Christmas Film night enjoyed themselves. We plan to host another one in spring next year, details in the new year.

2026 Save the Date... Saturday 28th February for our Ceilidh Event hosted in the school hall.

Please see attached the Weekly wobble – our pupil voice newsletter. Thank you to Amelia B in Y6 for taking the time to write this.

Thank you.

The Christmas Fair was a huge success thanks to the brilliant PTA. Thank you so much to them and everyone else who contributed. We are excited to see how much money it has raised for the school fund.

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

Our Learning Heroes are:

Reception: Marlo M-J

Year 1: Seb F

Year 2: Alice F

Year 3: Walter C

Year 4: Fin H

Year 5: Elsie F-D

Year 6: Ethan U

Our Learning Value next week is Listening. 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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Well done to our Learning Heroes this week





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Come Visit our tree at the St Margaret's Christmas Tree Festival – We are Tree #8

Years 1 & 2 had a special visitor to tell them about life growing up in Zimbabwe

